

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

Jan. 20: Joshua Fleetwood of Mt. Vernon appeared for sentencing after having been convicted by a jury on Jan. 8 of one count of being a felon in possession of a firearm and one count of second-degree disorderly conduct in connection with an incident on June 14. He was acquitted of an additional charge of unlawful use of a weapon. On the firearm possession charge, Fleetwood was sentenced to three years of supervised probation, 30 days in jail with credit for time served and 80 hours of community service or work crew time. On the disorderly conduct charge, he was sentenced to 18 months of bench probation, and 20 hours of community service or work crew time.

Jan. 20: Joshua Haskins of Prairie City was found in contempt of court and was sentenced to one year of bench probation and 35 hours of community service time.

Jan. 23: Brian Edward Kimble of Prairie City pleaded no contest to one count of being a felon in possession of a firearm in connection with a March 3 incident. He was sentenced to one year in prison with credit for time served. The weapon is to be forfeited within 30 days unless a motion contesting that order is filed. Kimble was also ordered to undergo two years of post-prison supervision.

Feb. 1: Three cases against George Nathan Brown of Mt. Vernon were dismissed on the grounds that he had moved away and the victims did not want to proceed. The three cases dated from as far back as August 2020, and the charges against Brown included menacing, second-degree disorderly conduct, offensive littering, two counts of second-degree criminal trespass and four counts of second-degree criminal mischief.

Oregon State Police

Jan. 22: Trooper responded to a single-vehicle crash on Highway 26 in John Day. A Toyota Sienna slid on an icy patch, smacked into a dirt bank and came to rest in the roadway, blocking the eastbound lane. The driver, a 16-year-old girl from Mt. Vernon, was transported to the hospital by a passing motorist but was determined to be uninjured. The vehicle was towed from the scene.

Jan. 23: Trooper responded to a single-vehicle

crash on Highway 395 North near milepost 107B. A Mazda 626 lost control on a curve, hit a snow berm on the side of the highway, skidded across both lanes and went off the road, going airborne before striking a tree and coming to rest on the passenger side in Beech Creek. The driver, a 21-year-old Milton-Freewater man, was uninjured. The vehicle was towed from the scene.

Jan. 24: A trooper stopped a Kia Forte for speeding on Highway 26 entering Mt. Vernon. The car had been reported stolen in New Mexico. Reportedly, the driver showed signs of impairment and admitted to using methamphetamine the night before. After submitting to field sobriety tests, Jerrod Lee Millard, 36, of Albuquerque was cited for speeding, driving uninsured and driving without a license. Millard was also arrested on charges of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and driving under the influence and booked into the Grant County Jail.

Jan. 24: Trooper responded to reports of a commercial vehicle off the road at Highway 26 on the west side of John Day. The vehicle had turned onto Lower Yard Road and, due to its speed and oversize load, been pushed off the road by a second vehicle, causing the second vehicle to block the road while the first vehicle came to rest on an embankment. The driver of the first vehicle, Thomas Shane Van Tassel, 48, was cited for careless driving resulting in an accident and failure to maintain a log.

Jan. 26: Trooper responded to a single-vehicle crash on Highway 395 North near milepost 107B in the Mt. Vernon area. A truck hauling a utility trailer began to spin on a patch of ice. The trailer broke free of the truck, and both truck and trailer came to rest on the shoulder. The driver, a 47-year-old John Day man, and his passenger, a 38-year-old John Day man, were uninjured.

Jan. 27: A man who lives on Laycock Creek Road revealed he had been the victim of an online scam and had sent a large amount of cash to the scammers via FedEx. OSP was able to cancel the shipment, and FedEx is returning the money to the victim.

Jan. 28: Trooper went to an address on Second Street in Prairie City and arrested two people on Grant County warrants for contempt of court by a witness. Ronald James Salazar, 34, and Brittany Lanning West, 33, were taken into custody and transported to the Grant County jail.

Jan. 30: Trooper stopped white Ford Fusion for speeding on Highway

26 near Prairie City. The trooper observed a carton of unopened Mike's Hard Lemonade bottles on the passenger-side floorboard and found a case of opened Keystone beer cans. The driver, Skylar Jade Blankenship, 20, of John Day, was cited for minor in possession of alcohol. All alcoholic beverages were dumped on the ground.

Jan. 31: Trooper responded to a single-vehicle crash on Highway 26 near milepost 153. A 61-year-old woman driving a Toyota, no model specified, swerved to miss a deer and overcorrected, causing the car to spin and go off the highway, through a fence and into a field. The woman was uninjured, and the car was towed.

Grant County Sheriff

The Grant County Sheriff's Office reported the following for the week ending Feb. 2:

- Concealed handgun licenses: 4
- Average inmates: 14
- Bookings: 5
- Releases: 10
- Arrests: 2
- Citations: 1
- Fingerprints: 0
- Civil papers: 36
- Warrants processed: 3
- Asst./welfare check: 0
- Search and rescue: 0

Justice Court

The Grant County Justice Court reported the following activity for the week ending Feb. 2:

- Persons on probation: 43
- Traffic citations filed: 16
- Violations filed: 5
- Misdemeanors filed: 1
- Small claims judgments: 1, in favor of plaintiff
- Community service hours completed: 11
- Warrants issued: 1
- Cases to collections: 36
- Exceeding speed limit: Kale Edward Morris, 18, Canyon City, Nov. 22, 58/45 zone, fined \$140; Trenton Nicholas Kidd, 21, John Day, Jan. 14, 79/65 zone, fined \$200.

