

Budget

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Carpenter said tax foreclosures, which were not handled by the county before he was elected, occur between three and five times a year. Bench probation, he said, would now be handled by the Circuit Court judge.

He said child support enforcement would be absorbed by the state and will be handled out of an office in Pendleton.

However, Carpenter said the child support enforcement program had been put on hold since last winter when his legal assistant, who had been in charge of collecting it, resigned.

The child support collection program, which reimburses the county for two-thirds of the legal assistant's salary, brings in up to \$15,000 in revenue to the county annually, according to Ellison.

Carpenter said he has hired a new employee and, once the county can bring that person up to full time, he will be able to get that person trained and bring back the program.

In the meantime, he said, there will be hiccups for single parents in the county attempting to collect child support when they do not have a local person to call and talk to about their case.

"We live in Grant County," he said. "So there's a pretty high likelihood that when someone calls our office, we know who they are and what their circumstances are, as opposed to when they call the Pendleton office where they are just another John Smith or Jane Doe."

Justice Court

During Friday's special County Court session, Myers said that a legal opinion from the county's attorney said that six-year elected judges — regardless of what kind of judge they are — cannot have their pay reduced. While Myers

said that he would be reducing his hours to 32 a week, Justice of the Peace Kathy Stinnett said she had not been asked to reduce her pay, nor had she volunteered to do so.

She said her reasons are threefold.

First, she said that she and her husband, Frank Stinnett, were the only couple that worked for the county. So, she said, her household has already had one salary reduced. Also, she said, her office had already been cut by one half-time position during the budget process. Lastly, she said, as a judge, she is bound by certain restrictions. For instance, given the constraints of her job, she is not free to go out and get a second job if she had to.

"The compensation that is given to us during the term for which we are elected is supposed to be guaranteed to maintain a separation of powers, and create stability," she said.

In the meantime, the county has adjusted its general fund budget by

about \$30,000 to account for the money it will not be receiving for child support and to pay Stinnett her full-time salary.

Independent audit

Carpenter said the county should get a "competent" outside expert to its finances and determine exactly how the budget came up \$800,000 short.

When reviewing budget figures in early May, Ellison came across what she termed a "miscalculation" and substantially reduced the county's reserve funds to offset a roughly \$800,000 shortfall.

Last year, she noted, the Budget Committee abolished two reserve accounts that totaled just under \$520,000 to make up for a shortfall.

This year, Ellison believed the county appeared to be in better financial shape, so she cut those accounts entirely.

On top of that, Ellison said, it appeared that American Rescue Plan Act funds — federal dollars

allocated to state and local governments to respond to COVID-19 — were added twice in the proposed budget, leaving the county's contingency fund with just \$20,000 instead of \$300,000.

In a May interview, Ellison said that she could not backtrack to pinpoint what happened more precisely because she did not keep the calculator tape.

"The county administration," Carpenter said, "has been reticent to take action in this direction."

Ellison declined to comment on Carpenter's call for an outside audit.

Myers said if someone thinks the county needs an outside, investigative audit, then that person needs to request it. The county, he said, is not going to pay for it.

"I've not been convinced that there was any wrongdoing other than a mathematical error calculation," he said. "Nothing was purposely held from public view. It was a mathematical error."

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

June 20
3:13 p.m.: Peter Lewis, 78, of Halsey, called to report a crash that occurred Sunday, June 19, in Wheeler County on Highway 26, near milepost 72. Lewis reported that he fell asleep and drifted off the roadway and struck a fog marker and road sign before correcting back onto the highway. The car was operable after the crash and driven home by Lewis.

7:13 p.m.: Justin Randall Combs, 33, of Prairie City, was cited for failing to comply with the annual sex offender registration requirement.

Grant County Sheriff

The Grant County Sheriff's Office reported the following for the week ending June 22:

- Concealed handgun licenses: 9
- Average inmates: 12
- Bookings: 6
- Releases: 6
- Arrests: 2
- Citations: 3
- Fingerprints: 5
- Civil papers: 6
- Warrants processed: 2
- Assist/welfare check: 1
- Search and rescue: 1

Circuit Court

June 17
Sabrina Mae Tippett, 29, was found guilty of driving under the influence of intoxicants and reckless driving on or about September of 2020. She was sentenced to 24 months of probation and 120 hours of community service and was fined \$2,000.

