

# Dispatch for Grant County implements Text to 911

'911: Call if you can, text if you can't'

Blue Mountain Eagle

People in Grant and Umatilla counties can now text 911 for emergencies when unable to call.

John Day Emergency Communications Center, Umatilla County 911 Communication Center and Milton-Freewater Police Department Dispatch and are now able to accept Text to 911 messages to report emergencies.

Text to 911 is a new service that is intended to benefit people that may not be able to make a voice call due to an emergency such as home invasion or domestic violence situation, as well as individuals that are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities.

People using Text to 911 should know:

- Texting to 911 is intended to benefit people that may not be able to speak in

an emergency. Officials urge people to call when possible.

- When texting to 911 for an emergency, the first message should be the location of the emergency (including city) and the type of emergency help needed (police, fire or medical).

- Keep text messages brief and concise, using full words not abbreviations.

- Stay with the phone. Be prepared to answer questions and follow instructions from the 911 call taker.

- Photos, videos and emojis cannot be sent to 911 at this time. Trying to send these will corrupt the text.

- 911 cannot be included in a group text or while roaming.

Text to 911 service is not yet available statewide in Oregon or California. If a person sends a text to 911 from a wireless carrier or a jurisdiction without Text to 911 service, a message should be sent back stating there is no text service to 911 available at this time.

For more details and updates about Text to 911, visit [nwtxt911.info](http://nwtxt911.info).



Contributed photo

Kevin Faber, 55, of John Day suffered fatal injuries in a two-vehicle crash on Highway 20 in Deschutes County Sunday, April 15.

# John Day man dies Sunday in Deschutes County crash

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A John Day man died in a two-vehicle wreck Sunday in Deschutes County.

Kevin Faber, 55, suffered fatal injuries at the intersection of Highway 20E and Hamby Road at about 5:45 p.m., according to an Oregon State Police press release.

Preliminary investigation revealed a blue Dodge 2500 pickup, being driven by David Rausch, 33, of Bend, was

traveling westbound on Highway 20E approaching Hamby Road. A maroon Mercury Mystique, driven by Faber, was southbound on Hamby Road at the stop sign for Highway 20E, according to the release, and Faber suddenly pulled out in front of the Dodge pickup and Faber's vehicle was struck on the driver's side door. Faber was pronounced deceased at the scene.

Faber's passenger, Dalena Norton, 43, of John Day suffered from

non-life-threatening injuries and was treated at a local hospital. Neither Rausch nor his passenger, Clayton Coe, 56, of Bend sustained any injuries.

Highway 20E was closed for approximately one hour following the crash and then opened to one lane for an additional hour and a half. Bend Police Department, Bend Fire, ODOT, Deschutes County Sheriff's Office and the Deschutes County Medical Examiner's Office assisted OSP.

## COPS AND COURTS

Arrests and citations in the Blue Mountain Eagle are taken from the logs of law enforcement agencies. Every effort is made to report the court disposition of arrest cases.

### Grant County Circuit Court

Gregg E. Devore, 36, Prairie City, pleaded guilty April 12 to misdemeanor menacing, constituting domestic violence, on March 28. He was sentenced to 45 days in jail and fined \$100.

Brendan L. Conner, 26, Battleground, Washington, pleaded guilty Oct. 6, 2016, to driving under the influence of intoxicants and recklessly endangering another person, both misdemeanors, on July 7, 2016. For failing to complete DUI diversion, his probation was extended 18 months April 12, 2018.

John R. Dunn, 36, John Day, pleaded guilty March 22 to misdemeanor possession of methamphetamine on Nov. 4, 2016. He was sentenced to 90 days in jail and a \$100 fine.

### Grant County Sheriff

The Grant County Sheriff's Office reported the following for the week of April 5-11:

Concealed handgun licenses: 14  
Average inmates: 17  
Bookings: 15  
Releases: 6  
Arrests: 4  
Citations: 0  
Fingerprints: 6  
Civil papers: 20  
Warrants processed: 3  
Asst./welfare check: 0  
Search and rescue: 1

### Dispatch

John Day dispatch worked 129 calls during the week of April 9-15, including:

- **John Day Police Department**

April 10: Received a report of a theft in John Day.

April 10: Responded to East Main Street in John Day for criminal mischief report.

April 10: Received a complaint about cattle on Highway 26 near Waterman Flats in Wheeler County.

April 10: Responded to a report of a suspicious person at the hospital in John Day.

April 10: Received a report of a juvenile problem on West Main Street in John Day.

April 12: Received a re-

port of a theft on Front Street in Prairie City.

April 12: Dispatched to a report of a suicidal person in John Day.

April 13: Received a report of a scam or blackmail attempt.

April 13: Assisted Grant County Sheriff's Office with investigating an assault on East Main Street in John Day.

April 14: Advised of a noise complaint on West Main Street in John Day.

