

Drought affects dock placement

Bulletin staff report

BEND — Boaters will be feeling the impact of Central Oregon's drought at several area lakes this summer. The U.S. Forest Service announced Friday that low lake levels are preventing the installation of docks at both East Lake and Crescent Lake.

Cinder Hill Boating, East Lake Boating, and Hot Springs Boating, all at East Lake, will not receive dock installation this year. The East Lake water level does not reach the East Lake boat ramp.

The ramps at Cinder Hill and Hot Springs currently extend into the lake at a shallow depth but are

likely to recede through the summer, according to a release from the Forest Service. The Forest Service is working on a strategy to address future access to East Lake.

The Forest Service will similarly not be installing docks at both Spring Boating and Crescent Lake boating, both at Crescent Lake. However, the low water boat ramp at Crescent Lake is open. At Wickiup Reservoir, the North Wickiup Boating docks will also not be installed due to low water levels.

Docks on Paulina Lake at Little Crater Boating and Paulina Lake Campground were scheduled to be installed Friday, June 3.

Jefferson sheriff plans to step down

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MADRAS — Jefferson County Sheriff Marc Heckathorn will leave office six months early following a stinging loss to a subordinate deputy in the May primary.

Jason Pollock earned more than 50% of the vote in the three-way primary held May 17, meaning he will be the only name on the November general election ballot.

But on Wednesday, June 1, Heckathorn signed an agreement with the Jefferson County Commission



Submitted Photos

Marc Heckathorn, left, and Jason Pollock

to leave office June 20 in exchange for the money he would have earned working until the end of his term: \$82,625, according to The Madras Pioneer. Pollock

would have taken over as sheriff on Jan. 1, but is now expected to start the job when Heckathorn leaves later this month. Heckathorn was

appointed sheriff by the County Commission in 2021 and was running for the first time to keep his seat when the Bulletin reported in March he'd encouraged a friend to run as the race's third contender and force a May primary. Then, two weeks before the election, a pair of prominent Jefferson County law enforcement officials, District Attorney Steve Leriche and former Sheriff Jim Adkins, announced their support for Pollock.

Heckathorn did not return a request for comment.

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.

Oregon State Police

May 20
10:10 a.m.: Trooper responded with Grant County Sheriff's Office personnel to Highway 395 South near milepost 4C for a single-vehicle crash. A 2002 Dodge van was northbound on a curve when it went off the road ran into a steep bank. After undergoing a field sobriety test, the driver, Matthew Aaron McCain, 32, of Prattville, Alabama, was arrested on charges of driving under the influence and reckless driving. McCain was taken to the Grant County jail, where his blood alcohol level was reportedly measured at 0.27%.

May 25
1:12 p.m.: Trooper responded with Grant County sheriff to Lower Yard Road in John Day for a report of shots fired. A John Day man who was reportedly hallucinating fired a rifle from a shed and hit a pickup truck. Christopher Ryan Hoppe, 39, was arrested by the sheriff on felon in possession of a firearm and other charges. Hoppe was transported by the trooper to Blue Mountain Hospital for evaluation and was later booked into the Grant County Jail.

May 30
11:18 a.m.: A trooper responded to the Sinclair gas station in John Day for reports of an intoxicated driver on Highway 26. Following a field sobriety test, the driver, Michael Joseph McLeod, 59, of Mt. Vernon, was arrested on a charge of driving under the influence and transported to the

Grant County Jail, where his blood alcohol level reportedly measured 0.13%.

May 30

4:49 p.m.: Trooper stopped a Ford F-250 flatbed truck on Highway 26 near milepost 163 for failure to display a license plate. The driver, Joshua Wayne Haskins, 38, of Prairie City, was cited for driving while suspended and driving uninsured.

Grant County Sheriff

The Grant County Sheriff's Office reported the following for the week ending June 1:

- Concealed handgun licenses: 4
- Average inmates: 10
- Bookings: 5
- Releases: 2
- Arrests: 2
- Citations: 1
- Fingerprints: 2
- Civil papers: 15
- Warrants processed: 0
- Assist/welfare check: 2
- Search and rescue: 2

Justice Court

The Grant County Justice Court reported the following activity for the week ending June 1:

- Traffic citations filed: 18
- Small claims filed: 1
- Cases on probation: 38
- Cases to collections: 66
- Hearings held: 2
- Driver's license suspensions: 1
- Failure to drive within lane: Eric Patrick Carlson, 41, Burns, April 5, fined \$265.
- Driving uninsured: Eric Patrick Carlson, 41, Burns, April 5, fined \$265.

Dispatch

Grant County dispatch worked 158 calls during the week ending June 1, including:

• Oregon State Police

May 26
8:08 a.m.: Dispatched to a two-vehicle non-injury accident on Bragga Way near John Day.

May 27
7:31 a.m.: Advised of a cow on Highway 26 near milepost 170.

7:56 a.m.: Advised of four or five cows on Highway 26 near milepost 160.

5:51 p.m.: Advised of cows on Highway 26 near milepost 143.