Dispatch

Grant County dispatch worked 131 calls during the week ending Feb. 4, including:

- **Oregon State Police**
Jan. 28
7:49 p.m.: Advised of a black cow in the road on Highway 26 near milepost 147.
- Jan. 29
5:43 p.m.: Advised of a

possibly disabled vehicle partially blocking Highway 26 near milepost 166.

6:41 p.m.: Advised of a roadstruck deer on Highway 26 near milepost 157.

Feb. 2
8:57 a.m.: Advised of non-injury accident on Highway 26 near milepost 155.

• **Grant County Sheriff's Office**
Jan. 29

8:27 a.m.: Removed a road hazard from Highway 26 near milepost 143.

12:13 p.m.: Responded to a barking dog complaint on Ervin Street in Dayville. Jeffrey Riggs, 59, was cited for allowing a dog to create a public nuisance.

3:27 p.m.: Advised of a trespassing complaint at Highway 26 and Pine Creek.

6:24 p.m.: Responded to Cottonwood Street, Mt. Vernon, for a criminal mischief complaint.

7:55 p.m.: Responded to Council Drive, Mt. Vernon, for a civil complaint.

8:30 p.m.: Responded to Cottonwood Street, Mt. Vernon, for a report of a dispute. Unfounded.

8:39 p.m.: Advised of a suspicious vehicle in the Adams Drive area of Canyon City.

9:19 p.m.: Advised of a firearm theft on Northwest Seventh Avenue, John Day.

Jan. 30
10:25 a.m.: Traffic stop on Main Street, John Day. Ryan Kellogg, 39, of Burns cited for expired tags.

11:03 a.m.: Traffic Stop, Highway 395, milepost 1. Driver warned for speeding.

5:42 p.m.: Responded to Washington Street, canyon City, for a welfare check.

Jan. 31
3:37 p.m.: Advised of a non-injury accident on Highway 26 near milepost 155.

4:10 p.m.: Executed a search warrant at Grant Union High School, John Day.

4:13 p.m.: Responded to South Humbolt Street, Canyon City, for a welfare check.

6:19 p.m.: Responded to Highway 26 west of Day-

ville for a report of custodial interference.

Feb. 1
2:06 a.m.: Responded to Southeast Hillcrest Road, John Day, for a report of disorderly conduct.

2:30 p.m.: Responded to Dollar General, John Day, for a public assist.

3:47 p.m.: Responded to Blue Mountain Hospital, John Day, for a criminal mischief complaint.

5:54 p.m.: Responded to Grubsteak Mining Co., John Day, for a fraud complaint.

10:36 p.m.: Request for a welfare check at Valley View Assisted Living, John Day, on an overdue motorist from Enterprise.

Feb. 2
2 a.m.: Responded to John Day Trailer Park for reports of people yelling and hitting a vehicle.

8:04 p.m.: Responded to Blue Mountain Hospital, John Day. Dakoda K. Cazier, 25, of John Day arrested on a charge of criminal mischief.

Feb. 3
4:15 p.m.: Responded to Community Corrections Office, Canyon City. William James Collier Jr. of Prairie City was arrested on a Umatilla County warrant.

9:34 p.m.: Responded to Dollar General, John Day, for suspicious circumstances.

Feb. 4
12:28 p.m.: Responded to Council Drive, Mt. Vernon, for a dispute. Spencer Edward Leifheit III, 45, arrested on a charge of second-degree disorderly conduct.

12:33 p.m.: Responded to Southeast Dayton Street, John Day, for suspicious circumstances.

3:28 p.m.: Responded to Franklin Avenue, Dayville. Jody Lynn Wright, 53, was arrested on a charge of second-degree disorderly conduct.

3:51 p.m.: Responded to Dollar General, John Day, for a theft complaint.

• **John Day Ambulance**
Jan. 28

6:14 p.m.: Responded to West Riverside Street, Mt. Vernon, for a 62-year-

old female who was unresponsive.

Jan. 29
2:50 p.m.: Dispatched to North Johnson Street, Prairie City, for a 61-year-old female with chest pains.

Jan. 30
8:43 a.m.: Dispatched to Riverside Mobile Home Park for an unconscious female.

12:56 p.m.: Dispatched to Pine Creek Road for a female with back pain.

Jan. 31
9:17 a.m.: Dispatched to Highway 26 east of Mt. Vernon for a sick male.

1:32 p.m.: Patient transfer at the airport.

1:42 p.m.: Dispatched to Valley View Assisted Living for a person having seizures.

4:15 p.m.: Dispatched to East Main Street for a 43-year-old female with a dislocated foot.

Feb. 1
1:36 a.m.: Dispatched to Southwest Fifth Avenue for a 20-year-old male with severe bleeding.

1:57 a.m.: Dispatched to North Humbolt Street, Canyon City, for a 52-year-old male with diabetic issues.

3:31 a.m.: Dispatched to Fairgrounds RV Park for a 64-year-old male with difficulty breathing.

6:40 a.m.: Dispatched to Valley View Assisted Living for a female with chest pains.

9:16 a.m.: Patient transfer at the airport.

12:19 p.m.: Dispatched to South Canyon Boulevard for a medical alarm.

2:57 p.m.: Patient transfer at the airport.

7:23 p.m.: Dispatched to Riverside Mobile Home Park for an 88-year-old female with sever chest pains.

• **Long Creek Ambulance**
Jan. 29

7:45 a.m.: Dispatched to Fox Round Basin Road for a 77-year-old male who had passed out several times. John Day Ambulance assisted.

• **John Day RFD**
Jan. 29

7:49 p.m.: Dispatched to Highway 26 west of John Day for a grass fire.

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