- **Grant County Sheriff's Office**

April 9: Received a report of a loud noise on South Canyon Boulevard in John Day.

April 9: Received a report of a theft at a gas station in John Day.

April 9: Dispatched to a report of suspicious circumstances at a drug store in John Day.

April 9: Responded to a city ordinance violation on North McHaley Street in Prairie City.

April 9: Dispatched to West Sixth Street in Prairie City for a possible domestic assault.

April 9: Responded to a

search and rescue call on Forest Road 73 near Granite.

April 9: Dispatched to a prowler report on Bumpy Road in John Day.

April 10: Received a report of a stolen vehicle on Bumpy Road in John Day.

April 10: Responded to Cottonwood Street in Mt. Vernon for a restraining order violation.

April 10: Dispatched to Patterson Bridge Road in John Day for a dispute.

April 11: Contacted a party regarding a dispute on Highway 19 near Kimberly.

April 13: Responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle on West Bench Road or Industrial Park Road.

April 14: Investigated a menacing complaint on West Sixth Street in Prairie City.

April 14: Responded to a harassment report on East Riverside Street in Mt. Vernon.

April 14: Dispatched to a report of credit card theft on Elkview Drive in Canyon City.

April 15: Responded to

a criminal mischief report on East Main Street in John Day.

April 15: Received a report of a dispute on North Humboldt Street in Canyon City.

April 15: Removed dead livestock from Highway 26 in John Day.

April 15: Responded with John Day police to the hospital in John Day for a woman who ran away.

- **Oregon State Police**

April 9: Advised of a cow on Highway 26 near Moon Creek.

April 14: Received a report of a mule on Highway 26 near La Costa Avenue in John Day.

- **John Day ambulance**

April 9: Dispatched to a senior home in John Day for an elderly woman who fell.

April 11: Responded to a senior home in John Day

for a 93-year-old man.

April 12: Dispatched to River Lane in John Day for an 80-year-old woman.

April 12: Responded to Southwest Violet Street in Mt. Vernon for a man with an altered mental state.

April 13: Dispatched with sheriff's office to Highway 395 south of Canyon City for a woman with seizure symptoms.

April 15: Responded with the state police and sheriff's office to Highway 26 west of John Day for a single-vehicle crash.

- **Monument ambulance**

April 10: Responded with Monument fire and John Day fire to Second Street in Monument for a 66-year-old man with difficulty breathing.

- **Prairie City rural fire**

April 15: Responded to an escaping grass fire on Quail Lane in Prairie City.

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### PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

The City of Mt. Vernon seeks to fill 1 vacant position on their Budget Committee. If you are registered to vote in the City of Mt. Vernon and interested in becoming a Budget Committee Member you can pick up an application at the Mt. Vernon City Hall Monday through Friday 7-4.

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**ELTRUM** HISTORIC THEATER  
1809 First Street • Baker City • (541) 523-5439  
BAROQUE MATINEES IN THE AFTERNOON \$7  
ALL FILMS \$6 ON TIGHTWAD TUESDAY  
MOVIE SCHEDULE APRIL 20-26

**IF I FEEL PRETTY (PG-13)**  
A woman wakes from a fall believing she is the most beautiful and capable woman on the planet.  
FRI & SAT (4:00) 7:00 9:30  
SUNDAY (4:00) 7:00  
MON-THURS 7:00

**RAMPAGE (PG-13)**  
Primateologist shares a bond with a gorilla who he's cared for since birth, but a genetic experiment transforms this gentle ape into a raging monster.  
FRI & SAT (4:10) 7:10 9:35  
SUNDAY (4:10) 7:10  
MON-THURS 7:10

**A QUIET PLACE (PG-13)**  
A family is forced to live in silence while hiding from creatures that hunt by sound.  
FRI & SAT (4:20) 7:20 9:40  
SUNDAY (4:20) 7:20  
MON-WED 7:20

**AVENGERS: INFINITY WAR (PG-13)**  
OPENS THURSDAY 4/26 at 7:00 PM!  
\$9 Adult, \$7 Senior (60+), Youth 5-17

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**WANTED**

**\$300 REWARD OFFERED**

for any information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who broke in and stole four computer hard drives, four computer monitors, computer locks and other essential items from the computer lab at Meadowbrook Apartments. Please contact Chief Gray at the John Day Police Dept. 541-575-0030

**CLARK'S DISPOSAL**

**New Office Hours:**  
Mon. - Fri. Noon - 3:00 pm

**Summer Hours Transfer Station:**  
Thurs. - Sun. 9 am - 4:30 pm  
Starting April 19th

**541-575-0432**

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APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup>  
FROM 1-4PM  
OPEN HOUSE FOR

*Tanzie Hammon's Retirement*

**LEN'S DRUG**

Be sure to come in and wish her well. There will be finger food and refreshments. She has worked for Len's a total of 23 years. Congratulations! Enjoy your retirement. You will be missed.