

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

Noah P. Fulfer, 23, Redmond, pleaded guilty April 12 to driving under the influence of intoxicants on Feb. 16. The court will withhold entry of a judgment of conviction pending completion of a one-year diversion. He was ordered to pay a \$490 fee and install an ignition interlock device on any vehicle he drives. One count of careless driving and one count of violating the open container law were dismissed.

A felony charge of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle on Feb. 26 against Taylor J. Gifford, 23, John Day, was dismissed without prejudice March 26, pending further investigation.

Gregg E. Devore, 36, Prairie City, pleaded guilty April 12 to second-degree failure to appear on Nov. 30. He was sentenced to 15 days in jail and fined \$100. In a separate case, charges of menacing, fourth-degree assault and harassment, all misdemeanors, were dismissed April 12 per stipulated plea negotiations in two other cases.

Grant County Sheriff

The Grant County Sheriff's Office reported the following for the week of April 19: concealed handgun licenses, 11; average inmates, 20; bookings, 4; releases, 8; arrests, 1; citations, 2; fingerprints, 8; civil papers, 15; warrants processed, 4; asst./welfare check, 0; search and rescue, 1.

April 13: Joseph Mecham, 27, Prairie City, was cited for accumulation of garbage and vehicles.

April 17: Devan Haynes, 25, Pendleton, was cited for operating without required lighting and refusing to test for intoxication.

Justice Court

The Grant County Justice Court reported the following fines and judgments:

- Driving uninsured: Tanaya S. Robinson, 37, John Day, March 11, fined \$265.

- Driving with a suspended license: Alan W. Wolfe, 30, Canyon City, March 4, fined \$440; Tanaya S. Robinson, 37, John Day, March 11, fined \$440.

- Violation of speed limit: Logan Z. Jacobson, 45, Prairie City, April 6, 38/20 zone, fined \$165.

- Failure to drive within lane: William L. Nolt, 64, Mabton, Washington, March 29, fined \$225.

- Exceeding speed limit: Sarah A. Alvarez, 26, Grants Pass, March 31, 47/30 zone, fined \$165; Geoffrey G. Gerdes, 23, Prineville, April 11, 42/25 zone, fined \$165; Michael S. Gillen, 35, Spray, March 31, 48/30 zone, fined \$165; Katelyn A. Moore, 30, Jordan Valley, March 15, 40/25 zone, fined \$165; Eric D. Behrendt, 33, Tacoma, Washington, March 14, 84/65 zone, fined \$265.

- Violation of basic rule: Leah M. Ruconich, 22, Beaverton, March 30, 76/55 zone, fined \$265; Sherry S. Brooke, 51, Bend, March 31, 81/55 zone, fined \$265.

- Failure to carry valid registration card: Tanaya S. Robinson, 37, John Day, March 11, fined \$115.

- Unlawful or unsigned turn: Alan W. Wolfe, 30, Canyon City, March 4, fined \$115.

- Open container of alcohol: Justin A. Bishop, 45, Canyon City, March 23, fined \$265.

- No operator's license: David R. White, 55, Nampa, Idaho, March 30, fined \$135.

- William M. Choate, 87, John Day, pleaded guilty to third degree theft. He was sentenced to 10 days house arrest, 12 months probation and \$200 in fines and fees.

Oregon State Police

April 8: Following a traffic stop on Highway 26 in Dayville, the male driver who was on probation consented to a search of his vehicle. A set of digital scales and marijuana edibles were found. Olle L. Starnes, 47, John Day, was arrested and charged with a probation violation.

April 8: A female driver parked at Boot Hill Cemetery in Canyon City appeared to be impaired by alcohol. She refused standardized field sobriety testing and was arrested.

ed. Her blood alcohol content was later determined to be 0.30 percent. Laura M. Brunton, 56, Mt. Vernon, was charged with DUII alcohol.

April 9: Following a traffic stop on Highway 26 near Pine Creek Road, a passenger, Colt J. Martin, 19, Prairie City, was arrested and charged with a probation violation warrant from Wheeler County.

April 12: Troopers and Grant County Sheriff's Office deputies were unable to locate a gold SUV with a possible intoxicated driver on Highway 26 near Prairie City. A sheriff's deputy who pursued the vehicle checked its speed at 107 mph.

April 12: Dennis B. Asher, 50, John Day, was arrested on Washington Street in Canyon City and charged with failing to register as a sex offender after changing his address.

