

Dollar General completes all permitting with John Day

Construction likely to begin in early 2021

By Rudy Diaz
Blue Mountain Eagle

Dollar General is one step closer to construction in John Day.

John Day City Manager Nick Green updated the council on the Dollar General on Oct. 27 and said that all the permitting with the city was completed.

The city signed off on Dollar General's structure permitting application, which is currently going through approval from the state.

Green said Dollar General also executed their agreement to close on the property.

"They'll go into construc-

tion as soon as that permitting goes in on the other side of the winter months," Green said. "Probably early 2021."

The Zaremba group, on behalf of Dollar General, submitted the application in May to construct a 9,100-square foot store in front of Napa Auto Parts, across the highway, in between Timbers Bistro and the John Day Trailer Park, at 700 W. Main St.

The Type III site design review application states under "Requested Land Use Action" that the project plans to include one freestanding sign, parking and landscape improvements with 36 parking spaces, including two ADA spaces, and a 36-foot-wide driveway with a new access approach to U.S. Highway 26.

Grant County reports four new COVID-19 cases Tuesday

Total county case count now at 18

By Steven Mitchell
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Grant County has four new COVID-19 cases, bringing the county's total case count to 18.

The Grant County Health Department confirmed in a press release Tuesday that four people in the John Day and Prairie City ZIP codes tested positive.

The health department said they initiated contact tracing. The individuals are working with their health care providers 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.

Grant County Health Administrator Kimberly Lindsay said Monday, if case numbers go up, schools may be forced to shut down in-person classes.

Lindsay said she does not say that to use fear to get the public to comply with Gov. Kate Brown's social distancing



Eagle file photo

Grant County Health Department staff unload personal protective equipment May 7 during the department's curbside COVID-19 testing.

guidelines.

"All of our interactions are interrelated," Lindsay said. "What we do on the weekend can impact the schools even a week from now."

She said it is crucial to notice what

happened in Harney County: Virtually overnight, their case count doubled.

Harney County is at 39 positive cases and no deaths Tuesday, while nearby Malheur County is at 1,992 cases and 38 deaths.

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

- Wear masks indoors and outdoors if 6 feet of distancing can not be maintained.
- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Cover mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing.
- Stay home when feeling ill.

After someone contracts COVID-19, if they develop symptoms, they will usually appear within 14 days, including fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath, fatigue, body aches, headaches, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion, runny nose, nausea, vomiting or diarrhea.

The Grant County Health Department urges anyone exhibiting these symptoms to call 211 or 541-575-0429.

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

Blain S. Ross, 37, pleaded guilty Oct. 29 to a count of driving under the influence of intoxicants and a count of refusal to take a test for intoxicants committed on Aug. 23. He was sentenced to 30 days in jail and 18 months of supervised probation. He was ordered to pay \$2,905 in fines and fees, and his license is revoked for life. A count of driving while suspended or revoked against Ross, allegedly committed on Oct. 10, was dismissed on Nov. 2 based on a motion by Grant County District Attorney Jim Carpenter because of a negotiated resolution in the DUII case.

A count of unlawful possession of methamphetamine, allegedly committed Nov. 5, 2019, and a count of failure to appear on a criminal citation, allegedly committed on Sept. 24, against Adam L. Gilliam were dismissed on Oct. 27 based on a motion by Carpenter because the defendant has other matters elsewhere to deal with and the state is not seeking his return to Grant County.

Grant County Sheriff

The Grant County Sheriff's Office reported the following for the week of Oct. 28:

- Concealed handgun licenses: 7
- Average inmates: 14
- Bookings: 10
- Releases: 10
- Arrests: 4
- Citations: 0
- Fingerprints: 2
- Civil papers: 13
- Warrants processed: 4
- Assistance/Welfare check: 0
- Search and Rescue: 2

Grant County Justice Court

Violation of basic rule: Christopher L. Lascola, 51, San Luis Obispo, California, Aug. 29, 90/55 zone, fined \$440; Pamela D. Pollard, 52, Mt. Vernon, Oct. 6, 71/55 zone, fined \$165; Robert S. Sloan Jr., 37, Bend, Sept. 5, 81/55 zone, fined \$265; Darrel G. Flint, 60, Beaverton, Sept. 26, 78/55 zone, fined \$265; Quinton G. Jones, 22, Lake Oswego, Sept. 21, 74/55 zone, fined \$165; Gordon D. Cousins, 63, Bend, Aug. 9, 75/55 zone, fined \$165; Keith E. Franklin, 76, Tucson, Arizona, Sept. 17, 74/55 zone, fined \$165; Meredith E. Whitney, 38, Springfield, Sept. 22, 71/55 zone, fined \$165.

