

Letters

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'Vote for Carina Miller'

To the Editor:

Are you ready to vote for a dynamic, smart, articulate Native American woman who has served on the Tribal Council of the Warm Springs Reservation? Are you ready to elect a candidate who has the lived and professional experience to advocate for all rural Oregonians in Salem? Then vote for Carina Miller for Senate District 30.

We've met Carina Miller and heard her talk several times. We're impressed with her knowledge of the issues and solutions. She will stand for our environment, passing policy to address climate change now, creating a more sustainable economy and making sure we have just transition. She'll advocate for recovery services, making sure we are advocating for communities in rural Oregon who need access to geographically available treatment, mental health and in- and outpatient programs. Education is a priority for her to ensure we are providing more educational opportunities to all communities in Oregon. This means more kinds of learning options, like bringing trades programs back. She'll back social justice programs, because it's important we have elected officials who recognize issues of systemic racism and inequitable policies and laws, and who take steps in addressing them.

She'll represent all the people in her district, not just the big economic interests. She's not a quitter. She won't walk off the job when important legislation is at stake like the incumbent did. She's committed to working with people of all persuasions to make life better for all the constituents in her district.

Marjorie and John Thelen
Burns

'Is this just political?'

To the Editor:

Just an observation about a quote from Todd McKinley's comments that things were shoved under the rug. Well, as a law enforcement officer, weren't you obligated to disclose that information to someone? District attorney, county judge? Doesn't that make you as bad as the people who are doing this? Or is this just political? Just wondering.

Delbert Newman
John Day

'Join me in voting for Rob Raschio'

To the Editor:

I have had the opportunity to work in different aspects of the legal system in Grant County. I began my career at the District Attorney's Office, where I worked for approximately 11 years before making the decision to leave that office to work with Rob Raschio near the end of 2015. I quickly realized how fortunate I was to work with Rob in his law practice. His wealth of knowledge and experience helps to put clients at ease and creates a positive relationship amongst clients, courts

and other attorneys. Rob works incredibly hard to do what's best for our clients and gives thoughtful consideration of how the outcomes will impact their lives. As a judge, Rob will take the time to ensure that every outcome is suiting to the situation presented before him.

I am very excited to see Rob accomplish his goal to be elected to the circuit court in Grant and Harney counties. I have the utmost confidence in his abilities and know he will continue to serve in a just, fair and impartial manner. Please join me in voting for Rob Raschio this November.

Cleo McCluskey
John Day

'Two weeks on the local news'

To the Editor:

It's been a lively two weeks on the local news.

On the one hand, we have, allegedly, likely, if truth were known, a group of county officials engaged in gross misuse of emergency funds including attempted theft, hours billed, etc., complete with misspeaks and occultation, presently being whitewashed, getting away with it.

On the other, we have a handful of youngsters who allegedly committed thefts, lower level, less value, no chance of getting away with it.

And we have, lo and behold, more salacious criminal allegations against the very enforcers and executors of the law who will sit in judgment of those youngsters — but not the county officials; that's handled — in the family.

And how is theft (keeping a found item though the rightful owner is known: a former collaborator!) of a fishing pole less of a crime than theft of a rifle? Admittedly, GCSO has been short staffed.

That \$100,000 fact raises some questions:

Was the sheriff required to report his wayward deputy to the DA, the county commissioner, back in February 2019? Even before any determination of crime level, if any. The difficulty obtaining information (by the BME) speaks a volume.

Is the county set up to take appropriate action, i.e. terminating employees who cost the taxpayer more than their salary, unnecessarily, for pure mischief (LGBT issue)?

The COVID-19 situation did indeed require quick planning, as Mr. Myers states.

To facilitate, therefore, an experienced EOC manager is fired, replaced by inexperienced predatory interlopers. Hmm.

The new cow mutilations further shock us: The featured ranchers have family here.

