

Who will be on the ballot in May?

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The May 18 primary election is on the horizon, and here are the seats residents will see on Election Day.

Education Service District

Three seats are available in the Grant County ESD this year. There is one at-large position available with Laurel Nelson from John Day running for the spot.

Robert Cockrell from Monument is running for a seat in Zone 3, and nobody filed to fill the seat in Zone 5.

School districts

All five school districts have people running for seats.

At Grant School District 3, Jake Taylor is running for the one at-large position. Haley Walker is running for a seat in Zone 2. Aaron Lieuallen is running for a seat in Zone 3. Chris Labhart is running for a seat in Zone 4. Nobody filed for the open spot in Zone 1.

At Prairie City School Dis-



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Grant County Clerk Brenda Percy

trict 4, Chris Camarena is running for Position 1. Dwight Howard and Frances Preston are running for Position 2. Jenni Workman is running for Position 3. Jenny Shaw is running for Position 4. Jamie McKay is running for Position 6.

At Monument School District 8, Casey Schultz is running for an at-large position. Liz Lovelock is running for an at-large position. Nobody filed for two at-large positions.

At Dayville School District 16J, Babette Larson is running

for Position 1. Tina Rhoda is running for Position 3. Nobody filed for Position 2.

At Long Creek School District 17, Marsiellette Watson is running for Position 3. Nobody filed for Position 1.

Other positions

Grant County Transportation District has Bryan Nelson, Jim Jerome, Peggy Neal and Frances Preston running for three at-large positions.

John Day Rural Fire District has Bryan Nelson and Kirk Ausland running for two at-large positions available for four-year terms. Dale Stennett is running for one at-large position for a two-year unexpired term.

Mt. Vernon Rural Fire District has Willis Kimball and Daniel Koming running for three at-large positions available.

Prairie Rural Fire District has Lori Hire running for one of the two at-large positions available.

John Day-Canyon City Parks and Recreation District

has Lisa Weigum, Kimberly Hernandez and Rich Lallatin running for the three at-large positions available.

Blue Mountain Hospital District has Linda Ladd and Frances Preston running for the one at-large position available. Karla Averett is running for Position 1. Teena Ballard, Chris Labhart and Shawna Clark filed for Position 2.

Dayville Cemetery District has Nancy Moore and Sue Cannon running for the two at-large positions available.

Fox Cemetery District has Dick Galbreath running for one at-large position.

Long Creek Cemetery District has Jacqueline Burnette and Valores Hall running for the two at-large positions.

Mid-County Cemetery District has Dorman Gregory and Ben Lindley running for the two at-large positions.

Monument Cemetery District has nobody filed for the three at-large positions.

Prairie Cemetery District has Marelene Woodley filed for the one at-large position available.

Theft charge against Connery dismissed pending further investigation

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Theft charges against Isaac Connery have been dismissed pending further investigation.

Connery, 23, pleaded not guilty to one count of unauthorized use of a vehicle April 1.

Special Appointed Deputy District Attorney J. Michael Swart filed a motion to dismiss the charge without prejudice — meaning the state can file the charges again later — pursuant to further investigation April 16.

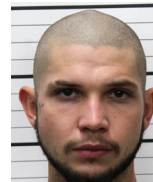
Connery now has a Salem address, according to court documents.

In a secret indictment filed June 23, 2020, Connery was accused of unlawfully taking Terry Smith's 2006 Toyota Tacoma on July 18, 2018.

According to press releases from Grant County District Attorney Jim Carpenter, Connery killed Terry Smith and his wife, Sharon, before setting fire to their home on Nan's Rock Road near Mt. Vernon.

Carpenter said Connery confessed to the crimes, but the confession, and subsequent information obtained, was ruled inadmissible in court because of Miranda rights violations.

Two counts of first-degree murder and one count of first-degree arson were also dismissed without prejudice against Connery and his mother, Gabrielle Connery, 47.



Isaac Connery

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 A. Salanti, 65, pleaded guilty on April 20 to two counts of delivery of methamphetamine committed on Feb. 19 and March 8. He was sentenced to serve 36 months of probation and 160 hours of community service and ordered to pay \$440 in fines. A count of conspiracy to commit a class B felony, three counts of unlawful possession of methamphetamine and a count of delivery of methamphetamine were dismissed.

Grant County Sheriff

The Grant County Sheriff's Office reported the following for the week of April 21:

- Concealed handgun licenses: 3
- Average inmates: 9
- Bookings: 6
- Releases: 6
- Arrests: 0
- Citations: 3
- Fingerprints: 0
- Civil papers: 8
- Warrants processed: 3
- Assistance/Welfare check: 0

Search and Rescue: 1
Felipe Martinez, 29, of Ontario was cited for driving while suspended and uninsured and violation of basic rule, 80/65 zone.

George Brown, 46, of Mt. Vernon was cited for second-degree disorderly conduct and offensive littering.

