

## Trump administration announces Canadian lumber tariff



File photo

A truck hauls logs from a local timber harvest. The United States lumber market may see a boost after the U.S. Department of Commerce announced Monday a preliminary decision to impose countervailing duty subsidies — tariffs to counteract “market distorting effects caused by injurious subsidization of imports” — on Canadian softwood lumber imported into the United States. For most Canadian exporters, the department established a preliminary subsidy rate of 19.88 percent for which it will require cash deposits. In 2016, imports of softwood lumber from Canada were valued at an estimated \$5.66 billion. The final determination is expected in September.

## Mt. Vernon man accidentally shoots himself in his leg

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A Mt. Vernon resident injured himself on Sunday evening after accidentally discharging a handgun.

According to a press release from Grant County Sheriff Glenn Palmer, David Kreger, 24, was seated while

handling a .45-caliber model 1911 semi-automatic pistol when it discharged at a residence in Mt. Vernon.

The bullet entered Kreger's inner left thigh and exited the left thigh.

Kreger was transported by private vehicle to Blue Mountain Hospital in John Day

where police were notified.

Deputy Brandon Hutchison and John Day Police Officer Mike Durr investigated the incident, determining the location of the shooting and that the shooting was accidental.

Kreger was treated and later released from the hospital.

## Hutchison pleads guilty on felony weapons charge

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Joseph A. Hutchison pleaded guilty Monday to several charges related to pointing a firearm at a woman and child in December.

The 25-year-old John Day resident pleaded guilty to a felony charge of Unlawful Use of a Weapon and two misdemeanor charges of reckless endangerment, according to his April 24 plea petition.

“On December 11, 2016 I unlawfully attempted to use a deadly weapon against Sierra Elliot,” Hutchison said in

the document. “On the same date and as part of the same course of conduct I recklessly engaged in conduct by pointing and waving a loaded firearm at Sierra Elliot and Elijah Hutchison.”

Hutchison was sentenced to 10 days in jail with credit for time served and five years supervised probation. He was ordered to pay \$600 in fines. Two counts of menacing and one count of pointing a firearm at another were dismissed. Alcohol and drug, mental health and domestic violence assessments will be required,

as well as the completion of any recommended treatment. Following the successful completion of probation without any violations, the court may consider reducing the felony charge to a misdemeanor.

Hutchison, who was a corrections deputy for Grant County Sheriff's Office at the time of the incident, will also lose his right to possess firearms and ammunition because of the domestic violence conviction.

## 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.

### Grant County Circuit Court

June Dutcher Philomena pleaded guilty to second-degree disorderly conduct and was issued a suspended sentence of 18 months probation and fined \$200. One count of fourth-degree assault and one charge of attempt to commit a class A misdemeanor were dismissed.

### Grant County Sheriff

The Grant County Sheriff's Office reported the following for the week of April 13-19:

- Concealed handgun licenses: 9
  - Average inmates: 15
  - Bookings: 10
  - Releases: 10
  - Arrests: 1
  - Citations: 1
  - Fingerprints: 8
  - Civil papers: 13
  - Warrants processed: 3
  - Asst./welfare check: 2
- Cited Jason Dole, 35, Canyon City for driving uninsured.

### Justice Court

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

Exceeding the speed limit: Gaylene Ann Bruce Moyers, 53, Baker City, 75/65 zone, March 31, fined \$160; Mi-

chael Dennis Montague, 27, Mt. Vernon, 74/65, April 14, fined \$135; Levi Robert McClellan, 21, John Day, 75/65 zone, March 9, fined \$160; Francois-Robert Raymond Picard, 35, Seattle, Washington, 82/65, April 5, fined \$260.

Driving uninsured: Christopher Keith, 36, Canyon City, March 22, fined \$260.

Driving while suspended: Christopher Keith, 36, Canyon City, March 22, fined \$435.

Operating an ATV in violation of posted restrictions: John Eric Denham, 42, Lebanon, March 25, fined \$160.

Dog as a public nuisance: Mary P. Rowell, 28, Prairie City, Feb. 21, fined \$260 and required to pay \$300 in restitution to victim.

Daniel King, Fossil, pleaded guilty to second-degree criminal trespass and was fined \$260.

Nicholas Jack Weldon, Monument, pleaded guilty to a fish and wildlife license violation and was sentenced to 12 months probation, 15 hours community service, required to forfeit antlers, head, cape and meat and fined \$935. One count of criminal forfeiture was dismissed.

### Dispatch

John Day dispatch worked 128 calls during the week of April 17-23. Along with the various traffic warnings, trespassing, injured animals, noise complaints and juvenile complaints, these calls included:

### • John Day Police Department

April 17: Took a report of a theft in Prairie City. Took a report of a possible identity theft in John Day. Took a report of animal abuse.

April 18: Responded to a report of a verbal dispute. Received information on a stolen vehicle out of Baker City.

April 19: Responded to a report of criminal mischief. Arrested a 50-year-old John Day resident on a Grant County warrant. Received a complaint from a landowner that people were throwing parties on their land and stealing items.

April 21: Took a report of theft in John Day. Responded to a report of kids throwing pine cones at cars.

April 23: Took a report of a suspicious vehicle in the Charolais Heights Area and posted a request for extra patrols.

### • Grant County Sheriff's Office

April 23: Advised by John Day Police Department of an accidental gunshot wound in Mt. Vernon.

• **John Day ambulance**  
April 20: Responded to a report of a woman who had lost consciousness.

• **Oregon State Police**  
April 21: Took a report of people chasing deer with a drone.

### • John Day Fire Department

April 23: Advised of a burn pile that might be getting out of control.

## Unlicensed home inspector fined \$80,000

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The Construction Contractors Board has levied more than \$80,000 in fines against a phony home inspector who performed dozens of inspections in Central and Eastern Oregon in recent months.

Gregory Mason Miller of Bend used a license number belonging to a legitimate construction contractor with the same first and last name, along with the name of an unrelated Bend business, according to a CCB press release. In advertising, he claimed to be licensed, bonded and insured.

Home inspectors must be certified by the Construction Contractors Board after passing a national exam. Addition-

ally, a home inspection business must hold a CCB-issued contractor license. Miller was neither certified nor licensed.

The CCB added Miller to its new Buyer Beware list that warns the public of chronic offenders. People who make the list generally are phony or predatory contractors who take money and produce little or no work or who repeatedly violate state contracting laws.

Consumer complaints triggered the CCB investigation, which is ongoing.

The CCB licenses construction contracting businesses, including home inspection businesses and home inspectors. Contractors must include their CCB license number on any advertising. Visit oregon.gov/ccb and enter a license number or name in the orange “Search” feature. Verify that the license is “active” and that the full name on the license matches the contractor in question. In this case, Gregory Mason Miller did not show up in a search with any home inspector credentials. Call 503-378-4621 for help searching or understanding the results.

Contractors and consumers can report unlicensed contractors and other illegal activity on the CCB's website or by calling 503-934-2246.

Licensed contractors carry bonds and insurance and can be held accountable if something goes wrong. Only licensed contractors can get required building permits.

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Boyd Britton Welding  
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Again, thank you!  
Sincerely, Spray High School Students & Staff

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**Help is available for victims of sexual assault in Grant County.**

If you or someone you know has been a victim of sexual assault, please call:

**Heart of Grant County**  
**541-620-1342**

**Grant County Victim Assistance Program**  
**541-575-4026**

**Remember: sex without consent = sexual assault**

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