

Three juveniles charged for break-ins

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Three John Day area juveniles face felony charges stemming from a string of break-ins last month.

According to John Day Police Sgt. Scott Moore, the three juveniles were charged with first-degree burglary based on use of a tool to break into a building, second-degree burglary based on unlawful entry into a building and criminal mischief.

The high school age youths were sent to juvenile court for prosecution, Moore said.

A tip on Aug. 13 helped the police identify the suspects, and the arrests were made quickly, Moore said. Shoes found at the home of one of the suspects matched footprints in the dirt around one of the businesses that was burglarized, he said.

The front window of the Good Deals store on West Main Street in John Day was reported broken on July 28. The owner said some knives and 50-cent pieces were missing, Moore said.

Cash was reported missing from the Gleason Pool on Canton Street and the Bit of Europe antique store on South Canyon Boulevard on July 31, Moore said. The Little Canyon Food Court also was broken into on July 31.

Moore thanked the local community for its assistance in locating the suspects, but he advised more businesses to install video cameras. They're inexpensive and easy to install, he said.

Moore also noted that three cases of unlawful entry to motor vehicles in John Day are still being investigated. These incidents occurred on Northeast Dayton Street and Northeast Elm Street on Aug. 8 and in the Chester's Thriftway parking lot on Aug. 10.

County court to hold work session on pool

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The Grant County Court agreed to hold a work session on a new public swimming pool with stakeholders and community representatives sometime in September.

Rob Raschio, who brought the idea to the court Aug. 14 and is the court's official representative for pool talks, said the goal is to develop a plan for constructing a new pool to replace the Gleason Pool in John Day and for funding annual operations and maintenance.

Judge Scott Myers noted that, as a work session open to the public, those invited to attend could speak, but no public comment would be taken. Commissioner Jim Hamsher emphasized that representatives from communities around Grant County should be invited.

The city of John Day, which owns Gleason Pool, has publicly discussed replacing the pool since December 2018 and hired pool consultants Councilman-Hunsaker and Opsis Architecture to provide design options.

The city's reasoning in the past included three key elements: Gleason Pool is 60 years old and expensive to maintain; the state will provide the city about \$1 million in cash and grants for the city park land and pool site, a wind-



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Rob Raschio addresses the Grant County Court about plans for a new public swimming pool Aug. 14.

fall that could be used to build another pool facility; and the state will use the land to build a new Kam Wah Chung interpretative center that will significantly contribute to the economic development of the John Day area.

Raschio said the city intends to close Gleason Pool after the 2020 season, but the pool could continue to operate for another three years under a tentative agreement with the state if a plan exists to replace it. He said about 400 children participated in the recent John Day and district swim meets, which brought in money for local businesses from visiting families.

Raschio also presented the results of John Day's online survey, which saw responses from 230 residents, of which 97% live within 30 miles of John Day. About 97% of respondents agreed that Grant County should have a public swimming pool, and 70% of respondents

agreed the pool should be funded by all users. A majority also wanted to see a facility that included an indoor basketball court and exercise and weight-lifting rooms.

During an April 2 meeting at the Grant County Regional Airport, swim team representative Haley Walker said target figures were \$4.5 million for construction of a new pool and about \$100,000 per year for operation, maintenance and a future pool replacement fund.

That amount of money is beyond the funding capacity of either the city of John Day or the John Day-Canyon City Parks & Recreation District, which has operated Gleason Pool for the city.

Suggested funding solutions have included expanding the current Parks & Recreation taxing district, which the board so far opposes; creating a new service district with a tax base that includes John Day, Canyon City,

Mt. Vernon, Prairie City, Seneca and perhaps other communities, as John Day City Manager Nick Green has described; or funding the pool countywide.

Grant School District 3 is a stakeholder in support of maintaining a public swimming pool in Grant County, but Raschio noted that the school district lacks the funding to build or maintain a pool.

Raschio said a John Day-budgeted feasibility study will cover the costs of drafting a ballot measure for a bond to pay for construction of a new pool. The ballot measure would need approval by the county court to be sent out to voters countywide.

Myers noted that the court issued ballot measures in the past, but that didn't mean they supported the proposal. Judy Kerr took issue with that point, suggesting that if the court approves sending the ballot measure to voters, the public will assume the court supports it.

Hamsher emphasized that pool supporters need to engage communities around the county if they expect the ballot measure to succeed.

The first step is to decide if the public wants a pool, Raschio said. The next step would be to find out who would pay for it.

In other county court news:

- The court agreed with the Airport Commission's recommendation

and approved another five-year consulting engineer contract with T-O Engineers of Boise. There were two applicants and the scoring was close, Airport Manager Haley Walker said.

The court also approved a five-year lease with the Forest Service for three concrete helipads south of the terminal, as recommended by the Airport Commission. The lease expired Sept. 30, 2018, and was renegotiated. The price will increase by 2.5% per year to \$18,390 for the year ending Sept. 30, 2023.

The airport will advertise for repairs to the terminal building, including exterior painting and staining, interior settling and crack repair and interior water damage.

