

# Rebekah Rand named top state EMS Administrator

Blue Mountain Eagle

Rebekah Rand of Canyon City received the Oregon Health Authority's EMS Administrator of the Year Award on Sept. 27 in Salem.

Rand is the Emergency Management Services and Hospital Emergency Preparedness Program director for Blue Mountain Hospital District in John Day.

She was first hired as a full-time paramedic for the district in 2011, then stepped up as interim EMS director in November 2016, in addition to her paramedic responsibilities.

Rand took on her most recent titles in February 2017.

A press release at the Blue Mountain Hospital website states that Rand increased the morale for the volunteer responders and brought all levels of responders together as a strong team.

"She made it her top priority to re-establish a strong rapport with Grant County's volunteer EMTs, bringing the majority of them back into service for their communities," the statement reads. "In addition, she has worked diligently to incorporate local fire departments into the EMS medical response system by offering BMHD sponsored (emergency medical response) trainings to all areas of Grant County."

"From upgrading ambulance equipment to her staunch support of Grant County's EMS volunteers, her tireless work to provide excellent emergency care to those visiting and living in this sparsely populated county is to be com-



Contributed photo  
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mended," the statement read.

Rand said she found out after receiving the award that many people had contributed to her nomination.

"I am humbled and in awe that so many think I am deserving of this award," she said, adding others were involved in the successes over the last three years.

"So many talented and smart people have been a part of this journey, and I cannot thank each one of you enough for your wisdom, guidance, and mentorship that has made me into the person I am today," she said. "I would not be who I am without the amazing support system I have; and my number one supporter is, as always, my husband Damon."



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Grant County Deputy District Attorney Gregory Goebel works in his office in the Grant County Courthouse.

# Deputy district attorney passes the bar

National Guardsman Goebel earned law degree from University of Oregon

By Rudy Diaz  
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Grant County Deputy District Attorney Gregory Goebel passed the Oregon State Bar exam.

Goebel has officially been the Deputy DA since he passed the bar back in September, but he has been working in the office since May after he graduated from the University of Oregon with a law degree.

"I was looking to get something secured before I graduated," Goebel said. "I saw on my school's job board that this office was hiring. I wanted to

stay in Oregon because I am a member of the National Guard here in the state."

Goebel has been a member of the National Guard for five years and has plans to continue within the organization now that he has passed the bar.

"I commissioned in the National Guard this last spring as a signal officer," said Goebel. "Right now I am putting together a packet for the Judge Advocate General's Corps for the National Guard here in Oregon. Now that I passed the bar, I can send that packet out and hopefully get picked up."

Along with personal benefits, passing the bar has benefits for Grant County and Goebel in his current position.

"Now I can practice law on my own," Goebel said. "I don't need my boss, Jim Carpenter, to sign off when I need documents, and now I have my

own case load."

The University of Oregon started paying for student preparation courses for the bar exam, and Goebel took an online course from BARBRI. This course is a general overview of the law such as civil, criminal, evidence and property.

"In hindsight, I studied a lot for the exam," Goebel said. "I spent probably 12 weeks studying, and with that amount of time and with my law degree, I felt pretty comfortable taking the test. I thought, in that way, that exam was over-hyped."

Eighty-four percent of first-time applicants who took the Oregon bar in July 2019 passed.

"Don't slack off on studying," Goebel said. "Especially if you are doing a prep program like I did. I recommend people completing the BARBRI, all of it."

## 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

Charges of fourth-degree assault, strangulation and harassment from July 24 against Briann D. L. Lancaster of Condon were dismissed with prejudice Oct. 24 because a necessary witness was unavailable.

### Justice Court

Violation of basic rule: Randall L. Mahaney, 50, Bend, Sept. 12, 81/55 zone, fined \$225; James G. Stumm, 59, Redmond, Oct. 20, 75/55 zone, fined \$165; Tomica L. Long, Prairie City, 23, Sept. 24, 72/55 zone, fined \$140.

Violation of speed: Heath W. Paxton, 32, Cove, Oct. 9, 46/35 zone, fined \$165; Nick K. Winfrey, 76, Canyon City, Sept. 30, 41/25 zone, fined \$165; juvenile, 16, Adel, Oct. 2, 74/65 zone, fined \$100.

Operating without required lighting: Kimberly J. Etter, 55, Salem, Aug. 1, fined \$140.

Driving uninsured: Patricia A. Goode, 73, Prairie City, Sept. 23, fined \$165.

Failure to properly use safety belt: Brenden W. Wylie, 25, Myrtle, Sept. 7, fined \$115; Kayla D. Lambeth, 25, John Day, Aug. 30, fined \$115.

No operator's license: Kayla D. Lambeth, 25, John Day, Aug. 30, fined \$265, Aug. 30, fined \$265.

James D. Baseel pleaded guilty Oct. 9 for failing to attach a big game tag in plain sight. He was fined \$110.

### Dispatch

John Day dispatch worked 149 calls during the week of Oct. 21-27, including:

• **John Day Police Department**  
Oct. 21: Dispatched to a

report of a dead animal on South Canyon Boulevard.

Oct. 21: Dispatched to an animal complaint on West Main Street.

Oct. 22: Received a report of a dispute on West Main Street.

Oct. 23: Arrested Travis Freniere, John Day, for shoplifting.

Oct. 24: Cited Adrian Couey, 34, for driving while suspended and for expired tags.

Oct. 25: Responded to a report of a noninjury crash

between a vehicle and a light pole.

Oct. 26: During a traffic stop, cited a man for reckless driving.

Oct. 27: Called for a dispute between roommates on West Main Street.

• **Oregon State Police**  
Oct. 23: Received a report of suspicious circumstances on Highway 402.

Oct. 24: Received a report of suspicious circumstances on Elkview Drive.

Oct. 26: Received a report of a big black bull on

the road at Highway 26.

Oct. 26: Received a report of possible poaching on Beech Creek.

• **Grant County Sheriff's Office**

Oct. 21: Received a report of an unattended death on Scotty Creek Lane.

Oct. 21: Received a driving complaint on Ingle Street.

Oct. 21: Received an animal complaint on West Main Street.

Oct. 23: Received a call of dispute on Johnson Street.

Oct. 26: Received a report

of a noninjury crash on Scotty Creek.

• **John Day ambulance**  
Oct. 21: Called for a 64-year-old man with difficulty breathing.

Oct. 21: Called for an 82-year-old woman that fell in the bathroom.

Oct. 21: Called for an 86-year-old woman that fell out of bed with a knee injury.

Oct. 21: Dispatched to an elderly woman who fell on West Main Street.

Oct. 22: Responded to an 83-year-old woman with flu-

like symptoms on Hillcrest Road.

Oct. 22: Along with Dayville fire, responded to a report of a 39-year-old woman with an amputated finger.

Oct. 24: Called for a 64-year-old woman with an injured leg on Inland Street.

Oct. 25: Paged for a 56-year-old man with problems breathing.

Oct. 27: Paged for an 81-year-old woman who passed out on Cozart Avenue.



Jenelle Moulton  
Canyon City, Oregon

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