

Grant County reports 10th COVID-19 case

Person who tested positive resides in John Day ZIP code

Blue Mountain Eagle

Grant County has its 10th COVID-19 case.

The Grant County Health Department confirmed in a press release Sunday morning an individual in the John Day ZIP code tested positive.

The health department said they initiated contact tracing. The individual is working with the department for proper care and safety, the press release said, and the department is contacting other people who meet the definition of close contacts — within 6 feet for more than 15 minutes.

The health department encourages all residents to take the following precautions:

- Wear mask indoors and where a mask outdoors if 6 feet of distancing can not be maintained.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or



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Grant County Health Department staff prepare COVID-19 tests in May. The health department confirmed a 10th positive COVID-19 case in then John Day ZIP code Sunday.

mouth with unwashed hands.

- Cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze.
- Stay home if you feel ill.

After someone contracts COVID-19, if the develop symptoms they will usually appear within 14 days.

The Grant County Health Department urges anyone exhibiting symptoms to call 541-575-0429.

Fire restrictions eased on forest

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Fire restrictions have been eased on the Malheur National Forest.

All three ranger districts moved to an Industrial Fire Precaution Level of II Tuesday. Phase B of public use restrictions are still in effect.

The IFPL regulates industrial activities such as logging. It does not regulate any recreational or firewood cutting activities on the Malheur National Forest. Under IFPL II, the following may operate only between the hours of 8 p.m. and 1 p.m. local time: power saws except at loading sites; cable yarding; and welding or cutting of metal.

Under Phase B of the public use restrictions, following acts are prohibited on the Malheur National Forest:

1. Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, camp-

fire, charcoal briquette or stove fire, except within a developed recreation site.

2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site, or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable material.
3. Operating a chainsaw between the hours of 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. Saw operators are required to have a shovel (8 inches wide, 26 inches in length), and fire extinguisher (minimum ABC 8 oz.) in their possession. A one-hour fire watch is required after saw operations cease. Generators are allowed when located in a location cleared of flammable material in an area at least 10 feet in diameter and approved spark arrestor.
4. Operating or using any internal or external combustion engine without a spark arresting

device properly installed, maintained and in effective working order.

5. Possess or use a vehicle off National Forest System roads, except when parking in an area devoid of vegetation within 10 feet of the roadway.

For more information, call 541-575-3000. For current public use restrictions and Industrial Fire Precaution Levels, call 541-575-3113.

The Oregon Department of Forestry's Central Oregon District has also reduced its regulated-use closures in effect for public activities to a 1-8 p.m. restriction for high-risk activities such as mowing dry grass and chain saw use. When traveling in forested areas, a fire extinguisher or gallon of water and a shovel are required. All open burning is prohibited. For more information, visit odfcentraloregon.com.

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

Jamey A. Mackebon, 41, pleaded guilty Sept. 23 for a count of unlawful possession of methamphetamine and a count of driving under the influence of intoxicants committed on July 11. He was sentenced to six months in jail and 12 months of post-prison supervision. His license was suspended for a year.

Grant County Sheriff

The Grant County Sheriff's Office reported the following for the week of Sept. 23:

- Concealed handgun licenses: 15
- Average inmates: 15
- Bookings: 8
- Releases: 2
- Arrests: 3
- Citations: 1
- Fingerprints: 2
- Civil papers: 16
- Warrants processed: 6
- Assistance/Welfare check: 2

Search and Rescue: 0

Christopher Winesburgh, 19, of John Day was cited for driving uninsured.

Grant County Justice Court

Exceeding speed limit: David H. Chambers, 50, Prineville, Aug. 19, 73/55 zone, fined \$140.

Driving while suspended: Isauro Tehuintle-Chipauha, 58, Springfield, May 22, fined \$1,000.

Lorin J. Hodge was convicted of a count of failure to perform duties of a driver and was sentenced to 30 days in jail. He was ordered to pay \$1,550, and his license was suspended for 90 days.

Jonas C. Waite, 20, of Pilot Rock was convicted of a count of unlawful possession of a pronghorn antelope and was sentenced to 12 months of probation. He was ordered to pay \$1,100 in court fees and fines, and his hunting

license was revoked for 36 months. A count of waste of game animal was dismissed.

Oregon State Police

Sept. 23: Oregon State Police cited and released Kaylee Dyer, 24, on a warrant arrest issued by the Grant County Justice Court. She had a felony arrest warrant out of Washington. The issuing agency requested no action be taken at this time, due to the COVID-19 situation.

Sept. 23: OSP responded to a noninjury, non-blocking vehicle crash on Highway 395B, near milepost 94. When OSP arrived, the vehicle was in the southbound lane ditch. The driver said he was traveling too fast and couldn't negotiate the corner and drove off the road into the ditch. The vehicle came to an uncontrolled rest on its wheels. There appeared to be only minor damage to the vehicle. The driver, Jeremy S. Paluska, 36, of Long Creek was issued a citation for careless driving. The vehicle was tagged and left at the scene.

