

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

David W. Kreger, 28, pleaded guilty to a count of harassment committed on Jan. 27 and fourth-degree assault committed on Feb 12. Kreger was sentenced to 15 days in jail, 18 months of supervised probation, 30 hours of community service and ordered to pay \$300 in fines. Counts of fourth-degree assault, strangulation and harassment were dismissed.

Grant County Sheriff

The Grant County Sheriff's Office reported the following for the week of May 19:

- Concealed handgun licenses: 7
- Average inmates: 11
- Bookings: 11
- Releases: 14
- Arrests: 1
- Citations: 2
- Fingerprints: 0
- Civil papers: 16
- Warrants processed: 8
- Assistance/Welfare check: 0
- Search and Rescue: 0

Andrew Roberts, 54, of Vancouver, Washington, was cited for violation of posted speed, 46/35 zone.

Scott Iverson, 28, of Portland was cited for careless driving and violation of posted speed, 73/35 zone.

Dispatch

John Day dispatch worked 194 calls during the week of May 17-23, including:

John Day Police Department

May 17: Jolin C. Goskin, 41, of Graham, Washington, was cited for speed on Highway 395 near milepost 1.

May 17: Kendal L. Fancher, 25, of John Day was cited for speeding on Northwest Seventh Street.

May 18: Stacey Heinrich, 54, of Mt. Vernon was arrested for driving under the influence of intoxicants.

May 18: Spencer Leifheit III, 44, of Mt. Vernon was arrested for driving under the influence of intoxicants.

May 18: Arrested Erik Mountain, 43, of John Day for second-degree criminal trespass and third-degree theft.

May 18: Responded for a report of a domestic disturbance on West Main Street.

May 19: Toby Thomas, 34, of Mt. Vernon was cited for speeding on Highway 26.

May 19: Kenneth Rochefort, 61, of Vancouver, Washington, was cited for speeding.

Oregon State Police

May 20: Received a report of an elk-versus-vehicle crash on Highway 26.

Grant County Sheriff's Office

May 17: Received a report of theft on School House Lane.

May 21: Jeremiah Alsop, 39, of John Day, was arrested on a Grant County warrant.

John Day ambulance

May 17: Dispatched to an elderly woman with back pain on Northwest Canton Street.

May 18: Responded for an 83-year-old woman with diabetic issue on Brent Lane.

May 18: Responded for a woman who fell on Highway 26.

May 21: Responded to a report of a male subject who was unconscious for a short time.

May 22: Dispatched for an elderly woman with difficulty breathing on Brent Lane.

Long Creek ambulance

May 21: Along with the John Day ambulance, dispatched to an elderly woman with back and chest pain on Highway 380N.

John Day's \$1.8 million broadband grant makes progress, almost done

By Rudy Diaz
Blue Mountain Eagle

The U.S. Economic Development Agency agreed to submit a letter of further consideration to provide John Day with \$1.8 million for the city's community broadband project after several resubmissions.

John Day City Manager Nick Green said the city was notified last week by the EDA of the agreement. If the \$1.8 is awarded, it will fund 90% of the total broadband project cost. John Day will be responsible for the remaining 10% match which is approximately \$200,000.

Green said the match funds will come from the city's IT Funds and a \$50,000 grant from the Oregon Community Foundation.

"They're sending a letter of further consideration, which is basically the pre-award and terms for the EDA grant," Green said. "This letter will say we answered all of their questions, and this will basically be a terms sheet and layout the next steps to get to an award."



John Day City Manager Nick Green

Eagle file photo

The grant from EDA would help fund broadband fiber internet to homes and businesses in John Day and support the Grant County Cyber Mill.

The Cyber Mill, previously known as Grant County Coworks, plans to provide access to computers, printers and broadband at facilities in Seneca, John Day and Prairie City.

The city now plans to proceed with the purchase of the Cyber Mill location in John

Day, which is a building on Main Street in between The Outpost and a church, where a gym used to be. The property is currently listed for \$170,000.

EDA authorized this purchase as a pre-agreement cost and will count the expenditure toward the city's matching funds commitment.

A request from the committee that reviewed John Day's application was to either have a title to the future Cyber Mill building in

John Day or a 15-year lease agreement. The building will be the city's until it is transitioned to the Cyber Mill organization. The Cyber Mill organization is currently working on establishing a non-profit status.

"We can transition it off our books and on to theirs if we would purchase it," Green said. "We can transfer this as an asset as soon as our obligations under the grant agreements are completed. We just can't do it before that."

While council members showed support for the Cyber Mill coming to fruition, there were some concerns on the purchase of the site.

John Day City Councilor Heather Rookstool had a concern regarding the cost of repairs for the site.

"I'm just nervous because a year ago it was lower and who knows what the prices are going to be later (when construction begins)," Rookstool said.

The council passed a motion to offer up to \$100,000 to purchase the building in a six to one vote.

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