Exceeding speed limit: Dillon D. Eliason, 24, Colorado Springs, Colorado, Oct. 6, 43/25 zone, fined \$165; Douglas S. Baker, 65, Gladstone, Sept. 18, 95/65 zone, fined \$440; Russell J. Chauncey, 53, Bend, Sept. 20, 61/35 zone, fined \$265; Cole B. Winegar, 30, Prairie City, Oct. 5, 74/65 zone, fined \$165; Drew L. Shankweiler, 31, Bend, Sept. 27, 50/35 zone, fined \$165; William A. Towne, 59, Tualatin, Sept. 27, 55/35 zone, fined \$165; Patrick W. Bailey, 27, Central Point, Sept. 20, 55/35 zone, fined \$165; Wayne D. Hudson, 26, Beaverton, Sept. 21, 49/30 zone,

fined \$165; Alfred V. Camacho, 88, Prineville, Sept. 26, 48/30 zone, fined \$165; Leticia A. Palmer, 47, Baker City, Oct. 4, 42/25 zone, fined \$165.

Failure to drive within lane: Timothy A. Keeton, 47, Sisters, Sept. 28, fined \$265; Ty L. Neuschwander, 26, Burns, Sept. 29, fined \$265.

Carrying a loaded firearm or bow on all-terrain vehicle: Benjamin A. Pearson, 22, Forest Grove, Oct. 3, fined \$265.

Open container of alcohol: William J. McGinnis, 76, Corbett, Oct. 3, fined \$265.

Oregon State Police

Oct. 27: Oregon State Police heard Grant County dispatch advise they received a report of an intoxicated man who took his 8-year-old daughter from his residence in Long Creek and was driving to the John Day area. OSP located the involved vehicle and stopped it near milepost 112 on Highway 395B. On contact, the driver, Jeremy S. Paluska, 36, of Long Creek had glassy, bloodshot eyes. There was a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from the vehicle. Paluska's daughter was in the backseat. Paluska admitted to drinking several beers and a couple shots of whiskey. Paluska consented to field sobriety tests where he displayed further indicators of impair-

ment. OSP arrested Paluska for driving under the influence of intoxicants and recklessly endangering another person. OSP secured the vehicle at the scene. A Grant County deputy transported the child back to her residence in Long Creek. OSP transported Paluska to the Grant County Jail. Paluska submitted to a breath test that indicated a blood alcohol concentration result of 0.11%. OSP issued Paluska citations for DUII-alcohol and recklessly endangering another person and lodged him at the jail.

Dispatch

John Day dispatch worked 161 calls during the week of Oct. 26 to Nov. 1, including:

• John Day Police Department

Oct. 26: Received a report of theft at a business on Northeast Second Avenue.

Oct. 26: Tanner Prock, 24, of Prairie City was arrested on a Grant County warrant.

Oct. 27: Received a report of a hostile individual at a

business in John Day.

Oct. 28: Responded to a report of harassment on East Main Street.

Oct. 28: Received a report of a cyber crime on Valley View Drive.

Oct. 29: Arrested Travis M. Bryers on West Main Street.

Oct. 29: Nicole Schaffer, 24, of Mt. Vernon was arrested on several Grant County and Umatilla County warrants.

Oct. 30: Along with OSP, responded to an unknown disorderly situation in John Day.

Oct. 31: Received a report of a man who was half dressed with a half-dressed baby walking down South Canyon Boulevard yelling.

Oct. 31: Received a report of someone homeless who could possibly use help.

Nov. 1: Steven Warrington, 31, of John Day was cited and released on Linn County warrant.

• Oregon State Police

Oct. 28: Received a report of a tree on the road and a rock on Highway 395B near milepost 75.

Oct. 28: Received a report of a possible drunk driver on Highway 26 near milepost 150.

• Grant County Sheriff's Office

Oct. 28: Received a report of a dispute on Southeast Hillcrest Drive.

Oct. 30: Received a report of a noninjury crash on Highway 395 near milepost 112.

Nov. 1: Received a report of child abuse on McCallum Avenue.

• **John Day ambulance**
Oct. 28: Dispatched for an elderly man who fell on Southwest First Street.

Oct. 31: Responded to Prairie City for an 82-year-old woman who was sick, weak and losing weight on North Cozart.

Nov. 1: Responded for an elderly patient who fell on Northeast Seventh Avenue.

• **Mt. Vernon fire**
Oct. 27: Paged to Happy Valley Road for a grass fire.

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