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A Medford man was killed in a single-vehicle crash on Highway 26 near Unity Saturday.

Medford man dies in crash near Unity

Blue Mountain Eagle

Oregon State Police troopers and emergency personnel responded to a fatal single-vehicle crash near mile post 200 on Highway 26 Saturday afternoon.

Investigation revealed that a 2015 Ford F-150, operated by Gordon Waite, 39, of Medford, was traveling eastbound

when he failed to negotiate a curve, according to an Oregon State Police press release. The vehicle rolled down and embankment, striking several trees before coming to rest.

Waite sustained fatal injuries in the crash and was pronounced deceased at the scene.

OSP was assisted by the Grant County Sheriff's Department and ODOT.

OTEC replacing Seneca substation transformer

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Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative will replace an aged transformer at the Seneca substation at 1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 14. While OTEC crews are working to replace the transformer, power will be out in Seneca. The outage is expected to last approximately four hours, according to an OTEC press release.

Replacing the transformer now will eliminate potential problems in the future, according to Charlie Tracy, OTEC director of engineering and operations.

"Replacing the Seneca transformer has been a part of OTEC's long-range plan for several years," he said. "We felt that we squeezed as much life out of this unit as we possibly could. We are ready to replace it before it fails and causes larger problems."

The new transformer will add extra load capacity in the area for future growth.

The \$206,000 Seneca upgrade project will be the third substation upgrade on the OTEC system this year. Earlier this summer, the cooperative upgraded the Conley Creek Substation outside of La Grande and the Hughes Lane Substation in Baker City.



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An aging transformer at Oregon Trail Electric Co-op's Seneca Substation will be replaced in mid-September, according to Charlie Tracy, OTEC director of engineering.

COPS AND COURTS

Grant County Sheriff

The Grant County Sheriff's Office reported the following for the week of Sept. 5:

Concealed handgun licenses: 2
Average inmates: 20
Bookings: 11
Releases: 13
Arrests: 1
Citations: 0
Fingerprints: 1
Civil papers: 14
Warrants processed: 1
Asst./welfare check: 0
Search and rescue: 0

Oregon State Police

Sept. 2: Investigated a noninjury single-vehicle crash on Highway 26 near Mitchell. Jody D. McDonald, 46, Drain, was cited for failure to drive in the lane.

Sept. 5: Received a report of a motorcycle crash on Highway 19 near Kimberly. The motorcycle was taken to the state police headquarters to make a report.

Sept. 5: Following a traffic stop on Highway 26 near Dixie Summit, Steven M. Warrington, 28, Granite, was arrested and charged for speeding, 79/65 zone, and driving with a suspended license and no insurance.

Sept. 7: Following a traffic stop on Highway 26 near

Moon Creek Road, Lorin J. Hodge, 40, John Day, was arrested and charged on a U.S. Marshals Service warrant.

Dispatch

John Day dispatch worked 145 calls during the week of Sept. 3-9, including:

• John Day Police Department

Sept. 3: Advised of a drive-off at a gas station in west John Day involving diesel costing \$44.79.

Sept. 3: Following a traffic stop on North Canyon Boulevard, Haley Olson, 24, John Day, was cited for driving with a suspended license and no insurance.

Sept. 3: Received a report of a calf on Highway 26 near Luce Creek Road.

Sept. 4: Contacted about suspicious circumstances on Northwest Seventh Street in John Day involving a Craigslist advertisement.

Sept. 4: Responded to West Main Street in John Day regarding a hit-and-run crash.

Sept. 4: Received a report of cellphone harassment on Northwest Bridge Street in John Day.

Sept. 6: Dispatched to a restaurant on West Main Street in John Day for a suspicious person.

Sept. 7: Received a call from a person on Third Street in John Day about a neighbor keeping a pig inside the city limits.

Sept. 7: Advised of a trespasser at a restaurant on Main Street in John Day.

Sept. 7: Responded with the sheriff's office to a museum on Main Street in John Day following a scooter crash.

Sept. 7: Dispatched to Southwest First Avenue in John Day for a possible suicidal person.

Sept. 8: Received a report of livestock on the roadway in John Day.

Sept. 8: Responded to suspicious circumstances at a ranch near John Day.

• **Oregon State Police**
Sept. 3: Received a report of livestock on Highway 26 near Dog Creek Road.

Sept. 5: Responded with John Day police to a grocery store in John Day following a 911 hangup. Timothy W. Ryan, 49, John Day, was arrested on a probation violation.

• **Grant County Sheriff's Office**

Sept. 3: Received a report of suspicious circumstances at a motel in Mt. Vernon.

Sept. 4: Advised of a domestic dispute on South Hall Street in Prairie City.

Sept. 4: Received a report of animal abuse on West Bench Road in John Day.

Sept. 5: Advised of fraud in Monument.

Sept. 5: Received a report of suspicious circumstances on Highway 395 in Mt. Vernon.

Sept. 5: Advised of tres-

passing on North Humbolt Street in Canyon City.

Sept. 6: Received a report of trespassing at an apartment complex in Prairie City.

Sept. 6: Advised of a theft on Ingle Street in Mt. Vernon.

Sept. 6: Received a report of a theft on North McHaley Avenue in Prairie City.

Sept. 8: Advised of a theft of service at a gas station in west John Day.

Sept. 8: Received a report of a theft on West Highway 26 in John Day.

Sept. 8: Advised of suspicious circumstances on Dixie Creek Road in Prairie City.

Sept. 8: Received a report of illegal hunting in the South Fork Road area, 15 miles south of Dayville.

Sept. 9: Advised of a hit-and-run crash on Southwest Johnson Avenue in Prairie City.

• **John Day ambulance**

Sept. 3: Dispatched with state police and sheriff's office to Widows Creek Road in Mt. Vernon for a man.

