

# Grant County Sheriff's Office members receive awards for work



Contributed photo  
Sgt. Danny Komning and Deputy Dave Dobler receive awards from the Oregon State Sheriff's Association.

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Sgt. Danny Komning and Deputy Dave Dobler both received awards from the Oregon State Sheriff's Association at its annual conference from Dec. 1-4.

Komning was awarded the Enforcement Command Council Supervisor of the Year Award, and Dobler won the Search and Rescue Deputy Sheriff of the Year Award. They presented their awards to the Grant County Court Dec. 11.

"I want the public to know, and I want the court to know, that we got a pretty amazing group of people that work within the sheriff's office," said Grant County Sheriff Glenn Palmer. "There's a lot of good that's being done in that building and out in the public."

This is the second year that

the Grant County Sheriff's Office has won the Enforcement Command award with Undersheriff Zach Mobley winning the award last year.

Palmer expressed his appreciation for the leadership and hard work that Dobler has provided for the search and rescue program as calls go up.

"Our calls are up and we've had a couple of fatalities, a couple of recoveries, multi-agency efforts that were a couple thousand hours a piece, and those are types of calls that we have not seen here before," Palmer said. "I am thankful for Dave for stepping into that role of leader, and it's lifted a lot of work from Zack and I. The supervision that Danny gives our patrol and reserves staff has taken a lot of heat off the administrative staff so we can deal with other things."

**In other court news:**

- The court approved no longer paying cellphone stipends and providing a county phone for certain employees who request it. There are five county employees who currently have stipends of \$51. Those will end, and the five employees will be offered phones.

- The court approved the purchase of a consulting service for \$6,000. A portion of the cost will be covered by the county general fund, the road department and community connections. This firm will assure that county employees are equally paid and compensated for their job.

- The court approved closing the accounts for the Monument Rural Fire District. The \$3,000 from the accounts will go back into general funds.

- The court recognized over 30 county employees who have worked there for five years or more.

## 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

Michael W. Roberts, 41, of John Day pleaded guilty Nov. 26 to fourth-degree assault constituting domestic violence and recklessly endangering another person committed Sept. 16, and possession of prohibited firearms or silencer, felon in possession of a firearm and first-degree theft committed Dec. 11, 2017. He was sentenced to 35 months in prison and 24 months post-prison supervision. Counts of fourth-degree assault, harassment, first-degree theft, supplying contraband and fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer, and four counts of felon in possession of a firearm, were dismissed.

### Grant County Sheriff

The Grant County Sheriff's Office reported the following for the week of Dec. 18:

- Concealed handgun licenses: 5
- Average inmates: 14
- Bookings: 4
- Releases: 15
- Arrests: 0
- Citations: 0
- Fingerprints: 5
- Civil papers: 8
- Warrants processed: 3
- Assistance/Welfare check: 0
- Search and Rescue: 0

### Justice Court

Violation of the basic rule: Tucker L. Davis, 23, Redmond, Nov. 27, 73/55 zone, fined \$165; Charles L. Meyer, 39, Ukiah, Texas, Dec. 1, 79/55 zone, fined \$265; Owen L. Holum, 63, Enterprise, Nov. 21, 75/55 zone, fined \$165; Beanie Hobgood, 85, Mulino, Nov. 14, 68/55 zone, fined \$165; David G. Stubblefield, 72, Monument, Nov. 29, 75/55 zone, fined \$165; Michael

J. Kutz, 29, Dallas, Nov. 11, 75/55 zone, fined \$165; Pravin J. Pate, 69, Lake Oswego, Nov. 18, 70/55 zone, fined \$165; Mathew W. Scott, 38, Prineville, Nov. 25, 70/55 zone, fined \$165.

Violation of speed limit: Sharon A. Fritsch, 57, Beaver Creek, Nov. 17, 55/35 zone, fined \$165; Sean A. Hoolehan, 51, Pendleton, Dec. 5, 82/65 zone, fined \$265; Wyatt M. Armstrong, 18, Hereford, Nov. 15, 44/30 zone, fined \$165; Meghan M. Tremblay, 34, Prairie City, Nov. 19, 74/65 zone, fined \$165; James A. Moore, 53, Dayville, Nov. 11, 74/65 zone, fined \$140; Thomas Mulder, 65, Brush Prairie, Washington, Nov. 18, 50/35 zone, fined \$165; Douglas M. Johnson, 63, Tahoma, California, Nov. 12, 76/65 zone, fined \$265; Jacqueline Burns, 44, Mt. Vernon, Oct. 3, 40/30 zone, fined \$95.

Driving uninsured: Patrick E. Conrad, 32, Pendleton, Oct. 22, fined \$265.

Operating without required light: Kevin G. Kimberling, 47, Prairie City, Nov. 9, fined \$165.

Failure to drive within lane: Kathleen E. Lockwood, 67, Cordova, Tennessee, Nov. 7, fined \$265.

Failure to carry proof of compliance with financial responsibility requirements: Lewis A. Burdick, 58, Canyon City, Nov. 30, fined \$135.

Operating without proper fenders: Marti Jo T. Bays, 47, Springfield, Nov. 21, fined \$165.

Failure to properly use safety belt: Logan R. Bailey, 41, John Day, Nov. 20, fined \$115.

Use of cellphone while driving: Jessica J Williams, 32, Harper, Nov. 26, fined \$265.

Exceeding length: William R. Crawford, 32, Spencer, Tennessee, Nov. 23, fined \$115.

Careless Driving: Ronald J. Martinelli, 52, Grants Pass, Nov. 22, fined \$440. Tiffany R. Bryant was

ordered to pay a fine of \$440 after a plea of no contest on Dec. 18 for disorderly conduct.

Frank A. Appiah was ordered to pay a fine of \$440 after a plea of no contest on Dec. 18 for possessing a doe with no tag outside.

Adam A. Young was ordered to pay a fine of \$115 after a plea of no contest on Dec. 18 for violating travel management agreement.

### Dispatch

John Day dispatch worked 84 calls during the week of Dec. 16-19, including:

### John Day Police Department

Dec. 16: Responded to a report of attempted forced entry and dispute on South-west Brent Street.

Dec. 17: James Cook Jr., 29, of John Day was arrested for harassment.

### Oregon State Police

Dec. 18: Advised of pigs on Highway 26 near milepost 142.

Dec. 19: Received a

report of a noninjury crash on Highway 26 near milepost 184.

### Grant County Sheriff's Office

Dec. 16: Received a report of theft on Park Avenue in Seneca.

Dec. 16: Advised of cows roaming loose in Mt. Vernon on Ingle Street.

Dec. 16: Responded to domestic abuse on Moon Creek Lane.

Dec. 19: Advised of a car in the river.

### John Day ambulance

Dec. 16: Dispatched for an elderly woman not feeling well on Northeast Seventh Avenue.

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### Prairie City fire

Dec. 16: Notified of possible flue fire on East 12th Street.

### Long Creek ambulance

Dec. 16: Along with John Day ambulance, responded to a 15-year-old girl with asthma.

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