Attempted Rape Of Gerald Woman

An Oregon man has been charged in the attempted rape of a Gerald woman after he forced his way into her home.

Gerald police allege that Ryan J. Britain, 23, used a hammer to break a window at an apartment on East Fifth Street at Highway H Friday, Aug. 7, before 2 a.m.

He is charged in associate court with first degree rape, and burglary. Britain is being held on $100,000 cash only bond.

Police said the victim was held down, but fought off the man with one free arm.

The man then fled from the home and was located shortly afterward in a car parked about 50 yards from the apartment.

According to police, when

Microsoft Classes

Scenic Regional Library will be offering beginners level classes on how to use Microsoft Word and Microsoft Excel. Classes offered will be "Introduction to Microsoft Word" on Aug. 17 at 5 p.m. and "Introduction to Microsoft Excel" on Aug. 18 at 5:30 p.m. Registration is required and class size is limited. People may sign up by calling 636-583-3224.

The Union Area Chamber of Commerce is now accepting nominations for the 2015 Long Haul Service Award.

This lifetime service award is given each year at the Chamber's Annual Long Haul Barbecue and Mixer to be held Sept. 17. This is the 35th year of the event.

The Long Haul Award is given to a citizen of the Union area, who is over the age of 65, and who has served the community throughout his or her life. The award is for direct, outstanding service and has no relation to Chamber membership.

Nominees will be recognized for past contributions to the betterment of the community through church, service organizations and general service to fellow men.

Nominees need not be currently involved in community activities, but must reside in the Union area, and must be 65 years of age or older on Aug. 1, 2015.

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