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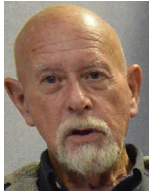
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Phone scammers are after your precious information

By Rudy Diaz
Blue Mountain Eagle

What began as an enticing conversation with an unknown phone number ended in deception, hundreds of gift cards and over \$25,000 stolen.



Carl Kalteich has been a victim of fraud and has been chasing lies for over four years.

"I was vulnerable," Kalteich said. "I'm a lonely man, and I don't like being alone. These scammers got into conversations with me. They pretend to be women, since some of them are men, and they will sweet talk you and tell you how much they love you. That is when they hooked me, and I was stupid enough to give my bank account numbers so I could deposit checks they sent me."

Every check he received from the scammers was voided, and he was left on the hook for the funds.

The scams began with a text message Kalteich received from an unknown number. The message announced that he won thousands of dollars and could claim the money if he paid a \$900 delivery fee and gave his card number over the phone.

Kalteich did not fall for that attempt, but the initial contact with the scammer alerted other scammers that Kalteich answers their messages. With this information, scammers began sending him more messages that were denied by Kalteich until a woman who went by the name of Sarena Flourance messaged him.

"I had a gal that contacted me named Sarena,

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PATROLLING THE STREETS



The Eagle/Rudy Diaz
Officer Sam Stinnett has been a part of the John Day Police Department for over a year.



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Officer Sam Stinnett speaks on the radio in his John Day Police Department vehicle.

Stinnett reflects on life as a police officer

By Rudy Diaz
Blue Mountain Eagle

While 12 p.m. marks the start of a lunch break for many, it marks the beginning of a 10-hour shift for Officer Sam Stinnett. With an energy drink in the console, Stinnett turns his focus to the streets of John Day.

As an officer for the John Day Police Department, he carries out various tasks such as patrolling the streets and taking calls, but anything can happen at any moment.

"You get to work every day, and you got your plan of what you're going to do throughout your day," Stinnett said. "About 4 p.m., a call comes in, and we end up heading to the

hospital. We were there dealing with the situation until 10:20 p.m. You never know what you're gonna do."

During a two-hour ride along with Stinnett, he shared his experience on the force while waving back at the people who gave him kind gestures on the road. Some people smiled at Stinnett, some waved, some gave a one-finger sway with the pointer finger, but no matter the type of kind gesture received, he did his best to return a kind gesture to each person he saw.

He was born in Canyon City and has moved back and forth between Grant County and places like Bend and Idaho, but he always found himself back in the county.

His interest in the legal system started when he worked at the Grant County Jail.

"I found it interesting how the legal system worked because I had never been a part of it," Stinnett said. "I always said I was never a people person, but working at the jail, you had no options. You had to talk to people there. When I figured I was kind of good at that, the next step was to be in law enforcement and talk to people on the streets."

He also has friends and family members on the force that motivated him to join. One of the best parts of the job for Stinnett is the opportunity

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Youths explore careers at Blue Mountain Hospital

By Angel Carpenter
Blue Mountain Eagle

Students from every high school in the county received a crash course in health care job opportunities at the Nov. 14 Rural Health Career and College Day held at Blue Mountain Hospital.

A total of 75 students, mainly freshmen and sophomores, attended the four-hour event from Grant Union, Prairie City, Dayville, Monument and Long Creek, and one student taking online courses also attended.

Breakout sessions were held every 20 minutes with visits to various departments, including nursing, laboratory, emergency medical services, rehabilitation services, pharmacy and more.

Groups also joined maintenance director Steve Hall for information about the many duties and projects his team handles, including operating the boiler, maintaining equipment, troubleshooting breakdowns and coming up with innovative solutions and construction designs for improvements to indoor and outdoor

areas of the hospital.

A panel of 11 Blue Mountain Hospital staff members who graduated from Grant County schools spoke about the directions they took that led to their career at the Blue Mountain Hospital District and answered the students' questions. Some on the panel completed a college or university degree, while some moved into a job at Blue Mountain Hospital.

Representatives from Central Oregon Community College (Bend), Oregon State

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Blue Mountain Hospital District Director Steve Hall, left, shows students projects he and his team have tackled around the hospital. Students from left: Aiden Taylor, Jesse Douglass, Ethan Walker, Ian Coombs, Kate Hughes and Parker Neault.