The "no blood" issue can be explained by any biology major at GU High: blood consists of lymph, red and white blood cells, platelets. A pumping heart keeps this mix in constant motion, and red. Pumping stops, lymph and particles separate, and we find clear to yellowish lymph, pulled to the lower portions by gravity. This takes one to three hours after death.

My guess: We will never see the investigation results; "ongoing case" for the next 50 years, joining those of the last 50.

Vega Nunez
Ritter

Monument receiving improvements to their water system

New irrigation system, filtration and well pumps gained in the project

By Rudy Diaz
Blue Mountain Eagle



Eagle file photo

The North Fork John Day River flows on the edge of Monument. The river passes under Highway 402 on the east side of town.

Improvements to Monument's water system are underway as crews begin working on the system to help address filtration, irrigation and water levels.

Monument City Recorder Dorothy Jordan said the state tested their water system back in 2010 and categorized their system as under the influence of surface water. The state gave Monument two options: find a new source or do additional treatment to the water.

"Over the last 10 years the city was trying to explore all these different avenues, and a new source wasn't feasible," Jordan said. "They decided to go ahead with the additional treatment, which is the filtration."

Heco Engineer from Payette, Idaho, started work in the beginning of September with preliminary work such as bringing in their equipment and supplies, trench digging and getting ready to put in an irrigation system. This \$1.8 million project is being covered by a Community Development Block Grant.

This will allow residents to irrigate from the irrigation system instead of using drinking water to do so.

"They're getting the trenches dug, and they're get-

ting the irrigation pipes laid out," Jordan said.

The irrigation pipes aren't getting hooked up yet, but the crew is working to get the pipes in the ground to beat the winter weather. A filtration building will be added at the water tower, and the current well will see improvements, such as new pumps and redoing the building, according to Jordan.

The improvements of the well will also help minimize the chance for water levels to get low like this summer.

Jordan said this is the first year Monument's pumps and well weren't keeping up with the community's demand.

"The level in the tower was uncomfortable for public works because you really want to make sure your water tower is at full capacity for fires and fire suppression, especially in the summer," Jordan said.

Monument had a perfect storm of many variables coinciding at the same time. She said the pumps weren't working as well as they had been,

the community had a higher demand, the water table was low and the tower was not staying full.

The city implemented water restrictions to combat the problem that started in the beginning of August.

"Until we had the water tower catch up, we asked everybody to do no outside irrigation whatsoever," Jordan said. "Once the tower caught up and the well was maintaining a decent level, we opened back up with restrictions."

The city asked the residents to water two days a week for up to two hours. Even with the restrictions, the community accommodated to the changes and helped the current water system recover.

"Our residents really stepped up and did what we asked them to do," Jordan said. "Some lawns got a little browner, but like I said they pulled together as a community, and we, the entire staff here at the city, appreciate the fact that they did that."

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

Bobbi Jo Workman, 38, pleaded guilty Oct. 8 to a count of recklessly endangering another person and a count of violating speed limit committed on Sept. 12. Her license was suspended for 90 days, and she was sentenced to 18 months of bench probation. She was ordered to complete 40 hours of community service and pay \$365 in fines. A count of driving under the influence of intoxicants was diverted and a count of recklessly endangering another person was dismissed.

Kevin G. Kimberling, 48, pleaded guilty Sept. 17 to a count of driving under the influence of intoxicants committed on Sept. 7. His license was revoked for life, and he was sentenced to serve 45 days in jail, 24 months of supervised probation. He was ordered to complete 80 hours of community service and pay \$2,755 in fines.

Grant County Sheriff

The Grant County Sheriff's Office reported the following for the week of Oct. 7:

- Concealed handgun licenses: 9
- Average inmates: 20
- Bookings: 10
- Releases: 4
- Arrests: 2
- Citations: 2
- Fingerprints: 2
- Civil papers: 6
- Warrants processed: 2
- Assistance/Welfare check: 0
- Search and Rescue: 1
- Torrie Weathers, 29, of Boring was cited for violation of the basic rule, 74/55 zone.
- Leticia Palmer, 47, of Baker City was cited for violating speed limit, 42/25 zone.