Sept. 24: OSP stopped a vehicle on North Johnson Street near West Third Street in Prairie City for multiple traffic violations. On contact, there was a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from the vehicle. The driver, Jack D. Bates, 45, Oregon City, had glassy, bloodshot eyes and acted confused. Bates admitted to drinking four or five beers. Bates refused standardized field sobriety tests before and after being read the Rohr's admonishment. According to the DMV, the driver's license status was felony revoked for a felony driving under the influence of intoxicants conviction. There was a .22 semi-automatic pistol and .22 rifle in the vehicle. Dispatch confirmed via criminal history Bates was a convicted felon. OSP arrested Bates for DUII, driving while suspended and two counts of felon in possession of a firearm. Bates's vehicle was released to a friend. OSP transported

Bates to the Grant County Jail. Bates refused to submit to a breath test. OSP applied for and was granted a search warrant for breath or blood samples. Under the warrant, Bates provided a breath sample with a blood alcohol content result of 0.19%. OSP issued Bates citations for DUII, DWS, two counts of felon in possession of a firearm and refusal to take a breath test.

Dispatch

John Day dispatch worked 202 calls during the week of Sept. 20-27, including:

- **John Day Police Department**
- Sept. 20: Abby McBeth, 21, of Monmouth was cited for speeding on Highway 26 near milepost 163.
- Sept. 20: Cited Russell J. Chauncey, 53, of Bend for speeding on Highway 26 near milepost 163.
- Sept. 20: Cited Patrick W. Bailey, 27, of Central Point for speeding n Highway 26 near milepost 163.
- Sept. 20: Cited Andrew D. Wolfer, 40, of Union for speeding on Highway 26 near milepost 163.
- Sept. 21: Cited Keatley M. Wyant, 29, of John Day for driving while suspended and driving without insurance.
- Sept. 21: Cited Dennis J. Harrison, 70, of Granada Hill, California, for speeding on South Canyon Boulevard.
- Sept. 21: Cited Austin D. Russell, 21, of La Pine for speeding on Highway 26 near milepost 163.
- Sept. 22: Responded to a report of a shooting on Southwest First Street.
- Sept. 24: Responded to a child left in a vehicle on East Main Street.
- Sept. 24: Received a report of theft at a business on West Main Street.
- Sept. 26: Received a complaint of a dog running in and out of traffic on East Main Street.
- Sept. 26: Advised of a found dog on Northwest Second Avenue.
- Sept. 27: Cited William A. Towne, 59, of Tualatin for speeding.

Sept. 27: Cited Drew L. Shankweiler, 30, of Bend for speeding on Highway 26 near milepost 163.

Sept. 27: Cited Timothy B. Dean, 28, of Bend for driving while suspended and without insurance on Highway 26 near milepost 163.

- **Oregon State Police**
- Sept. 20: Advised of a dog that had been hit on Highway 26 near milepost 164.
- Sept. 20: Along with John Day ambulance, Grant County Sheriff's Office, Dayville fire, Park Service and Bureau of Land Management law enforcement, responded to a rollover on Highway 26 near milepost 93.
- Sept. 26: Advised of an injured elk near Silvies Valley Ranch.
- Sept. 27: Advised of a vehicle versus bovine crash on Highway 395B near milepost 76.5.
- **Grant County Sheriff's Office**
- Sept. 20: Received a report of a noninjury crash in Canyon City.
- Sept. 21: John Day Inter-agency Dispatch was advised of a forest fire near Long

Creek. Long Creek fire was requested for structure protection with GCSO assisting.

Sept. 21: Received a report of theft of service at a gas station.

Sept. 22: Along with JDPD and OSP, responded to a report of a domestic dispute on West Main Street.

Sept. 23: Received a report of animal abuse on Highway 402.

Sept. 24: Received a report of criminal mischief on Southwest Kilbourne Street.

- **John Day ambulance**
- Sept. 20: Responded for a 68-year-old man with a possible stroke on Southwest First Street.
- Sept. 21: Responded for an 81-year-old man on Northwest First Avenue.
- Sept. 22: Along with Prairie City ambulance and OSP, responded to a single-vehicle crash on Keeney Fork Road.
- Sept. 22: Responded for a 33-year-old woman with difficulty breathing on West Main Street.
- Sept. 23: Responded for an 82-year-old woman on Valley View Drive.

Sept. 24: Responded for an elderly subject who fell on Valley View Drive.

Sept. 25: Paged for a woman with abdominal pain on North Cozart Avenue.

Sept. 25: Responded for a 74-year-old woman with difficulty breathing on North McHaley Avenue.

Sept. 26: Dispatched for a 93-year-old man who was very weak, dizzy and faint on La Costa Road.

Sept. 27: Along with GCSO, OSP and Seneca ambulance, responded for a collision on Highway 395C.

- **Prairie City ambulance**
- Sept. 20: Responded for an 80-year-old woman with nausea and abdominal pain.
- **John Day fire**
- Sept. 21: Fire chief responded to an illegal burn on Point Road.
- **National Park Service**
- Sept. 20: Park Service law enforcement was dispatched to a commercial burglary alarm at the John Day Fossil Beds National Monument.
- **Monument Ambulance**
- Sept. 24: Along with John Day ambulance, paged for a woman with a possible stroke on Highway 19.



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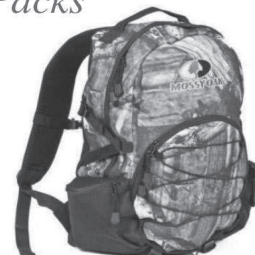
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