Justice Court

The Grant County Justice

Court reported the following activity for the week ending June 22:

- Traffic citations filed: 7
- Cases on probation: 40
- Hearings held: 4
- Driver's license suspensions: 18

Violation of the basic rule: Joseph Warren, 38, Canyon City, June 6, 73/55 zone, fined \$165; Taylor Lane, 21, Estacada, May 25, 75/55 zone, fined \$115; William Barsky, 76, Bend, June 6, 78/55 zone, fined \$265; Tina Akeyson, 49, Salem, May 30, 74/55, fined \$165.

Exceeding the speed limit: Samuel Tiller, 24, Boise, May 25, 75/65 zone, fined \$165; Justin Teague, 19, Prineville, May 30, 85/65, fined \$265.

Driving uninsured: Joshua Haskins, 38, Prairie City, May 30, fined \$440; Joseph Warren, 38, Canyon City, June 6, fined \$440.

Driving uninsured: Joshua Haskins, 38, Prairie City, May 30, fined \$265; Joseph Warren, 38, Canyon City, June 6, fined \$265; Jason Nute, 26, Vancouver, fined \$265.

Unsafe passing on the left: Ashley Henry, 18, Mt. Vernon, May 26, fined \$265

Dispatch

Grant County dispatch worked 126 calls during the week ending June 15, including:

• **Oregon State Police June 15**
11:37 p.m. : Advised of a non-injury accident on Highway 26, near milepost 84.

June 19
12:04 p.m.: Advised of cattle creating a hazard in the road on Highway 26 near milepost 126.

June 20
9:53 a.m.: Advised of an RV that drove away from the Canyon City Mini Market without paying for fuel. The driver was contacted and the

issue was resolved.

2:54 p.m.: Advised of a driver dragging bundles of wire behind a pickup on Highway 26 and Dog Creek Road.

4:42 p.m.: Advised of a black angus bull on Highway 395B between milepost 66B and 67B.

Grant County Sheriff

June 15
12:34 p.m.: Received a fraud complaint on South Humbolt Street in Canyon City.

10:19 pm.: Advised of a suicidal subject on Hillcrest Drive in John Day.

June 16
12:45 p.m.: Responded to a report of a vehicle hitting a gas pump on East Front Road.

1:00 p.m.: Received a complaint of criminal mischief on Brent Street in John Day.

10:22 p.m.: Advised of a dog as a public nuisance on Main Street in John Day.

June 17
7:49 a.m.: Received a parking complaint on West Main Street in John Day.

9:52 a.m.: Advised of fraud on West Main Street in John Day.

June 18
1:06 a.m.: Responded with Prairie City and John Day Ambulance to East Front and South Bridge Street for an 18-year-old male suffering from a possible overdose.

June 19
12:27 a.m.: Advised with Oregon State Police that livestock was at large on Highway 26 and Hansen Lane.

8:24 a.m.: Warned a driver for violation of basic rule and failure to update address of concealed carry permit.

12:17 p.m.: Warned a driver for speeding on Highway 395 near milepost 2.

1:21 p.m.: Assisted a motorist on Highway 26 near milepost 170.

3:59 p.m.: Received a

report of a theft at the Ugly Truth Bar and Grill, John Day.

June 20

11:12 a.m.: Responded with the Oregon State Police to assist Umatilla County with an accident on Highway 395B.

11:34 a.m.: Responded to West Main Street, John Day, to a report of a theft and a separate request for officer contact on the same complaint.

11:56 a.m.: Advised of telephonic harassment on North Humbolt Street, Canyon City.

1:53 p.m.: Responded to a report of fraud on Patterson Drive, John Day.

2:24 p.m.: Warned a driver for speeding on Highway 26 near milepost 158.

3:28 p.m.: Received a driving complaint on West Highway 26 and arrested Shawn Allan Miller, 52, of Corbett for driving under the influence of an intoxicant.

5:40 p.m.: Responded to a dispute on Highland Place, John Day.

8:10 p.m.: Cited Conner Oguinn of Darby, Montana, for speeding, 50/30 zone, on Highway 395 near milepost 2.