April 15: Responded to a single-vehicle noninjury crash on Highway 26 near the truck scales east of Laycock Creek. The westbound driver reportedly had fallen asleep. Daniel J. Curtis, 24, Bend, was cited for careless driving.

April 15: Ricky B. Gordon, 55, Canyon City, was arrested and charged with DUII alcohol following a traffic stop at Third Street and North Canyon Boulevard in John Day. He also was charged with operating his Jeep Grand Cherokee without proper fenders.

April 17: An SUV stopped for multiple traffic violations on Highway 26 east of Dayville was found to be transporting a significant quantity of marijuana to several dispensaries. The driver reportedly lacked proper documentation to transport the marijuana. Casey D. Branham, 39, was cited and released for driving with a suspended license. Additional charges are possible pending further investigation.

April 18: Responded to a John Day store after a man's attempt to purchase a firearm was denied. A background check indicated criminal history from when the man was in the Army. John S. Melland, 47, John Day, was arrested and charged with false swearing.

April 18: Received a report of sexual abuse involving a 9-year-old girl in the Long Creek area.

April 19: Referred a report of possible child abuse to John Day police.

Dispatch

John Day dispatch worked 135 calls during the week of April 16-22, including:

- **John Day Police Department**

April 17: Benjamin L. Keith, 37, Prairie City, was cited on Highway 26 near Prairie City for driving with a suspended license.

April 18: Responded to a harassment report on Northwest First Street in John Day.

April 18: Report of someone tampering with mailboxes in John Day.

April 19: Responded to a daycare on South Canyon Boulevard in John Day for a loud noise complaint.

April 19: Eric Borley, 54, Redmond, was arrested on West Main Street in John Day and charged with failing to register as a sex offender.

- **Grant County Sheriff's Office**

April 17: Dispatched for two women whose vehicle got stuck in a snowdrift on Forest Road 73 north of Granite. Searchers came across the women as they were walking out.

April 18: Report of a juvenile assault at Humbolt Elementary School.

April 19: Report of shots fired into a field with livestock on Forest Road 13 near Granite.

April 20: Responded to a complaint of wild horses mingling with domestic horses on Izee Paulina Lane in Canyon City.

April 20: Responded to a harassment report on Ingle Street in Mt. Vernon.

April 21: Catherine L. Morris, 38, Irrigon, was arrested on South Humbolt Street in Canyon City and charged on a Grant County warrant.

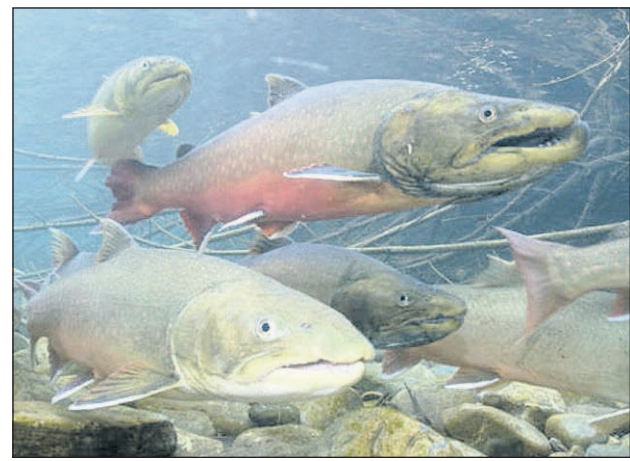
April 22: Dispatched to Patterson Drive in Canyon City for a report of someone rolling rocks down a hillside and hitting a home.

- **John Day ambulance**

April 16: Responded with Monument fire and ambulance to Highway 19 in Monument for a 16-month-old child.

April 17: Dispatched to Southwest Violet Street in Mt. Vernon for a 66-year-old man.

April 20: Responded to Southwest First Avenue in John Day for a 61-year-old woman.



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A judge has dismissed a 15-year-old lawsuit brought by environmentalists about grazing and bull trout concerns on the Malheur National Forest.

Malheur anti-grazing lawsuit defeated

By Mateusz Perkowski
EO Media Group

Ranchers and the federal government have defeated a 15-year-old environmentalist lawsuit that claimed grazing imperils threatened bull trout in Oregon's Malheur National Forest.

U.S. District Judge Michael Mosman has dismissed the complaint, which was originally filed by the Oregon Natural Desert Association and the Center for Biological Diversity in early 2003.