Sept. 3: Responded to an accident with injuries on Highway 395 in Long Creek.

Sept. 4: Dispatched to Southwest Violet Street in Mt. Vernon for a woman who fell.

Sept. 5: Responded to East Main Street in John Day for a woman who had passed out.

Sept. 5: Dispatched to Southwest First Street in John Day for a transport.

Sept. 5: Transported a pa-

tient to the airport in John Day.

Sept. 6: Responded to Northwest Bridge Street in John Day for an 86-year-old man.

Sept. 6: Dispatched to South Bridge Street in Prairie City for a woman with a possible heart attack.

Sept. 8: Transported a person to the airport in John Day.

Sept. 8: Responded to Austin Road in Bates for a crash with injuries.

Sept. 8: Dispatched to West Main Street in John Day for a 58-year-old woman.

Sept. 9: Responded to North Johnson Avenue in Prairie City for a 59-year-old woman.

Sept. 9: Transported a person to the airport in John Day.

Sept. 9: Responded to an apartment complex in east John Day for an infant who had smoke blown in his face.

• **U.S. Forest Service**

Sept. 6: Advised of a grass fire near Forest Road 4920 and Starr Campground.

• **Prairie City fire**

Sept. 4: Received a report of someone using a burn barrel on Indian Creek Road in Prairie City.

• **Mt. Vernon fire**

Sept. 5: Dispatched to a smoke report in Mt. Vernon.

• **Oregon Department of Forestry**

Sept. 5: Advised of smoke seen near Highway 26 and Austin Junction.

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

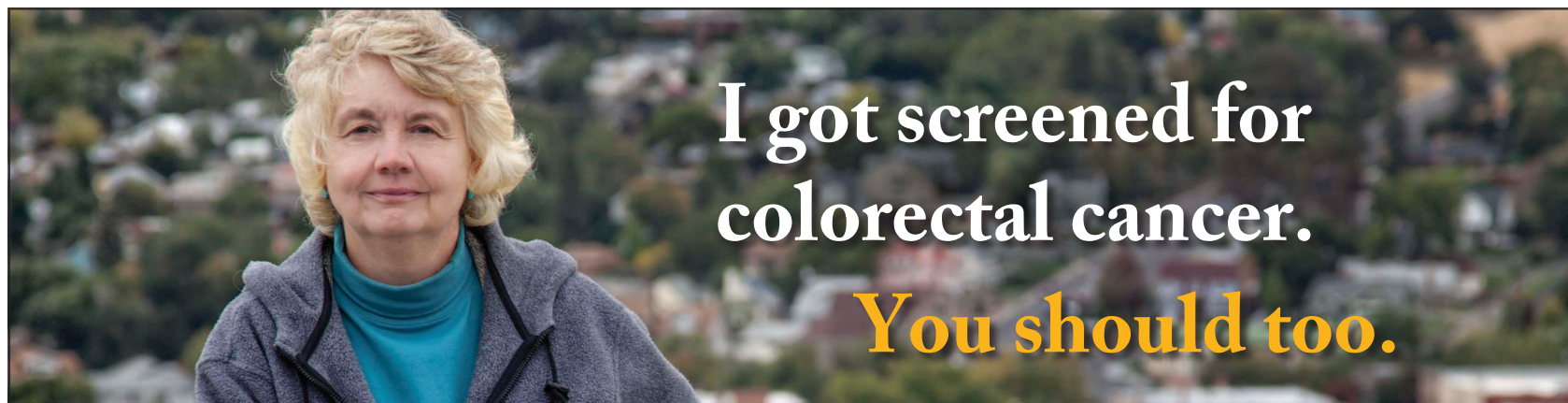
A charge of driving while under the influence of intoxicants on July 15, 2017, against Ryan J. Bernhard, 22, Scappoose, was dismissed with prejudice Sept. 4 after Bernhard fully complied with and completed a DUI diversion program or satisfied the requirement to complete a treatment program.

Jessica L. Officer, 31, Canyon City, pleaded guilty Sept. 6 to misdemeanor second-degree disorderly conduct committed July 11. She was sentenced to 120 hours in jail, 24 months probation, 30 hours of community service and \$200 in fines and fees.

Mitchel D. Long, 47, Long Creek, pleaded guilty Aug. 28 to felony possession of methamphetamine committed on Jan. 7. He was sentenced to 10 days in jail, 18 months probation and 80 hours of community service. In a separate case, he pleaded guilty Aug. 28 to frequenting a place where controlled substances are used committed on March 27. He was sentenced to 18 months probation. One count of unlawful possession of methamphetamine and one count of frequenting a place where controlled substances are used were dismissed.

Naomi B. Jones, 30, Long Creek, pleaded guilty Sept. 6 to misdemeanor harassment committed July 17. She was sentenced to 72 hours in jail, 12 months probation, 30 hours community service and \$200 in fines and fees. A misdemeanor count of attempt to commit a Class A misdemeanor was dismissed.

Melina L. Schafer, 33, John Day, pleaded guilty Sept. 6 to refusing to take a test for intoxicants committed June 26. She was fined \$650. A count of driving while under the influence of intoxicants was diverted. In a separate case, a charge of driving with a suspended or revoked license committed July 26 was dismissed on Sept. 6.



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FRI & SAT (4:10) 7:10 9:40
SUNDAY (4:10) 7:10
MON-THURS (7:10)

OPERATION FINALE (PG-13)
A team of secret agents set out to track down the Nazi officer who masterminded the Holocaust.
FRI & SAT (4:00) 7:00 9:35
SUNDAY (4:00) 7:00
MON-THURS 7:00

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Horror. A priest confronts a malevolent force in the form of a demonic nun.
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SUNDAY (4:20) 7:20
MON-THURS 7:20

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