June 21

12:32 p.m.: Received a

report of criminal mischief at Blue Mountain Care Center, Prairie City.

John Day Ambulance

June 15
10:03 a.m.: Dispatched to Suds Pub, Mt. Vernon, for a 35-year-old male having a seizure.

June 16
3:04 p.m.: Dispatched to Cottonwood Street, Mt. Vernon, for an 83-year-old female with breathing problems.

7:23 p.m.: Dispatched to Brent Lane for an 83-year-old male who fell.

June 17
11:34 a.m.: Dispatched to Washington Street in Canyon City for a 67-year-old female with a possible urinary tract infection.

June 18
12:21 a.m.: Dispatched to Riverside Street for an 84-year-old female with low blood sugar.

7:06 p.m.: Did a transfer from the Grant County Regional Airport.

June 19
8:29 a.m.: Dispatched to West Riverside for an 84-year-old female with difficulty breathing and medication issue.

June 20
12:09 p.m.: Patient trans-

port to St. Charles Hospital in Bend.

June 21

6:23 p.m.: Dispatched to Northwest Bridge Street for a 46-year-old male who fell and hit his head.

9:57 p.m.: Dispatched to the Best Western Motel for a 70-year-old female abdominal pain.

Prairie City Ambulance

June 17
5:14 a.m.: Dispatched with John Day Ambulance to South Bridge Street for a 77-year-old female with flu-like symptoms.

Monument Ambulance

June 16
6:59 p.m.: Dispatched with John Day Ambulance to Top Road to an 88-year-old female with high fever and chills.

Seneca Ambulance

June 19
6:12 p.m.: Dispatched with John Day Ambulance to Second Street for a 78-year-old male with difficulty breathing.

John Day Fire

June 16
7:47 p.m.: Dispatched with John Day Ambulance to Second Street for a 71-year-old male with severe chest pains.

John Day Fire

June 16
9:30 a.m.: Responded to a fire alarm on Patterson Bridge Road.

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COME ONE, COME ALL!

LET'S CELEBRATE OUR COMMUNITY HALL!

Friday, July 1st | Dayville Community Hall

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony - 3:30
Walk and Gawk - 3:30-4:30
Program - 4:30
Potluck - 5:30 (Meat & Rolls Provided)
Linger Longer with Visiting & Music by the James Gang - 6:30-9:00

Dayville 4th of July Celebration

Celebrating the **Red, White, & Blue** in 2022!

Contests
 Coloring Contest
 Dayville Rocks Contest
 Sidewalk Chalk Art Contest
 Hometown Treasure Hunt
 Patriotic Lampost Contest

Monday, July 4th

7:30 - 9:00 Breakfast, Community Church

9:00 - Car Show Registration, City Hall

9:30 - Parade Line-up & Judging

10:30 - Parade
 • 3 Divisions—Motorized, Non-motorized, & Kids
 • Best of Parade – special ribbon & Dayville Dollars given to the entry that best depicts the theme.
Grand Marshals Greg and Deanne VanTassel

Following Parade at the Park - Jake-burgers & the Jake Streeter Memorial Classic Car Show

11:30 - Baked Good Auction

Immediately Following Auction - Prizes & Cookies! Prizes will be awarded to all contest winners, drawing for the Town Quilt will take place & there will be free 'thank you for coming' cookies for all!

11:45 - Jackpot Horseshoe Tournament

1:00 Goat Roping, Letosky's Corral

Saturday, July 2nd

11:00-2:00 Come One, Come All, to Visit in our Community Hall - The Hall will be open for touring and visiting. Lemonade will be provided.

4:00-7:00 - Tri-Tip by Guyon Springs, Fish House Inn

6:00-9:00 - Karaoke, Fish House

Sunday, July 3rd

11:00 - Church Service, Community Church

1:00 - Goat Roping, Letosky's Corral

4:00-6:00 - Hamburgers & Hot Dogs, Fish House Inn

5:00-9:00 - Music "Red Headed Step Child", Fish House Inn

Events may be added or deleted from this schedule. Please, call 541-987-2188 or email dville@ortelco.net for up-to-date information.

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