• Grant County Sheriff

May 28
3:54 p.m.: Advised of rocks on Highway 26 near milepost 98.

4:10 p.m.: Responded to non-injury accident on Highway 26 near milepost 165.

9:06 p.m.: Advised of horses on Highway 19 near Picture Gorge.

• Oregon State Police

May 30
11:09 a.m.: Responded to Chevron station, Mt. Vernon, for a driving complaint.

1:50 p.m.: Responded to Bates for a driving complaint.

• Grant County Sheriff

May 31
5:55 a.m.: Advised of a driving complaint on East Main Street, John Day.

• Oregon State Police

June 1
4:49 p.m.: Advised of an erratic driver on Highway 26 near milepost 161.

• Grant County Sheriff

May 26
10:40 a.m.: Responded to the Grant County yard for a theft report.

10:44 a.m.: Responded to County Road 27 near Short Beech Creek Lane

for a livestock complaint.

5:20 p.m.: Responded to South Canyon Boulevard, John Day, for a welfare check.

6:43 p.m.: Responded to the Olive Lake area for a stranded motorist. U.S. Forest Service sent a tow from La Grande.

9:52 p.m.: Responded to Highway 26 near milepost 158 to check on a disabled vehicle.

• Oregon State Police

May 27
12:26 a.m.: Responded to storage unit at Napa Auto Parts in John Day for a report of a burglary in progress. Unfounded.

5:40 a.m.: Received a report of five horses in the parking lot at Blue Mountain Hospital. The owner was contacted and took the animals home.

10:07 a.m.: Responded to John Day Trailer Park for a harassment complaint.

1:13 p.m.: Responded to Subway Restaurant, John Day, for a report of custodial interference.

4:09 p.m.: Responded to Clarks Creek Road, Mt. Vernon, for a theft report.

7:25 p.m.: Responded to North McHaley Street, Prairie City, for suspicious circumstances.

10:56 p.m.: Responded to Patterson Drive, Canyon City, for a noise complaint.

11:12 p.m.: Responded to east city limits, Prairie City, to assist a member of the public with directions.

• Oregon State Police

May 28
12:04 p.m.: Responded to Dreamers Lodge, John Day. Elmer Ahrendsen, 48, of John Day was arrested on a warrant.

9:21 p.m.: Responded to Cottonwood Street, Mt. Vernon, for a report of a fight.

• Oregon State Police

May 29
7:36 a.m.: Responded to Highway 395 South near milepost 79B for rocks in the roadway.

12:11 p.m.: Responded to Franks Creek Road near Dayville for an unattended death.

4:20 p.m.: Responded to Southeast Gunther Street, John Day, for an abandoned vehicle. Vehicle tagged for tow.

8:20 p.m.: Advised of non-injury accident on County Road 18 near milepost 25.

• Oregon State Police

May 30
11:18 a.m.: Responded to Bumpy Road, John Day, for a report of trespassing and suspicious circumstances.

12:51 p.m.: Responded to West Main Street, John Day, for a welfare check.

5:49 p.m.: Responded to Blue Mountain Eagle, John Day, for criminal mischief. Rocks thrown through windows.

9:06 p.m.: Advised of a suspicious person on Moon Creek Lane, Mt. Vernon.

• Oregon State Police

May 31
11:38 a.m.: Responded to Riverside Mobile Home Park, John Day, for a driving complaint that turned into an arrest.

12:54 p.m.: Responded to Riverside Mobile Home Park, John Day, for a driving complaint.

1:43 p.m.: Responded to Dog Creek Road near John Day for a driving complaint. Christopher Lee Edlfen, 36, of John Day was arrested on local and Crook County warrants.

2:28 p.m.: Responded to Grant Union Junior/Senior High School, John Day, for a report of dogs running at large. Unable to locate.

5:03 p.m.: Responded to Ches-

ter's Market, John Day, for a shoplifting report.

• Oregon State Police

June 1
7:39 a.m.: Traffic stop, Highway 26 near Hillcrest Road, John Day. Driver warned for speeding.

4:55 p.m.: Advised of a restraining order violation on East 11th Street, Prairie City.

• John Day Ambulance

May 27
2:18 p.m.: Patient transport to Bend.

5:40 p.m.: Dispatched to the Grant County Fairgrounds for a public assist.

• Oregon State Police

May 28
6:13 p.m.: Dispatched to Northwest Canton Street for a 69-year-old female with chest pains.

8:05 p.m.: Dispatched to Highway 26 west of Dayville to meet a Spray Ambulance crew bringing in a 29-year-old male with CPR in progress.

• Oregon State Police

May 29
5:58 p.m.: Dispatched to Riverside Mobile Home Park for a medical issue.

• Oregon State Police

May 30
8:10 a.m.: Dispatched to Riverside Mobile Home Park for an 88-year-old female who was unresponsive but breathing.

4:24 p.m.: Dispatched to Chester's Market for an 18-month-old child having seizures.

• Monument Ambulance

May 30
12:25 p.m.: Dispatched to Highway 402 for a motorcycle vs. pickup crash. John Day Ambulance also responded.

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