

# Burning and learning

## Firefighters train in scheduled fire attack in JD

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Blue Mountain Eagle

JOHN DAY – A total of 25 firefighters from three Grant County volunteer fire departments participated in a “burn to learn” fire training exercise last Saturday.

A few spectators gathered at a distance to watch the action at the Forest Service Compound, off Ford Road near Blue Mountain Hospital.

The building for the training was provided by the Forest Service after sale attempts fell through.

In the early part of the training, crews lit and extinguished fires inside the 1964 ranch-style house. The exercise culminated with a fully engulfed house fire,

which gave firefighters experience in controlling the blaze.

Several newer firefighters took part in the training, and John Day Fire Chief Ron Smith said “they experienced their first interior attack.”

Among those training the newer firefighters were Smith and his assistant chief Ron Gabbard; Canyon City Fire Chief Matt Turner and assistant chief Charlie Caughlin; and Mt. Vernon Fire Chief Bill Cearns and assistant chief Todd McKinley, who is also the Grant County undersheriff.

Smith said some similar fire trainings are being scheduled.

Arrangements are still being made, but he said he expects to have another burn to learn this Saturday using a couple of vacant homes near the John Day City Park on Canton Street.



The Eagle/Angel Carpenter

Volunteer firefighters from three area departments gathered for live fire training on Saturday in John Day. The building used for the “Burn to Learn” was provided by the Forest Service, a decommissioned house at the Forest Service Compound off Ford Road near Blue Mountain Hospital.

## Great time to be a mayor

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JOHN DAY – GREAT Corp. is hosting a “meet and greet” to honor the mayors of Grant County’s nine cities.

The event will be at 5 p.m. this Thursday, April 23, at the Grant County Regional Airport.

There will be light refreshments.

The roster of invited officials includes Mayors Steve Fisher, Canyon City; Robert Waltenburg, Dayville; Sandy Smith, Granite; Ron Lundbom, John Day; Don Porter, Long Creek; Jamie Schafer, Monument; Andy Anderson, Mt. Vernon; Jim Hamsher, Prairie City; and Andrea Combs, Seneca.

GREAT, which stands for Grant Resource Enhancement Action Team, promotes economic development.

## COPS & 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.

### Circuit Court

CANYON CITY – The Grant County Circuit Court reported the following fines and judgments:

- Tylor John Gifford, 20, pleaded guilty to strangulation-constituting domestic violence. He was sentenced to jail for 10 days, supervised probation for 24 months and 40 hours community service. He was ordered to have no contact with the victim, and fined \$100. He pleaded guilty to fourth-degree assault-constituting domestic violence, and was sentenced to jail for 30 days, supervised probation for 36 months and 80 hours community service, ordered to have no contact with the victim, and fined \$200. The sentence is to be consecutive to the previous one. The court dismissed one count for menacing.

### Grant County Sheriff

CANYON CITY – The Grant County Sheriff’s Office reported the following for the week of April 10-16:

- Concealed handgun licenses: 17
- Average inmates: 17
- Bookings: 5
- Releases: 7
- Citations: 1
- Fingerprints: 9
- Civil papers: 15

- Warrants processed: 2
- Asst./welfare check: 3
- Search and rescue operations: 1
- Charlie Houlet, 46, Canyon City, cited for menacing and harassment.

### Dispatch

John Day dispatch worked 103 calls during the week of April 13-19. Along with the various traffic warnings, trespassing, injured animals, noise complaints and juvenile complaints, these calls included:

- **John Day Police:** April 13: Hit-and-run reported at the Outpost Restaurant.

- April 17: Theft reported at Chester’s Thriftway; cited a Prairie City man for driving without headlights, without insurance and with a suspended license.

- **Grant County Sheriff:**

April 13: Report of a rock thrown at a pickup on Marysville Road.

April 15: Harassment reported in Seneca; arrested a Coeur d’Alene, Idaho, man on a Grant County warrant.

April 17: Arrested a Salem man for driving under the influence of intoxicants; arrested a La Grande man for DUII.

- **John Day ambulance:** April 19: Responded for a 54-year-old woman.

- **Dispatch:** April 18: Cougar sighting reported in Mt. Vernon.

- **Mt. Vernon Fire Department:**

- April 14: Report of a fence on fire.

### Justice Court

CANYON CITY – The Grant County Justice Court reported the following fines and judgments:

- Violation of the basic

rule: Viktor Buhovetkas, 31, Pasco, Wash., 72/55 zone, fined \$160; Zamin Leonitch Chaschin, 41, Plamondon, Alberta, Canada, 81/55 zone, fined \$260; Kelly Odell Haskins, 54, Prairie City, 73/55 zone, fined \$80; Travis James Friere, 28, John Day, 81/55 zone, \$260; Ronald Madison LeBlanc Sr., 63, Albany, 75/55 zone, fined \$135; Ronald Lawrence Clure, 51, Prineville, 77/55 zone, fined \$260; Brandi Ann Bundy, 19, Clarkston, Wash., 75/55 zone, fined \$160.

- Exceeding permitted weight limit: Joshua St. Germain, 37, Emmett, Idaho, fined \$150.

- Failure to obey traffic

control device: Hayden John Young, 17, John Day, fined \$220.

- Possession of less than an ounce of marijuana: Tyler James Klimes, 22, Castleford, Idaho, fined \$650.

- Ralph Berton White, Canyon City, cited for no

written record of transfer. He was sentenced to 12 months probation, and fined \$600. His antler buy/seller license was suspended for three years, and he was ordered not to buy or sell antlers while antler buyer/seller license is suspended.

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FRI & SAT (4:00) 7:00 9:40  
SUNDAY (4:00) 7:00  
MON - THURS 7:00  
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Paul Blart has earned a vacation, but safety never takes a holiday.  
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SUNDAY (4:10) 7:10  
MON - THURS 7:10

**FURIOUS 7 PG-13**  
Deckard Shaw seeks revenge against Dominic Toretto and his family for the death of his brother.  
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