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A search and rescue crew carries a Bear Valley hunter with a broken leg out of the forest Saturday to a helicopter in the Percival Creek area in Grant County.

## Bear Valley hunter with broken leg carried out of Percival Creek

Blue Mountain Eagle

On Saturday, the Grant County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue teamed up with local ranchers and ambulance crews from John Day and Seneca to carry a Bear Valley hunter out of the Percival Creek area to an Airlink helicopter. Sheriff Todd McKinley said crews packed the victim out and flew him out successfully. McKinley told the Eagle the search and rescue team has had "quite a few" rescues this year.

# Organizer fails to gather enough signatures on county judge recall

By Steven Mitchell  
Blue Mountain Eagle

A petition to recall Grant County Judge Scott Myers failed to garner enough signatures by its Sept. 8 deadline.

Lydia Pluckchi, a compliance specialist in the elections division of the Oregon Secretary of State's Office, told the Eagle in a Friday email the recall process closed after the deadline to gather signatures passed.

"Because no signature sheets for the petition were submitted," she said, "the recall process is now closed."

Myers declined to comment Friday. Chief petitioner Joshua Walker did not immediately respond to the Eagle's request for comment.

In June, Walker, who lives in Seneca, filed a prospective recall petition with the Oregon Secretary of State's Office.

Walker wrote in his justification that Myers has shown a "lack of administrative oversight," a "refusal to collaborate," "financial mismanagement" and a "lack of transparency." In addition, Walker wrote that Myers lacked oversight over departments and county personnel, which led to a lack of confidence in his leadership and overall dysfunction.

According to Deborah Scroggin, the state's election director, the chief petitioner was supposed to collect and submit at least 578 valid signatures from registered voters and submit them no later than 5 p.m. on Sept. 8.

If the recall petition had contained the required number of valid signatures, Myers would have had five days to decide whether to resign from office or file a Statement of Justification that would have been included on the ballot in the special recall election. The county would have had to hold a special county-wide election for the recall within 35 days.



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County Judge Scott Myers during a session of Grant County Court.

## 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

Ty J. Round, 42, pleaded guilty Sept. 3 to delivery of methamphetamine committed July 10, 2020, and to delivery of methamphetamine, possession of methamphetamine and felon in possession of a firearm committed on July 23, 2020. He was sentenced to 23 months in prison and 36 months post-prison supervision. He was ordered to complete 120 hours of community service. Counts of manufacture of methamphetamine, possession of methamphetamine, delivery of methamphetamine, conspiracy to commit a Class B felony, felon in possession of a firearm, strangulation, fourth-degree assault, harassment and possession of a controlled substance were dismissed.

Charges of second-degree criminal trespass and second-degree disorderly conduct against Juan Rubio were dismissed Sept. 7 based on a motion by Grant County District Attorney Jim Carpenter stating the victim requested dismissal so long as Rubio abides by a trespass order. James G. O'Neill was con-

victed Sept. 3 of a probation violation for failing to complete an evaluation and recommended treatment, completing community service work, attending a victim impact panel and paying financial obligations. His probation was revoked, and he was sentenced to 60 days in jail. He was fined \$25.

Philomena J. Dutcher, 38, was found guilty by a jury Sept. 1 of second-degree disorderly conduct committed Feb. 17. She was sentenced to bench probation for 12 months.

### Grant County Sheriff

The Grant County Sheriff's Office reported the following for the week ending Sept. 8:

Concealed handgun licenses: 6  
Average inmates: 7  
Bookings: 9  
Releases: 11  
Arrests: 0  
Citations: 3  
Fingerprints: 3  
Civil papers: 13  
Warrants processed: 3  
Assistance/Welfare check: 0

Search and Rescue: 0  
Sept. 7: Cited Gina Dunning, 43, Terrebonne, for speeding, 80/65 zone.

Sept. 7: Cited Paul Rogers, 64, Sarasota, Florida, for speeding, 46/25 zone.

Sept. 8: Cited Wayne Faw, 65, Baker City, for speeding, 80/55 zone.

### Grant County Justice Court

The Grant County Justice Court reported the following for the week ending Sept. 9:

Traffic citations: 20  
Violation crimes: 1  
Misdemeanors: 0  
Small claims/civil: 0  
Hearings held: 12  
Persons on probation: 40  
Community service hours: 0

License suspensions: 10  
To collections/DOR: 0  
Warrants issued: 1  
Violation of speed limit: Cody A. Bryant, 19, John Day, Aug. 16, 55/35 zone, fined \$140; Kristy R. Scheer, 41, Bend, Aug. 6, 48/30 zone, fined \$140.

Violation of the basic rule: Juvenile, 15, Sale, July 17, 75/55 zone, fined \$265, suspended for failure to appear.  
Exceeding max weight limit: Shane D. Nodine, 64, Mt. Vernon, July 27, fined \$1,620.  
Celeste D. Lee, 29, Mt. Vernon, pleaded no contest Sept. 8 to harassment and was ordered to pay \$440 in fines.

Nikolas R. Endicott, 49, Pendleton, pleaded no contest Sept. 8 to shooting an antelope within 50 yards of a motor vehicle and was ordered to pay \$440 in fines.

### Oregon State Police

Sept. 3: Oregon State Police wildlife troopers issued a violation citation to a female hunter in John Day after it was found that she killed an elk two days before activating her electronic hunting tag.