Oregon State Police

Oct. 4: A landowner

reported hearing two shots near his property on Roe Creek Road near Fossil. A mule deer buck was subsequently located with a gunshot wound. Wheeler County Sheriff's Office notified Oregon State Police to continue the investigation.

Oct. 5: A John Day Fish and Wildlife trooper received information that a hunter checked his bear into the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife past the required 10-day time limit. The trooper contacted the hunter and learned that, due to compound circumstances including interim regulation changes due to COVID-19, the hunter did not fully understand the regulation. The hunter was educated regarding the requirement, and a warning was issued.

Oct. 10: OSP saw a known suspended driver eastbound on Highway 26 near milepost 162. OSP stopped the vehicle at the Les Schwab's parking lot and contacted the driver, Blain S. Ross, 37, of Canyon City. OSP confirmed Ross's Oregon license was misdemeanor suspended for refusing a breath test. OSP arrested Ross and secured his vehicle at the scene. OSP transported Ross to the Grant County Jail. OSP issued Ross a citation for driving while suspended and lodged him at the jail.

Oct. 10: OSP stopped a vehicle on Highway 26 near milepost 154 for a turn signal violation. The driver, Kaylee Dyer, 25, had a felony warrant for her arrest for burglary out of Spokane County, Wash-

ington. OSP arrested Dyer on the warrant. OSP was familiar with Dyer and a man associated with her. OSP knew the man, Lucas Klum, 41, of Redmond also had a felony warrant for his arrest for burglary out of Spokane County, Washington, as well as a felony failure to appear warrant out of Deschutes County. OSP went to Mt. Vernon to notify Dyer's mother of her arrest as well as her needing to move the vehicle. Klum came to the door, and OSP took him into custody without incident. Deschutes County requested Klum be cited and released on their warrant. Spokane County requested physical custody for both subjects. OSP transported both subjects to the Grant County Jail where OSP lodged them on the Spokane County warrants. OSP issued Klum a citation for the Deschutes County warrant.

Dispatch

John Day dispatch worked 184 calls during the week of Oct. 5-11, including:

• John Day Police Department

Oct. 5: Dispatched to a report of criminal mischief on Southwest Brent Street.

Oct. 8: Responded to a dispute on East Main Street.

Oct. 10: Responded to a hit and run on Valley View Drive.

Oct. 10: Received a report of identification fraud in John Day.

• Oregon State Police

Oct. 7: Advised of a non-injury crash on Highway 26.

• Grant County Sheriff's Office

Oct. 5: Received a report of trespassing at Miller Mountain.

Oct. 5: Received a report of a noninjury crash on Crane Prairie GS.

Oct. 5: Received a report of a dispute on South Adam Drive.

Oct. 6: Received a report of theft at Granite.

Oct. 6: Received a report of burglary on Ford Road.

Oct. 7: Received a report of theft on Highway 395S.

Oct. 11: Along with OSP, Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative and Oregon Department of Transportation, responded for a power line down across Highway 26 near milepost 152.

• John Day ambulance

Oct. 6: Paged for a man with a pinched nerve who fell on Roper Road.

Oct. 7: Dispatched to an elderly woman who fell on West Main Street.

Oct. 9: Along with Seneca, dispatched for a woman who fell on A Avenue.

Oct. 9: Paged for a woman who was weak with nosebleeds on Southwest Moore Street.

Oct. 10: Responded for an 82-year-old woman with chest pain on South McCallum Avenue.

Oct. 11: Responded for an 85-year-old woman who had fallen on Northwest Third Avenue.

Oct. 11: Responded for an 86-year-old man with difficulty breathing on Northwest First Avenue.

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