The environmental plaintiffs sought to prohibit livestock grazing on "units of concern" in seven allotments along the Malheur and North Fork rivers, arguing the waterways contain only 100 bull trout despite having the capacity for 4,000 of the protected fish.

Last year, however, U.S. Magistrate Judge Paul Papak dealt the case a blow when he found that grazing authorizations hadn't likely caused the decline in bull trout populations, which have suffered from the introduction of non-native fish, dam-building and other

factors.

Mosman has now agreed to throw out the lawsuit because the plaintiffs haven't established the U.S. Forest Service violated the National Forest Management Act and Wild and Scenic Rivers Act by approving grazing plans.

Mac Lacy, attorney for ONDA, said the group is still reviewing the decision but is disappointed the "court failed to explain why it was reasonable for the Forest Service to collect, but then ignore" data regarding "riparian management objectives" under the agency's strategy for preserving inland fish.

Ranchers who rely on the grazing allotments, which span tens of thousands of acres, intervened in the case to defend the government's grazing authorizations.

Over the objections of the environmental groups, both judges overseeing the case agreed the Forest Service was permitted to analyze habitat health on the "watershed or landscape scale, rather than stream by stream."

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LETTERS

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'Drain the swamp'

To the Editor:

As a former Grant County resident with family still living in the area, I try to stay abreast of happenings that would affect my loved ones and their chosen way of life. I was very distressed to see challenges to county ordinances, initiatives, resolutions and everything related to customs and cultures brought before the Grant County Court; and those challenges upheld in spite of being created by the people, for the people and seriously lacking transparency. Federal government take-over for access closures, indiscriminate "prescribed" burning in what appears to be a cover up of incomplete project clean up and total destruction of the local economy through a "partnership" designed to eliminate local loggers and timber workers. There are administrative agreements that favor the few

at the expense to the majority, such as poorly planned fiber optics installations in a community well served by established fiber optics companies, and an indication of several years of misuse of county funds, which deserve to be audited. The Forest Service is a visitor in Grant County, and their operations are subject to approval of the people according to various initiatives that have been ignored by the county government. Where are the county administrators that were elected by the people to represent the majority, not the vocal minority? It appears that the time and opportunity has arrived to repopulate the governing body with people having ethics, honesty and honor. For the survival of a unique way of life, I hope the people of Grant County will vote wisely and, using the catch phrase so widely used, "drain the swamp" of under-the-table dealings. Beware of the alligator candidates waiting in the wings to swim in with selfish motives and serving select groups.

Jodi Cook
Sherwood

Jim Crary for Congress

To the Editor:

Primary election is approaching fast. Time to elect Jim Crary to represent Oregon Congressional District 2.

Jim's campaign is 100 percent funded by individual donations — no PACS, corporations or special interests. He has signed the Candidates With a Contract (he helped write it), focusing on combating corruption in politics and campaign finance reform. He is the only Oregon candidate to have signed this.

He has also signed the No NRA Money pledge — again, the only Oregon candidate to sign this pledge. And, he has signed the OFF Fossil Fuels Act pledge, HR3671, introduced by Rep. Tulsi Gabbard (D-Hawaii) — one of 121 candidates who have signed this pledge. He has received a Candidate Distinction from Moms Demand Action Gun Sense. Endorsed by Mayor Embanks of Madras and Manuel Gutierrez, Hermiston City Councilor and member of

Hispanic Advisory Committee.

Jim's website is loaded with answers to your questions. He is also available on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Jim is approachable and friendly. He has criss-crossed our District 2 steadily for the last two years. He has been knocking on constituent doors in every part of CD2. Holding town hall discussions, neighbor meetings.

Jim loves talking to people! And he answers his phone when you call. He returns phone calls. He has promised that when he gets to Washington, he will personally answer his phone at least five hours a week. Cool!

With Jim Crary as our CD2 Representative, we won't have to stand on the corner and ask "Where's Walden?"

Barbara "BJ" Thomas
Bend

VOTE FOR

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RE-ELECT

Kathy Stinnett

Justice of the Peace

- Experience**
- Integrity**
- Commitment**

- Grant County Justice of the Peace, 2013 - present
- Pro-tem judge for Baker, Harney and Wheeler counties
- President, Oregon Justice of the Peace Association

Paid for by Kathy Stinnett