Sept. 7: A trooper received a report of a dead mule deer buck near Chukar Canyon and Cougar Ridge Roads in Canyon City. No visible wounds or bullets were found on the carcass, but the antlers were removed.

Sept. 9: A trooper was dispatched to a single-vehicle crash on Highway 19, near milepost 119. The driver moved the vehicle roughly a quarter-mile away from the scene. However, the trooper's investigation turned up that the driver became distracted, lost control of the car, traveled outside of his lane, rolled his car down the southbound embankment and landed in the John Day River. The driver was treated for possible injuries.

Sept. 10: A trooper arrested Elias Howe, 23, Kalamazoo, Michigan, who was wanted as a person of interest in a homicide investigation in Kalamazoo.

Sept. 7: Responded to a trespassing report on Sunset Hotel.

Sept. 10: Warned a caller from Elkhorn Motel for abusing 911 calls.

Sept. 11: Dispatched to Sinclair on a report of a theft.

Sept. 11: Warned a driver on a traffic stop on Highway 26, milepost 161.

Sept. 6: Cited and released Ian Humbird, 25, of Canyon City on a Grant County warrant in Canyon City.

Sept. 8: Responded to a report of a juvenile trespassing on West Sixth Street.

Sept. 8: Responded to a suspicious vehicular crash with a calf on Austin Road.

Sept. 9: Responded to a report of a forest fire in Mt. Vernon with the Mt. Vernon Rural Fire Department on McClellan Creek.

Sept. 9: Responded to a report of trespassing on Cottonwood Street.

Sept. 10: Removed multiple obstacles from the roadway between Mt. Vernon and John Day.

Sept. 10: Responded to Patterson Drive on suspicious circumstances.

Sept. 11: Responded with John Day and Seneca ambulance, Oregon State Police

Sept. 10: Responded to a barn fire with John Day Fire Department on Highway 26.

Sept. 12: Issued a citation to Shawn C. Kite, 53, of Prairie City for driving with a suspended license and no insurance at Depot Park.

Sept. 12: Responded to a vehicle-versus-deer crash on Highway 26 near milepost 163.

Sept. 9: Responded to a 911 call with Grant County Sheriff's Office and the John Day Police Department to a vehicular crash on Longview Lane.

Sept. 10: Dispatched to Valley View Assisted Living for a 90-year-old woman with flu-like systems.

Sept. 12: Responded to Dairy Queen for an 18-year-old man having a seizure.

Sept. 11: Responded to Wall Creek to assist Monument ambulance on a medical alarm call.

Sept. 10: Responded to the Barnhouse Campground for a forest fire.

Sept. 11: Responded to a possible out-of-season fire at Penlin Campground.

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### Network Specialist

**Background**  
Grant County ESD is a small Education Service District located in John Day, Oregon. The ESD provides services to five rural school districts covering an area of approximately 4,500 square miles. The network encompasses 4,500 square miles, five school districts, municipalities, and numerous County agencies. Three of the five districts are fiber-connected with the remaining two districts wirelessly backhauled to the ESD.

**Nature of Work**  
The Network Support Specialist works closely with the Information Systems Administrator to evaluate the needs and implement solutions throughout the technology department and supported Districts. General concerns include maintaining the LAN and WAN infrastructure, working closely with other support personnel, assisting in the design, planning and execution of infrastructure to support new applications and technologies that promote increased achievement throughout technology. This individual will use his/her knowledge of IT systems to triage problems and perform overall troubleshooting for potential on-net and off-net support. This individual keeps abreast of emerging technology and industry trends that may be of benefit to the network and makes recommendations accordingly. This individual will also assist in the construction and implementation of the physical network.

**Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:**

- Excellent organizational and project management skills, including ability to organize time and work on multiple tasks; Excellent analytical and problem-solving skills;
- Self-motivated and able to work independently or with a team;
- Excellent interpersonal skills including excellent oral and written communication;
- Demonstrate an in-depth knowledge of Microsoft Operating Systems;
- Current knowledge of Junos and Juniper Networks equipment;
- Possesses hands-on experience with system installation, configuration, and maintenance, including the PC environment, server environment, and the LAN/WAN environment;
- Show an affinity for network topology and design;
- Understand and demonstrate a mastery of various networking protocols and services including: TCP/IP, NetBIOS, and routing protocols;
- Demonstrates an ability to troubleshoot LAN connectivity issues including the physical plant and network protocols;
- Configure and administer network services including: DNS, DHCP, WINS, Active Directory;
- Configure and administer Internet filtering services for constituent Districts;
- Manage disaster recovery;
- Must be willing to work outside of the normal workday and must be able to safely lift 40 pound objects.
- Must be aware of confidentiality concerns and pass background check.

**Suggested Training and Experience**

- Bachelor of Science preferred, minimum three years in the networking field
- Certifications preferred (CompTIA A+, CompTIA Server+, MCP)
- Oregon Limited Energy Technician license preferred

**Salary, Benefits, and Start Date**

- Medical, Dental and Vision coverage available
- PERS (Public Employee Retirement System) eligible position
- Vacation days as well as 11 paid holidays
- 260 day assignment
- Salary Range - DOEE

**How to Apply:**  
Applications may be obtained at the Oregon Employment Department, the Grant County ESD Office, or online at <http://www.grantcsd.k12.or.us/documents/Grant-ESD-Employment-Application.pdf>. Applications and resumes must be returned to the ESD Office at:

Grant County Education Service District  
835 S. Canyon Blvd.  
John Day, OR 97845

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