

Local search and rescue team to hold mock fire emergency Saturday

Multi-agency effort will respond to Galena for training exercise

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Don't worry, it's just a drill. Locals and passersby may notice an increase in emergency activity Saturday, May 11, from Canyon City to Bates and Galena. The Grant County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue is holding a training exercise involving multiple agencies that will respond to a mock fire disaster in Galena on Middle Fork Road (Highway 20), which is about 23 miles northwest of the junction of highways 26 and 7.

Deputy Dave Dobler, who is also the SAR coordinator, said the team has been designing and coordinating the fire evacuation field exercise for the past three months "to assist community groups and public agencies to work more effectively together during a fire emergency."

Multiple agencies will join the sheriff's office and search and rescue team, including county Amateur Radio Emergency Service, Air Search, 911 dispatch, county



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John Day volunteer firefighters extinguish a mock vehicle fire at a disaster drill site on Highway 26 east of John Day in 2016. Grant County Search and Rescue is leading a multi-agency fire disaster drill in Grant County Saturday, April 11.

and state emergency management, state fire marshal's office, Forest Service, Interagency Fire Dispatch, Department of Forestry and others.

Dobler said the mock drill will begin at 8 a.m. Saturday in John

Day with units responding to the Galena area.

Galena was chosen because they are a Firewise Community, and residents there have agreed to participate, he said.

Search and rescue, fire and

law enforcement teams will contact homeowners and provide a fire evacuation checklist of items they should take with them, such as medicines and important documents. They'll also advise of where to shelter in the event of an

actual emergency and flag their driveways.

"Fire crews will conduct structural triage of some homes and buildings," Dobler said.

The exercise will then move onto the nearby Malheur National Forest with fixed-wing aircraft from Grant County Air Search looking for mock campsites with role players who need to be evacuated ahead of the fire scenario.

Dobler said he expects the training will be fast-paced to match conditions responders would face in an actual emergency.

"The objectives of this training are to test automated notification systems like Alert Sense, interoperability and communications between different teams and agencies and overall command, control and coordination during this event," he said.

He said the teams will meet at the conclusion of the event near the training area for a "hog wash" to evaluate the overall event and review the lessons learned.

"There will likely be a lot of emergency vehicle traffic on Middle Fork Road, which will have some caution signs in the area," he said.

He expects the exercise will be over by about 3 p.m.

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

John A. Loveday, 55, Prineville, pleaded guilty May 2 to third-degree criminal mischief, a misdemeanor, committed on March 27. He was sentenced to 24 months probation, 80 hours community service and \$200 in fines and fees. Misdemeanor charges of strangulation, fourth-degree assault constituting domestic violence and two counts of menacing constituting domestic violence were dismissed.

Grant County Sheriff

The Grant County Sheriff's Office reported the following for the week of May 1:

- Concealed handgun licenses: 3
- Average inmates: 13
- Bookings: 6
- Releases: 10
- Arrests: 2
- Citations: 1
- Fingerprints: 6
- Civil papers: 9
- Warrants processed: 2
- Asst./welfare check: 0
- Search and rescue: 0
- April 29: Roger Bloomer, 22, Mist, was cited for violating the basic rule, 75/55 zone.

Justice Court

• Violation of basic rule: Scott Danzinger, 63, Highlands Ranch, Colorado, April 15, 75/55 zone, fined

\$165; Bernard F. VanLaake, 81, Costa Mesa, California, April 13, 84/55 zone, fined \$165; Justin D. Hovey, 42, Carlton, March 28, 75/55 zone, fined \$165; Sherry L. Mickey, 48, Mt. Vernon, April 3, 50/30 zone, fined \$165.

• Exceeding speed limit: Jessica E. Dunford, 36, Lehi, Utah, April 1, 75/65 zone, fined \$165; Benjamin A. Harris, 38, Bend, March 22, 79/65 zone, fined \$265; Cody Brown, 26, Monument, Oct. 27, 75/45 zone, fined \$265.

• Driving uninsured: Reuben P. Harvey, 23, Seneca, Feb. 7, fined \$225; Cody Brown, 26, Monument, Oct. 27, fined \$265.

• Driving while suspended: Reuben P. Harvey, 23, Seneca, Feb. 7, fined \$375.

• Failure to renew registration: Brian P. Donahue, 60, John Day, March 18, fined \$115.

• Failure to properly use safety belt: Kristen K. Walz, 37, Monument, Aug. 23, fined \$115.

• Use of cellphone while driving: Tammy S. Hoherz, 22, Bentley, North Dakota, March 7, fined \$165.

• Operating without required light: Nick Gibson, 27, Prairie City, Jan. 23, fined \$165.

