

**RAND**

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He knows guns — in 2013, he came in second fastest among local competitors at the Oregon State Fast Draw Championships in Canyon City.

**Hazardous job**

Police work is inherently dangerous. Any call could pose a threat, Rand said. Domestic disputes are considered the most dangerous, but calls to bar fights typically require assistance.

“There could be two guys or 15,” Rand said. “And if you had six people to interview, you would get eight different stories.”

As a reserve officer in September 2002, Rand and Reserve Officer Kevin Miller arrested a man at gunpoint after he reportedly approached the officers in an aggressive manner with his vehicle. The man had left a bar fight at the Grubsteak lounge two blocks away and was later sentenced to 70 months in prison.

Alcohol fuels bar fights, but many crimes are substance-abuse related, Rand said. Some drug users steal to pay for their illegal drugs, creating a “big chain effect,” he said. But John Day is fortunate not to see a lot of violent crime.

“The guys who rotate in and out of jail still have some form of respect for law enforcement and their community,” Rand said. “They’re not likely to come to your house and kick your front door in.”

**Nature of crime**

Rand has responded to a number of shooting incidents in his 17 years with the John Day police, but he could recall only one homicide. In August 2008, Rand

and Tirico tracked down a man shortly after he shot and killed a man on Northeast Elm Street. In July 2016, Rand arrested a man in Prairie City who had shot and injured a man behind Chester’s Thiftway.

“I haven’t personally seen a person-on-person crime where they didn’t know each other,” Rand said. “There was some kind of link. We don’t have drive-by shootings here.”

But the worst incident for him was the Strawberry Village Apartments fire in Prairie City last November, Rand said.

“Two young children died,” he pointed out.

**Solving crimes**

Rand noted that the John Day Police Department enjoys a “high success” in solving crimes.

“It’s a small town — everyone knows everyone,” he said.

In April 2007, Rand and Miller were credited with a six-month investigation that led to a substantial marijuana bust at a trailer park in John Day. In September 2010, Rand and Tirico traveled to Prineville where they arrested two men for arson and burglary at three locations in John Day. And in June 2011, Rand and Gray arrested two men and a boy for burglary, criminal mischief and theft at a downtown restaurant.

Rand also credited the number of officers in the department and their experience.

“We weren’t so busy we couldn’t find the time to investigate crimes,” he said.

Rand said he plans to apply for work as a deputy with the Grant County Sheriff’s Office. In the meantime, he’s remodeling his home and looking forward to more time for activities such as snowmobiling.

**FUNDING**

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Reauthorization for two years will enable the cities to include the funding in their future budget plans, Hamsher said. He also noted that Grant County’s share of SRS funding was significantly larger than for other Eastern Oregon counties.

“It’s not even close,” he said. Commissioner Boyd Britton expressed surprise over the reauthorization at the county court’s March 28 meeting and made it clear he disapproved of the inconsistent year-to-year funding.

All told, Oregon counties will receive more than \$185 million from the 2018 Omnibus Appropriations Bill. The bill also increases the amount of PILT funding nationwide by \$65 million. Oregon counties received nearly \$20 million in PILT payments out of \$464 million nationwide last fiscal year. Unlike SRS funding, counties have full discretion on how they can use PILT funding, Myers said.

“This extension of Secure Rural Schools payments is a crucial part of what must be a full-court press to shore up our rural communities in Oregon,” Sen. Ron Wyden said in a press release. “These funds have proven essential to keep our teachers in schools, cops on the beat, roads safe to travel and mental services at hand for residents in rural coun-

ties where the federal government owns much of the land.”

By law, 75 percent of the SRS Title I money must go to public road funds and 25 percent to public school funds. The court can choose to allocate up to 20 percent of the total SRS payment to Title II, for special projects on federal lands, or to Title III, for county projects.

Title II projects are prioritized by the Forest Service, the county and Resource Advisory Committees. Title II projects typically benefit fish habitat, trails, forest ecosystem health, noxious weed control and re-establishment of native species.

Title III spending is available to counties for search and rescue, fire prevention and planning, community service work camps, easement purchases and forest-related educational projects.

A change in the current bill promoted by Walden, Wyden and Sen. Jeff Merkley will allow counties to use Title III money to pay for law enforcement patrols on federal lands as well as training and equipment for emergency response. In the past, SRS funding could be used by counties for emergency response activities but not to prepare for emergency response.