- Stephen Baldwin, Haley Olson and Kelly McGirr were appointed to the Grant County Planning Commission.

- The court approved a public records request policy. Hamsher said the policy was approved by the attorney for Prairie City. It was modified with county language and reviewed and updated by the county counsel, he said.

Commissioner Sam Palmer said Sheriff Glenn Palmer told him he would look at the new policy and decide if he would continue to use current sheriff's office policy or change to the new policy.

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

Michele L. Trimble, 44, Mt. Vernon, pleaded guilty Aug. 15 to driving under the influence of intoxicants committed on Jan 17. She was sentenced to 48 hours jail, 24 months probation and \$1,355 in fines and fees. She was ordered to install an ignition interlock device on any vehicle she drives and her license was suspended for one year.

Justice Court

- Violation of basic rule: Steven D. Baldwin, 41, Mt. Vernon, May 24, 75/55 zone, fined \$140.
- Violation speed limit: Roy B. Delacruz, 46, Twin Falls, Idaho, July 11, 48/35 zone, fined \$165; Nathan M. Romney, 18, Springville, Utah, May 31, 70/35 zone, fined \$440.

Dispatch

John Day dispatch worked 167 calls during the week of Aug. 12-18, including:

John Day Police Department

Aug. 13: Responded to a dog running loose on Seventh Street in John Day.

Aug. 13: Dispatched to a mobile home park on West Main Street in John Day for a juvenile problem.

Aug. 14: Responded to a Ford Road residence in John Day for a missing child report.

Aug. 15: Dispatched to a report of an unoccupied vehicle rolling into another vehicle at a grocery store in

John Day.

Aug. 16: Advised about a theft at a store on West Main Street in John Day.

Aug. 16: Received a 911 call about a domestic incident at an apartment complex on Highway 26 east of John Day.

Aug. 16: Following warrant service at Southwest Brent Drive in John Day, Travis J. Freniere, 33, John Day, was arrested on a parole board warrant.

Aug. 16: Received a 911 call from East Main Street about a domestic incident.

Aug. 16: Responded to Northeast Elm Street in John Day. Jeffery C. Cook, 22, John Day, was arrested and charged with theft.

Aug. 17: Following a traffic complaint, David W. Burke, 25, was arrested and charged with driving with a suspended driver's license.

Aug. 17: After responding to a report of a fight on South-

east Dayton Street in John Day, Michael D. Griffith, 23, John Day, was arrested and charged with assault.

Aug. 17: Dispatched to the fairgrounds in John Day for a theft report.

Oregon State Police

Aug. 12: Dispatched to a report of a horse on Highway 26 west of John Day.

Aug. 13: Responded to a report of a pig on Highway 26 near Moon Creek.

Aug. 15: Advised of a cow on Highway 7 near Austin Junction.

Aug. 15: Received a call about a noninjury accident on Highway 395 near Beech Creek Road.

Grant County Sheriff's Office

Aug. 14: Received a harassment report from South Johnson Avenue in Prairie City.

Aug. 15: Advised of a suspicious person on Highway 26 near Laycock Creek.

Aug. 16: Received a report of shots fired on South Canyon Boulevard.

Aug. 18: Received a 911 phone call about a prowler near a marijuana dispensary in John Day.

John Day ambulance

Aug. 13: Dispatched to Northwest Charolais Heights for an elderly man who fell.

Aug. 13: Responded to the high school in John Day for a middle-aged man who was not feeling well.

Aug. 14: Dispatched to Northwest Charolais Heights for an 83-year-old man.

Aug. 14: Called to a senior home in John Day for a lift assist.

Aug. 15: Dispatched to East Riverside Street in Mt. Vernon for an elderly woman who fell.

Aug. 16: Received a 911 call from North Humbolt Street in Canyon City.

Aug. 17: Responded to a mobile home park on West Main Street in John Day.

Aug. 17: Dispatched to North Washington Street in Prairie City for an elderly man who had fallen and might have suffered a stroke.

Aug. 17: Responded to a mobile home park on West Main Street in John Day for a man with neck pain, difficulty breathing and nausea.

Aug. 17: Responded to Highway 7 near Austin Junction for a single-vehicle crash with injuries.

Aug. 17: Transported a patient to the airport in John Day.

Aug. 18: Responded to Charolais Heights in John Day for an 83-year-old man who had taken a fall.

Aug. 18: Received a 911 call for an 89-year-old woman on North Washington Street in Prairie City.

Aug. 18: Dispatched to Northwest Bridge Street in

John Day for a 80-year-old woman with back pain.

Canyon City public works

Aug. 12: Advised of a brown water problem on South Humbolt Street in Canyon City.

John Day public works

Aug. 13: Advised that Canyon City was taking on water.

Forest Service

Aug. 13: Advised of smoke seen in the Keeney Fork Road area.

Aug. 17: Received a 911 phone call about a possible forest fire near Highway 402.

Oregon Transportation Department

Aug. 16: Advised of a downed tree creating a hazard on Highway 395 south of Canyon City.

Aug. 17: Received a report of a rock slide on Highway 396 near Mt. Vernon.



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Canyon City, Oregon

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