• Operating without proper fenders: Eric M. Vanderzanden, 29, Banks, March 30, fined \$165.

• Exceeding maximum weight limit: Tony D. Fordice, 59, Ashwood, April 3, fined \$150.

• No operator's license: Jesse W. Linscott, 33, Baker

City, Feb. 26, fined \$265.

Oregon State Police

April 21: Responded to a single-vehicle crash with injuries on Highway 26 east of Dayville. A west-bound pickup truck left the roadway and rolled several times, ejecting the occupants, two men ages 20 and 33. One was flown to a hospital in Bend with life-threatening injuries, while the other was transported to the hospital in John Day with non-life-threatening injuries. Both occupants had blood alcohol levels above the legal limit. The investigation continues.

April 22: A cow carcass was found at an Oregon Department of Transportation gravel yard on Highway 26 west of Dayville. A man at a nearby ranch said the carcass came from the ranch. He was told to remove the carcass or he would be cited.

May 1: Observed a man riding a bicycle back and forth across both lanes of Highway 395 in Canyon City who seemed to be impaired. The man refused to do field sobriety tests and was arrested. At the Grant County Jail, he refused a breathalyzer test, so blood samples were taken. Anthony J. Capaldo, 61, John Day, was cited for driving under the influence of alcohol.

May 2: Benjamin H. Monroe, 22, John Day, was cited for two counts of shooting a turkey by prohibited methods, with a rimfire rifle.

May 2: A hunter reported that he had mistakenly killed

two turkeys. He was warned for exceeding the daily bag limit for turkeys.

Dispatch

John Day dispatch worked 145 calls during the week of April 29-May 5, including:

• John Day Police Department

April 29: Responded to the hospital in John Day for an unwanted person.

April 29: Dispatched to a mobile home park on West Main Street in John Day for a dispute in progress.

April 30: Advised of telephonic harassment at an apartment on East Main Street in John Day.

April 30: Received a dispute report from a mobile home park on West Main Street in John Day.

May 3: Dispatched to a mobile home park on West Main Street for a harassment report.

May 3: Responded to an apartment on East Main Street in John Day for a dispute.

May 4: Dispatched to a burglary report at two businesses on East Main Street in John Day.

• Oregon State Police
April 29: Advised of a cow on Highway 26 near Pine Creek.

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May 1: Advised of a cow on Highway 26 near Pine Creek, landowner contacted.

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May 1: Received a live-

stock complaint at a ranch near Dayville.

May 4: Advised of an animal complaint from the Highway 395 and Adam Road area.

• Grant County Sheriff's Office

April 29: Advised of a fraud report on Schoolhouse Lane in Mt. Vernon.

April 30: Received a report of a suspicious person on Day Spring Road in John Day.

May 1: Advised of a civil problem on Northwest Cozart Avenue in Prairie City.

May 2: Received a theft report from South McCallum Avenue in Prairie City.

May 3: Advised of a suspicious vehicle on South Johnson Avenue in Prairie City.

May 4: Received a theft report from Half Street in Prairie City.

May 4: Advised of a domestic dispute on Ingle Street in Mt. Vernon.

• John Day ambulance

April 29: Transported a patient to Bend.

April 29: Responded to Northeast Seventh Street in John Day for an 86-year-old woman.

April 30: Dispatched to an apartment on East Main Street in John Day.

April 30: Received a 911 call from Highway 395 north of Mt. Vernon.

April 30: Responded to Patterson Drive in Canyon City.

May 1: Dispatched to Northeast Seventh Street in John Day for a woman who had fallen.

May 1: Responded to an

apartment on South Main Street in Prairie City for a 52-year-old woman with a possible broken ankle.

May 2: Received a 911 call from an elementary school in Canyon City for a 13-year-old.

May 2: Transported a patient to the airport in John Day.

May 2: Responded to East Main Street in John Day for a young child with a possible seizure.

May 2: Dispatched with Monument ambulance to Wilson Street in Monument for an elderly man with difficulty breathing.

May 3: Responded to Vista Lane in Mt. Vernon for a 4-year-old with a possible seizure.

May 3: Dispatched to a mobile home park on West Main Street in John Day for a hospital transport.

May 3: Paged to East Fifth Street in John Day for a 78-year-old woman with a high temperature and disorientation.

May 4: Responded to an apartment on Southwest First Street in John Day for a 77-year-old man with diabetic issues.

• John Day fire
May 2: Responded to a report of a power pole and fence on fire at La Costa Road and Highway 26 in John Day.

May 4: Dispatched to a repair shop on Apple Road in John Day for a report of black smoke.

• Prairie City fire
May 4: Attempted to locate a fire visible from North River Road and the Summit Prairie Road area.

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