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Former teacher pleads guilty to obstruction of justice

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A former history teacher and assistant coach of the Juab High School football team pleaded guilty Wednesday to obstruction of justice.

Shane Blackett, 27, of Nephi, was arrested and resigned from the school in May after an allegation surfaced that a minor female student sent him inappropriate photos.

Blackett appeared before M. James Brady, Fourth District Court Judge, on Wednesday for his first day in court on the matter. However, it was not the photos that caused him to receive a sentence, it was a charge of obstruction of justice that brought him to court.

Defense Counsel, Douglas L. Neeley, represented Blackett. The prosecuting attorney was Jared Eldridge, Juab County Attorney.

During his court appearance on Wednesday, Blackett was sentenced to 10 days in the Juab County Jail, which Judge Brady said could be served "on weekends or days off in at least 48-hour increments" and must be completed by March 31.

"Based on the defendant's conviction of obstructing justice, a 3rd Degree Felony, the defendant is sentenced to an indeterminate term of not to exceed five years in the Utah State Prison," said Brady. "The prison term is suspended."

Blackett was placed on probation, to be supervised by Court Probation, for 36 months and is to serve 10 days in the Juab County Jail.

He was also ordered to pay a fine of \$1,950 where the surcharge has been added to the fine and was ordered to obtain a psychosexual evaluation by February 21, 2015 and submit proof of evaluation to the Court.

Brady said that Blackett might receive credit on up to 50 percent of his fine for costs incurred toward evaluation and treatment with proof of costs being submitted to the Court if done in a timely manner.

"Defendant is ordered to complete any recommended treatment within a reasonable time,"

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SNOW ON MT. NEBO • It's cold and snowy on Mt. Nebo but what little snow that fell in the valley during the past few days has melted. The weatherman is calling for a chance of snow today and again on Saturday, but the TN publisher got his snow blower to start on the first pull and that is a sure sign that this winter will see little or no snow in the valley.

Fees will increase January 1 for use of county buildings and fairgrounds

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Fees for using Juab County buildings and the county fairgrounds have now increased for those living inside the county.

Those living outside the county will continue to pay a higher rate than in-county residents do.

"After January 1," said Byron Woodland, commissioner, "the new fee schedule will go into effect."

Jamie Garrett, Juab County Fair and Events Coordinator, attended Juab County Commission meeting to present for consideration the increase in fees.

Commissioners approved the new fee schedule "with any possible modifications" and also decided that those who want to use the arena or other facilities for free or for a reduced rate need to meet with the commission in person to make that request. That includes all those who have been using the buildings, arena or grounds for years without

returning to the commission to discuss the arrangement.

"I have never seen a list of those who are using county facilities under special terms," said Rick Carlton, commissioner.

"On the fee schedule it says that all special events and ticketed events must meet with the commissioners before using the facilities," said Garrett.

Those using county facilities should meet with the commission at least every two years, Carlton said.

Those using facilities under special terms would then get an idea of what a benefit they were getting from using the county-owned property under an individualized agreement, said Byron Woodland, commissioner.

The big arena, which used to be available for \$15 per hour or \$100 per day will now cost \$30 per hour if no work is required. "If full preparation is required (taking five hours or more to prepare), it will cost \$250 per day to rent.

The arena surface required a great deal of care, both in

preparation and in keeping the ground safe for participants during an event, said Chad Winn, commission chairman. A piece of equipment known as the Black Widow has to be used to keep the horses' and cattle's hoofs from making the ground uneven between events.

"During the high school rodeo," said Winn, "we have to make a run (with the equipment) after every ten rides. It takes out the horses' tracks."

The indoor barn will now cost \$25 per hour and will take a \$50 deposit. The fee was \$15 an hour or \$100 per day. Full preparation of the barn requiring five hours or more, will cost \$200 per day.

Garrett said that there were several individuals and groups who had already reserved one or more of the areas the county allows to be rented. That had been done at the old fee.

"Do we charge them under the old fee schedule or the new one?" she asked.

Those who will use the facilities before January 1 will pay under the current fee schedule and those who have reserved for dates after that will pay under the new schedule.

The cultural hall and senior citizen's meeting room will both be rented for \$25 per hour, \$150 per day and will require a \$150 deposit which will be returned after the cleanup is complete. Those fees used to be \$15 per hour, \$100 per day, and there used to be a \$100 deposit.

Garrett said she had checked with several rural counties in the state that are close by and

found that the new fees match very well with those charged by others.

"The new fees are very competitive," said Garrett.

In some areas, even with the increases, the residents of the county are still getting a good deal. For example, when the county multipurpose building is rented, the kitchen comes with the rest of the building at no extra fee. Most other counties when renting similar facilities charge extra for the kitchen.

The multipurpose building rents for \$35 per hour, \$200 per day and requires a \$200 deposit. The fees, before the change were \$25 and \$150.

The recreation building will now cost \$25 per hour, up from \$15, \$150 per day, up from \$100, and will require a \$150 deposit, up from \$100.

The concession stands will rent for \$25 per hour, \$100 a day and \$200 deposit. Those fees used to be \$15, \$100 and had a \$100 deposit.

There will also be no rental after October 1 on the concession stands and the outdoor arena.

The county had not always adhered to that ruling in the past, depending on the weather and the event.

One new item, said Garrett, was the stipulation that all those who want to hold a wedding at one of the facilities needs to rent that area for two days.

"It always takes that long to set up and to clean up after-

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GIFTS FOR SUB-FOR-SANTA • The Juab Area Bikers motorcycle club presented toys that they purchased for the Sub-For-Santa program to George Morgan, founder. Left too right, they are Michael Davis, George Morgan, Charles Jenkins, Brian Stewart, Brent Boswell, Brent Wilde and Clark Adams. The group plans to donate toys each year to the program. The club has 36 members in the area from East Juab County.

Prevent water freeze ups

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