

# Planning underway for areas around fairgrounds

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Plans have been approved to fund a project that will look into the fairgrounds around the John Day Community Garden and the area along the river.

Allison Field, the Grant County Economic Development director, requested \$10,500 from Grant County on Sept. 25, which will go into a joint design project between the county and the city of John Day.

Econorthwest and Walker Macy will be conducting a two phase project which will focus on the entire fairgrounds, which will also include the properties that surround the community garden and along the river.

The first phase will create a business concept and site plan. The second phase will establish a vision for the future of the fairgrounds property and scope of work.

This two-phase project will cost \$31,000 with \$10,500 coming from

the county general fund contingency, \$15,500 from John Day and \$5,000 from economic development. John Day will carry the contract for the design.

**In other county court news:**

- Grant County Court approved the renewal of the snow removal contract with Columbia Helicopters. The contract agreed to \$76.50 an hour for removing snow on Grant County Road 24 and Baker County Road 520 in the Granite area.

- The second Community Development Block Grant budget revision and contracts for the environmental review and grant administration were approved for the Heart of Grant County's domestic violence shelter. The final cost of the environmental review will be \$18,000 instead of \$10,000.

- The court approved the purchase of a \$3,400 Brady BBP37 Label Printer for the road department. This device will aid the efforts to maximize compliance and safety, said road department employee Ryan Palmer.

# Smith faces three felony charges related to attempted rape

By Sean Hart  
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**Tyler Smith**

Gretchen M. Ladd Dobler. Smith is also facing four class A misdemeanor charges of second-degree child neglect.

According to information filed in Grant County Circuit Court Sept. 10 by Ladd Dobler, Smith is accused of criminal negligence for leaving two children under the age of 10 unattended at a John Day residence "for such a period of time as was likely to endanger the health or welfare" of the children on Sept. 4 and Sept. 5.

Smith is scheduled to appear on all the charges at 1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 3, in Grant County Circuit Court.

Smith was arrested Sept. 9, but he had already been placed on administrative leave for an unrelated issue.

Grant County District Attorney Jim Carpenter said in a statement Sept. 12 Smith had been placed on leave "for issues related to the performance of his duties as a sheriff's deputy."

The Grant County Sheriff's Office deputy arrested for attempted rape is facing three felony charges.

A Sept. 27 grand jury indictment filed in Grant County Circuit Court accuses Tyler A. Smith, 33, of John Day of first-degree attempted rape, a class B felony, and attempted first-degree sex abuse and fourth-degree assault, class C felonies — all constituting domestic violence.

The indictment accuses Smith of attempting to engage in sexual intercourse with his spouse — who had initiated divorce proceedings against him — on Aug. 31 "by forcible compulsion" and while knowing she was pregnant.

The indictment also accuses Smith of causing physical injury to his spouse.

All three charges involve a "violation of professional responsibility" for Smith, according to the indictment.

The case is being prosecuted by Grant County Special Deputy District Attorney

## 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**

A charge of felon in possession of a firearm against Jeramie M. Lambeth of John Day allegedly committed on Dec. 20, 2016, was dismissed with prejudice Sept. 30 for want of prosecution.

**Grant County Sheriff**

The Grant County Sheriff's Office reported the following for the week of Sept. 25:

- Concealed handgun licenses: 11
- Average inmates: 14
- Bookings: 15
- Releases: 12
- Arrests: 3
- Citations: 3
- Fingerprints: 2
- Civil papers: 18
- Warrants processed: 5
- Assistance/Welfare check: 0

**Search and Rescue: 2**

Sept. 19: Four juveniles were cited for minor in possession of tobacco.

Sept. 24: Kristina Perry of Mt. Vernon was cited for a livestock regulation.

Sept. 25: Dale Smucker of Mt. Vernon was cited for a livestock regulation.

**Justice Court**

Violation of basic rule: Jeffrey J. Wobbe, 42, Salem, Sept. 4, 77/55 zone, fined \$225; Erin E. Ware, 23, Prineville, Sept. 25, 75/55 zone, fined \$140.

Violation of speed: John L. Campbell, 51, Brownsville, Sept. 7, 59/40 zone, fined \$165; Daniel R. Warnock Jr., 89, Baker City, Sept. 7, 46/25 zone, fined \$225; Thomas J. Tucker, 27, Bend, Sept. 13, 65/35 zone, fined \$265.

Jared J. Baker, 24, John Day, pleaded guilty Aug. 28 to driving while suspended. He was sentenced to 20 hours of community service and 12 months of probation. He was ordered to pay \$50 in fines and \$950 for court costs and probation fees.

**Oregon State Police**

Sept. 25: Assisted by officers from the John Day Police Department, Grant County Sheriff's Office and Grant County Community Corrections, two men were arrested on warrants on West Main Street in John Day. Tanner J. Prock, 22, and Caleb J. Vielma, 30, were arrested, booked and lodged at Grant County Jail.