Grant County Justice Court

Violation of the basic rule: Jonathan R. Doty, 37, Butte City, California, March 26, 50/30 zone, fined \$165; Douglas L. Smith, 56, Hines, April 4, 79/55 zone, fined \$265; Lance C. Clark, 57, Miles City, Montana, March 27, 50/30 zone, fined \$165; Lucas R. Morgan, 37, Hermiston, April 7, 80/55 zone, fined \$265; Svetlana V. Izotov, 21, Vancouver, Washington, April 8, 71/55 zone, fined \$165; Kaylee P. Dyer, 25, Mt. Vernon, March 16, 73/55 zone, fined \$165; Janine L. Nalbone, 58, Chico, California, March 2, 73/55 zone, fined \$165; Mark R. Wessling, 63, Bend, March 16, 80/55 zone, fined \$265; Connor M. White, 19, Mt. Vernon, April 4, 95/55 zone, fined \$225.

Exceeding speed limit: Zafar Yasin, 54, John Day, March 14, 42/25 zone, fined \$165; Kimberly R. Jacobs,

40, Prairie City, March 17, 78/65 zone, fined \$265; Thomas J. Currier, 29, San Francisco, California, March 11, 50/30 zone, fined \$165; Joseph D. Odell, 38, Star, Idaho, March 22, 50/30 zone, fined \$165; Dylan R. Bromley, 28, Portland, March 25, 42/25 zone, fined \$165; Stevie L. Porter, 37, Mt. Vernon, March 31, 75/65 zone, fined \$140; Juvenile, 17, Mt. Vernon, March 12, 75/65 zone, fined \$100.

Driving while suspended: Adrian L. Couey, 36, John Day, March 24, fined \$440; Destiny D. Nolan, 20, Prairie City, March 10, fined \$440; David J. Darling, 46, John Day, March 13, fined \$440; March 19, fined \$440; Jacob G. Mears, 48, John Day, Feb. 24, fined \$440.

Driving uninsured: Adrian L. Couey, 36, John Day, March 24, fined \$265; Demar G. Miller, 43, Cheney, Washington, March 15, fined \$265; Destiny D. Nolan, 20, Prairie City, March 10, fined \$265; David J. Darling, 46, John Day, March 13, fined \$265; Connor M. White, 19, Mt. Vernon, April 4, fined \$135.

No operator's license: Jonathan R. Doty, 37, Butte City, California, March 26, fined \$440; Kaylee P. Dyer, 25, Mt. Vernon, March 16, fined \$265;

Demar G. Miller, 43, Cheney, Washington, March 15, fined \$265; Daniel J. Goldstein, 28, Boulder, Colorado, Feb. 26, fined \$440.

Passing in a no-pass zone: Daniel J. Goldstein, 28, Boulder, Colorado, Feb. 26, fined \$265.

Steven M. Warrington's probation was extended for 12 months on April 19 due to violating the terms of his probation.

Connor M. White pleaded guilty on April 19 to a count of careless driving. He was ordered to pay a \$135 fine.

On April 20, the court granted a judgment for Matthew E. Sagaser against Joseph V. Radinovich for \$644.

Oregon State Police

April 23: A resident of Dayville reported that a piece of farm equipment spilled a white-colored crystal substance on the highway in Dayville. Upon further investigation, the driver of an International fertilizer spreader drove for about 1 mile on the highway, accidentally spilling fertilizer. The fertilizer was determined not to be hazardous. The driver was issued a warning for operating with a leaking or sifting load. Oregon Department of Transportation responded to the scene and cleaned up the spill.

Dispatch

John Day dispatch worked 161 calls during the week of April 19-25, including:

• John Day Police Department

April 19: Sarah J. Paul, 42, of Salem was arrested for driving under the influence of intoxicants on Highway 26. Paul was cited for driving while suspended and refusal of a urine test.

April 20: Received a report of two dogs attacking a small dog on Bridge Street.

April 21: Responded for a report of disorderly conduct and arrested Clinton J. Phillips, 51, Portland.

April 23: Received a report of possible theft or fraud on Hillcrest Road.

April 24: Dispatched to a report of hit-and-run vehicle damage at a business on West Main Street.

April 25: Arrested Nathan J. Kennedy, 36, Kelso, Washington, on a Grant County warrant.

• Oregon State Police

April 23: Received a report of a burning ditch on Highway 26 near milepost 97.

• Grant County Sheriff's Office

April 19: Takoda L. Propeck, 22, of John Day was arrested by the Klamath Falls Police Department on a Grant County warrant.

April 22: Mackenzie Clark, 25, of Prairie City was arrested on a Grant County warrant.

April 23: Grace Taylor of Canyon City was cited for speeding, 82/55 zone.

April 23: Kassidy Williams, 21, of Canyon City was cited for speeding, 48/25 zone.

April 24: Arrested Ian Humbird, 26, of Canyon City for trespassing on South Washington Street.

April 25: Along with JDPD and OSP, responded to a domestic assault on Highway 395N. Ivy A. Markwick, 24, of Long Creek was arrested. Long Creek and John Day ambulances responded for a 27-year-old man with an injured head.


• John Day ambulance

April 19: Dispatched to an elderly woman with nausea and a headache on Northeast Seventh Avenue.

April 21: Responded for a 52-year-old man with a diabetic issue on North Humbolt Street.

April 21: Responded for an 82-year-old woman with nausea and vomiting on North Humbolt Street.

April 22: Along with Prairie City fire, responded to a report of a woman barely breathing on South Main Street.



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