“This has created an illogical policy where, for instance, counties could use these funds to carry out a search and rescue mission, but not for the training and equipment that is necessary to the success of that mission,” Walden, Wyden

and Merkley said in a press release.

The 2018 Omnibus Appropriations Bill also contains provisions that will reduce “fire borrowing” — where the Forest Service uses funding originally budgeted for forest management projects to pay for unexpected firefighting costs instead.

“This bill creates an emergency pot of money for the U.S. Forest Service to use when it exceeds its fire-suppression budget, so federal agencies no longer have to dip into money earmarked for firefighting and prevention, so-called fire borrowing,” Association of Oregon Counties communications director Laura Cleland said in a press release.

“We’re hoping this year’s fire season won’t be that critical, but if it is, we will have the resources we need to deal with it,” AOC executive director Mike McArthur said in the press release.

In addition to a 10-year fire borrowing fix, forest management reforms provided in the 2018 Omnibus Appropriations Bill include a 3,000-acre categorical exclusion for wildfire resiliency and hazardous fuels reduction projects, expansion of the Healthy Forest Restoration Act’s authority for fuel and fire break projects, authority for the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management to offer stewardship contracts for up to 20 years and a “good neighbor policy” to help state road departments conduct road maintenance or similar projects on Forest Service land.



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**WALLET**

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him luck in growing SQ Wallets.

“I thought it was nice that he took the time to write me a letter,” Quinton said.

He said he’s learned much from the experience of starting a business, and hearing from the president has encouraged him to try harder.

“I can make a lot of money off of something small, and I can make it bigger, too,” he said.

He has plans to sell checkbook holders in the near future.

“It will take a lot more time, and it’s my own design,” he said.

But he is determined to follow the president’s advice.

Trump closed his letter to the young businessman: “Keep following your dreams!”

**SQ Wallets**

Sawyer Quinton, the son of Bob and Amber Quinton, is in Joan Walczyk’s fourth-grade class at Humboldt Elementary School.

He launched his wallet-making business, SQ Wallets, during summer break last year after watching a video on how to make duct tape wallets.

“It took me two or three times to watch it, and then I had it memorized,” Quinton said.

Quinton ended up making 60-70 wallets, of all colors and designs, and sold 43 over the summer. His best seller is camouflage with diamond-plate trim, he said, adding pink camouflage is popular with girls.

He’s stuck up nearly 100 styles of duct tape, which he orders online, ranging from Ducks and Beavers sports designs to floral prints and cartoon characters.

Currently, he has 20 styles available for \$10 each at Nicole Israel’s Wild West Hair Company on North Canyon Boulevard in John Day. They’re also sold through word of mouth.

**SQ Wallets owner Sawyer Quinton plans to branch into checkbook holders after receiving a letter lauding his entrepreneurial spirit from President Donald Trump.**

**ETHICS**

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advocacy groups and promoted and advanced her business, they wrote. For instance, he

gave a speech in May 2013 at a planning retreat at the governor’s residence, Mahonia Hall, to discuss transitioning Oregon to a different economic measurement formula that factors in environmental health. Hayes was being paid by public policy organization Demos for facilitating the meeting.

In addition, Kitzhaber failed to publicly disclose his potential conflicts of interest and actual conflicts in at least seven instances, as required by state law, the investigators wrote.

He also allegedly improperly accepted United Airlines Premier Platinum status, worth an estimated \$4,000. That violates Oregon law prohibiting public officials from

accepting gifts valued at more than \$50. Kitzhaber has said he was unaware that he had received the platinum status.

Kitzhaber had no comment March 28 on the proposed settlement.

If the commission rejects the proposed settlement, Kitzhaber could face up to \$50,000 in fines for the alleged violations.

In November, Kitzhaber and ethics commission staff members came up with a proposed settlement of \$1,000, but the ethics commission rejected that agreement in November, as first reported by the Pamplin/EO Media Group.

The ethics commission has an ethics case pending against Hayes.

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OF THE WEEK

**TY McDANIEL**

**School:** Grant Union  
**Grade:** 12  
**Parent:** Sam & Kelley McDaniel  
**Sport:** Baseball  
**Position:** Catcher

**What I like best about my sport:** “I’ve always had fun — baseball’s been my favorite sport for as long as I can remember. I like all the guys I’m with. I’ve been with them for a long time.”

**Coach’s Comment:** “I’ve been really impressed with Ty’s leadership in the dugout and on the field, especially with the younger guys. He’s been a great asset to the baseball team this year.”  
-Coach Dusty Williams

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