

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

Anthony W. Westlund, 34, John Day, pleaded guilty Feb. 14 to misdemeanor fourth-degree assault constituting domestic violence committed on Jan. 1. A second count of third-degree theft was dismissed. In a second case, Westlund pleaded guilty Feb. 14 to three misdemeanor counts of unlawful dissemination of an intimate image committed on Jan. 5. Sentencing for the four counts were made consecutive with each other and a Justice Court case. He was sentenced to 165 days jail, 150 hours community service, 24 months probation and \$400 in fines. He was also subject to a lifetime prohibition for possession of firearms or ammunition.

Ernest A. Chavira, 39, Redbluff, California, was convicted of driving under the influence of intoxicants and refusing to take a test for intoxicants committed on Nov. 25, 2016. His diversion agreement was revoked Feb. 21 for failing to complete treatment and failure to pay. He was sentenced to 80 hours community service, 12 months probation and \$1,755 in fines. He also was ordered to install an ignition interlock device on any vehicle he drives.

Grant County Sheriff

The Grant County Sheriff's Office reported the following for the week of Feb. 20:

- Concealed handgun licenses: 6
- Average inmates: 16
- Bookings: 3
- Releases: 6
- Arrests: 0
- Citations: 0
- Fingerprints: 2
- Civil papers: 10
- Warrants processed: 1
- Asst./welfare check: 0
- Search and rescue: 0

Justice Court

- Violation of basic rule:

James W. Phillips, 21, John Day, Jan. 11, 79/55 zone, fined \$225; Gary C. Quinn, 66, Florence, Oct. 29, 73/55 zone, fined \$115; Erin L. Mooso, 34, Dayville, Jan. 12, 75/55 zone, fined \$165.

- Driving uninsured: Blake A. Banford, 29, Prairie City, Jan. 21, fined \$240.

- Driving while suspended: Blake A. Banford, 29, Prairie City, Jan. 21, fined \$375.

- Failure to carry traction tires or chains: Lloyd D. Felton, 58, Hillsboro, Feb. 4, fined \$165.

- Use of cellphone while driving: Kyle J. Wood, 27, John Day, Feb. 3, fined \$265.

- Careless driving causing an accident: Camden J. Rhinehart, 21, John Day, Jan. 27, fined \$375; Daven W. Mauseth, 18, John Day, Feb. 4, fined \$375.

- Stephanie A. Burrows, 45, John Day, pleaded guilty Feb. 6 to second-degree disorderly conduct. A count of second-degree mischief was dismissed. She was sentenced to 10 days jail, 30 hours community service, 18 months probation and \$200 in fines and fees.

Dispatch

John Day dispatch worked 166 calls during the week of Feb. 18-24, including:

• John Day Police Department

Feb. 18: Responded to Southwest Fourth Avenue in John Day for a phone harassment report.

Feb. 18: Dispatched to an apartment complex on South Canyon Boulevard in John Day for a dog attack.

Feb. 19: Advised of a dispute at a mobile home park on West Main Street in John Day.

Feb. 19: Received a theft report from a bank on Main Street in John Day.

Feb. 20: Responded with sheriff's deputies and state police to a dispute at a motel on West Main Street in John Day.

Feb. 20: Dispatched to a trespass complaint in John Day.

Feb. 20: Advised of suspicious circumstances at an apartment complex on East Main Street in John Day.

Feb. 21: Received a report of

identity theft in John Day.

Feb. 21: Advised of a possible fraud in John Day.

Feb. 22: Received a report of a box trailer losing its load heading west on Highway 26 near Prairie City.

Feb. 23: Following a traffic stop on South Canyon Boulevard in John Day, Brandon J. Elliott, 32, John Day, was cited for driving with a suspended license and no insurance.

Feb. 23: Following a traffic stop on Main Street in John Day, David J. Darling, 44, Prairie City, was cited for driving with a suspended license and no insurance.

Feb. 23: Following a traffic stop on West Main Street in John Day, Gage R.S. Lambeth, 19, John Day, was cited for expired license plates.

Feb. 24: Responded to a mobile home park on West Main Street in John Day for a verbal dispute.

Feb. 24: Following a traffic stop on West Main Street in John Day, Jimm E. Roba, 44, John Day, was cited for driving with a suspended license and no insurance.

• Oregon State Police

Feb. 20: Advised of a noninjury crash on Highway 26 near Dixie Summit.

Feb. 21: Received a report of a noninjury crash on Highway 26 near Dixie Summit.

Feb. 21: Advised of a noninjury crash on Highway 26 near Indian Creek Road involving a deer and a vehicle.

Feb. 22: Received a livestock complaint on Highway 26 near Fields Creek Road.

Feb. 23: Advised of livestock on Highway 26 near Fields Creek Road.

Feb. 24: Received a report of a noninjury crash on Highway 26 near Picture Gorge.