Sept. 25: Received a report of a dead mule deer buck miss-

ing antlers and left to waste. A John Day Fish and Wildlife trooper went to the location in the Murderer's Creek unit to examine the carcass. Evidence of the deer being shot with a firearm was found during the examination. No suspect at this time.

Sept. 26: A vehicle was stopped in the middle of Highway 26. The driver was talking with a disabled motorist on the side of the road. Another driver rear-ended the stopped vehicle, which was sent to an adjacent ditch, rolling on its top. Both drivers refused transport by ambulance but complained of pain. The stopped driver was issued citations for driving while suspended and illegal stopping/standing. The other driver was issued a citation for following too closely.

Sept. 27: Responded to a report of a hay truck that rolled its trailer on Highway 395C. The truck had come around a corner faster than conditions allowed and rolled the pup trailer into the southbound lane. The driver and passenger were uninjured. The driver was cited for failure to drive within lane. The trailer was towed from the scene by Frontier Equipment to their yard.

Sept. 27: Responded to a report of a crash on Highway 395C near milepost 15. Arrived at the scene and found two motorcycles were following a pickup pulling a trailer. The pickup and trailer slowed and signaled to turn onto a Forest Service road on the left. The motorcyclists began to pass the pickup thinking the driver was letting them by. The lead motorcyclist realized the pickup was turning and hit the brake. The lead motorcyclist

was clipped by the following motorcycle, which caused the lead to go into a ditch. No-one was injured, and both motorcycles were driven away from the scene.

**Dispatch**

John Day dispatch worked 162 calls during the work of Sept. 23-29, including:

**John Day Police Department**

Sept. 23: Cited Matthew E. Sagaser, 35, for expired tags on Highway 26.

Sept. 23: Took report of a stolen chainsaw on West Main Street.

Sept. 24: Advised of suspicious circumstances at a trailer park.

Sept. 24: Responded to the report of theft.

Sept. 24: Cited Bucky Breck for driving while suspended.

Sept. 24: Arrested Tyler Dehiya on a state parole board warrant.

Sept. 25: Arrested Tanner Prock, 22, on a Grant County warrant and Caleb Vielma, 30, on Grant and Malheur county warrants.

Sept. 25: Arrested Karina Robinson, 19, on a Grant County felony warrant.

Sept. 26: Received a report of a restraining order violation on Northwest Third Avenue.

Sept. 26: Arrested Michael W. Roberts, 41, for violation of a restraining order.

Sept. 27: Dispatched to a report of dogs killing cats at Juniper Ridge.

Sept. 28: Report of a theft of a pocket bike on West Main Street.

Sept. 28: Called for a theft of a brisket from the smoker on Canyon Boulevard.

**Oregon State Police**

Sept. 23: Received a report of cattle on Highway 26.

Sept. 26: Received a report of an injured animal on McHaley Avenue.

Sept. 29: Advised of a tractor trailer rig throwing sparks on Highway 26.

**Grant County Sheriff's Office**

Sept. 23: Received a report of a missing person at box spring campground.

Sept. 23: Received a report of an abandoned vehicle on Harper Creek Road.

Sept. 24: Received a report

of harassment on Franks Creek.

Sept. 27: Received a call of a noninjury crash on Highway 26.

Sept. 28: Received a call of an animal complaint on South Fork Road.

**John Day ambulance**

Sept. 23: Dispatched with the Dayville Fire Department for an elderly woman on Highway 26.

Sept. 24: Paged for a 94-year-old man who had taken a fall on Valley View Drive.

Sept. 26: Dispatched for

a man with a possible heart attack.

Sept. 26: Received a report of a two-vehicle crash with one rollover in the ditch and another vehicle that blocked Highway 26.

Sept. 27: Dispatched for an elderly woman who fell on Northeast Seventh Street.

Sept. 28: Called for a 24-year-old woman who had difficulty breathing at Southwest Brent Drive.

**Canyon City fire**

Sept. 26: Responded to a report of a flue fire on Nugget Street.

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FRIDAY (4:00) 6:50 9:30  
SATURDAY (1:20) (4:00) 6:50 9:30  
SUNDAY (1:20) (4:00) 6:50  
MON - THURS 6:50

**DOWNTON ABBEY (PG)**  
The continuing story of the Crawley family, wealthy owners of a large estate in the English countryside in the early 20th century.  
FRIDAY (4:10) 7:00 9:35  
SATURDAY (1:30) (4:10) 7:00 9:35  
SUNDAY (1:30) (4:10) 7:00  
MON - THURS 7:00

**ABOMINABLE (PG)**  
Kids/Family, Animation. A magical Yeti must return to his family.  
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SATURDAY (1:40) (4:20) 7:10 9:40  
SUNDAY (1:40) (4:20) 7:10  
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