

Learning the hunting lifestyle

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Blue Mountain Eagle

Rylee Browning doesn't remember the earliest times she went hunting with her parents. She was still an infant riding in a pack carried by her mother, Winnie.

Born and raised in Grant County, Rylee grew up in Seneca, where her father Brad also grew up. Winnie is from Dayville. The family has roots going back several generations in the county, she said.

Rylee's earliest hunting memories date back to when she was 5 or 6 years old, accompanying her parents on deer and elk hunts. She got a Ruger 7mm-08 rifle for her 12th birthday.

She bagged her first buck at 14 and has shot two more since then. She's also taken two elk. Her parents, avid hunters, taught her the needed skills.

"Always be quiet when walking, don't give up, be clever in scouting game and moving closer, and don't shoot until you have a kill shot," she said.

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Rylee Browning holds the head of a buck she shot Sept. 30 last year. Left to right are her father Brad Browning, boyfriend Kaden Madden and mother Winnie Browning.