• Grant County Sheriff's Office

Feb. 18: Advised of a theft report from Highway 26 in Mt. Vernon.

Feb. 19: Received a report of a restraining order violation at a gas station in Canyon City.

Feb. 19: Advised of an unattended death on Top Road in Kimberly.

Feb. 19: Received a theft report from Dayville.

Feb. 19: Advised of a civil problem on North McHaley Avenue in Prairie City.

Feb. 20: Received a report of a civil problem on East Second Street in Prairie City.

Feb. 21: Advised of harassment in Mt. Vernon.

Feb. 21: Search and rescue personnel responded to Forest Road 21 and Fields Peak for two vehicles stuck in deep snow.

Feb. 22: Advised of an intoxicated person at the Prairie City School.

Feb. 22: Received a hit-and-run report from Prairie City School.

Feb. 23: Advised of a livestock complaint on West Bench Road in John Day.

• John Day ambulance

Feb. 18: Dispatched with Prairie City ambulance to South Johnson Avenue for a 74-year-old woman.

Feb. 18: Transported a patient to the airport in John Day.

Feb. 19: Responded with Prairie City ambulance to East Fifth Street in Prairie City for an 80-year-old man with chest pain.

Feb. 19: Dispatched to South Overholt Avenue in Prairie City for a 78-year-old person.

Feb. 19: Transported a patient to the airport in John Day for a life flight.

Feb. 19: Transported a patient from a senior home in John Day.

Feb. 20: Responded to Aslin Avenue in Mt. Vernon for a 66-year-old woman with breathing difficulties.

Feb. 21: Transported a patient to the airport in John Day.

Feb. 22: Transported a patient to the airport in John Day.

Feb. 24: Responded to a mobile home park on West Main Street in John Day for a 46-year-old woman with an injured knee.

• Canyon City fire

Feb. 18: Responded with John Day fire to Adam Road in Canyon City for a fire fire.

Feb. 18: Dispatched to Eagle Peak for a juniper on fire.

Search and rescue dispatched twice for vehicles stuck in deep snow

By Richard Hanners
Blue Mountain Eagle

Grant County search and rescue personnel responded twice in the past week for motorists who got stuck in deep snow on Forest Service roads.

In the first incident, Feb. 21, the sheriff's office was notified by family members around 9 p.m. that two Dayville men, Joe Letosky Jr., 23, and Joe Letosky Sr., 61, had not returned on time from their drive up Forest Road 21.

Search and rescue personnel traveled to the Fields Peak area and worked until around 3 a.m., locating the two men and returning them to Dayville.

In the second incident, Feb. 24, the sheriff's office received a report around 4:42 p.m. about a man whose vehicle got stuck in deep snow on Forest Road 2090 in the Big Creek drainage off the Middle Fork of the John Day River.

Ed Westervelt, who lives in the Middle Fork area, was traveling home when his vehicle got stuck around mid-morning. He attempted to walk cross-country to his cabin, but partway into his hike he became exhausted and was unable to proceed.

Westervelt used his cellphone to call for help. Grant County search and rescue personnel and Long Creek ambulance responded. Westervelt was found by using the GPS location sent from his cell phone. He was taken by utility task vehicle to the Long Creek ambulance and transported to Blue Mountain Hospital, where he was treated for hypothermia.

Bill would end nonmedical vaccine exemptions

By Aubrey Wieber
Oregon Capital Bureau

Legislation introduced Friday by state Rep. Mitch Greenlick would remove nonmedical vaccine exemptions for kids in public schools.

Right now, parents with children in public school can claim a religious or philosophical exemption to vaccinating their children. Under Greenlick's proposal, the only way to avoid vaccinating a child headed to school would be with a doctor's note stating there is a legitimate medical reason to avoid vaccinations. Parents against vaccinations could still home school their children.

In 2018, 94 percent of Oregon K-12 students had all their vaccinations. But individual pockets exist throughout the state where fewer than 80 percent of students have all their vaccinations, according to state data.

Greenlick, D-Portland, said he knows he's stepping into controversy, but his proposal is backed by the best available science.

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THE JUNIPER ARTS COUNCIL IS SEEKING APPLICATIONS FOR THE JOHN AND LINDA SHELK COMMUNITY GRANTS

The Juniper Arts Council is seeking grant applications from Grant County organizations for community projects that benefit Grant County communities. The JAC has \$3,000 to distribute from the Shelk Foundation for community projects. The maximum grant award is \$1,000. An example of a recent Shelk recipient: Blue Mountain Community College and Oregon State University received a grant to purchase welding safety gear sets to be used for welding classes held at Grant Union with college credit from BMCC.

Applications are available from Karin Barntish at 131 West Main Street in John Day. Further information is available from Kris Beal at 541-932-4892.

Applications are due April 5, 2019 by 5 PM.

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