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SHOOTING THE BREEZE

Bore sighting

Saving unnecessarily spent ammunition has always been a concern of mine, but especially now that the shelves are again bare for who can say how long. Sighting in new guns or double checking our old favorites can sometimes consume a fair share of ammunition. Taking the time to learn a few tricks could save you hundreds of rounds of ammo in the long run.

Bore sighting in the traditional sense can be done with any bolt-action and single-shot rifle design because you can remove the bolt or open the action to allow looking down the bore to see where the barrel is pointed in relation to the position of the scope reticle. This isn't the do all end all, but by adjusting your scope until the bore and the reticle are resting upon the same object, you'll save several "guess and check" shots. Fine tuning will still need to be done with live fire on paper, but this will normally require less than a handful of rounds if a proper bore sight has been performed.

If your favorite shooting iron happens to be pump, semi-auto or lever-action, this traditional bore sight cannot be performed as the bolt cannot be removed without extensive disassembly of your rifle. Do not fret, however. There are tools available that will not only work for you but for the aforementioned bolt-action and single-shot rifles. The various laser boresighters on the market vary a little in design; some are inserted on a pilot into the muzzle while others mimic a cartridge case and are inserted into your rifle's cham-



ber. Both designs emit a laser light projection to which your crosshairs can be aligned.

The collimator designs are different entirely, but I've had very mixed results with them.

Laser boresighters can serve an additional purpose and that is to double check your zero where it isn't possible or practical to do so with a live round. For example, if you're traveling long distance for a hunt and your rifle case takes a tumble, the laser boresighter is a way to check your gun without firing a shot. If by chance you and your rifle were to take a tumble downhill, you could double check your zero in stealth in the brush or even at camp without waking your napping amigos.

Whether you choose the newest technology or the old-fashioned method, bore sighting is a very practical skill to add to your skill set as a shooter. If someone at the range asks you why you're looking down the bore of your rifle, just tell them you fired a shot and only the brass case came back out when you opened the action and you were merely looking for the rest of your cartridge. Believe me, they will leave you alone!

Do you bore sight your rifles? Write to us at shootingthebreezebme@gmail.com!

Dale Valade is a local country gent with a love for the outdoors, handloading, hunting and shooting.

Reservations offered at four developed campgrounds

Blue Mountain Eagle

For the first time the Umatilla National Forest is offering campsite reservations at Bull Prairie Lake, Jubilee Lake, North Fork John Day and Olive Lake campgrounds. Individual campsites can be reserved through recreation.gov.

Single and double campsites can be reserved up to six months in advance of a reservation date. Group sites can be reserved up to one year in advance of a reservation date. Campsites that are not reserved by 12 a.m. each day will become first-come, first-served for the day.

Reservations made through recreation.gov will include an \$8 transaction fee in addition to the campsite fee. Reservations can also be made over the phone by calling 877-444-6777 between the hours of 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. pacific time. The Umatilla National Forest will also still offer a limited number of first-come, first-served campsites at each of these four campgrounds.

All other campgrounds on the Forest remain available as first-come, first-served. Most campgrounds charge a fee ranging from \$8 to \$24 per night

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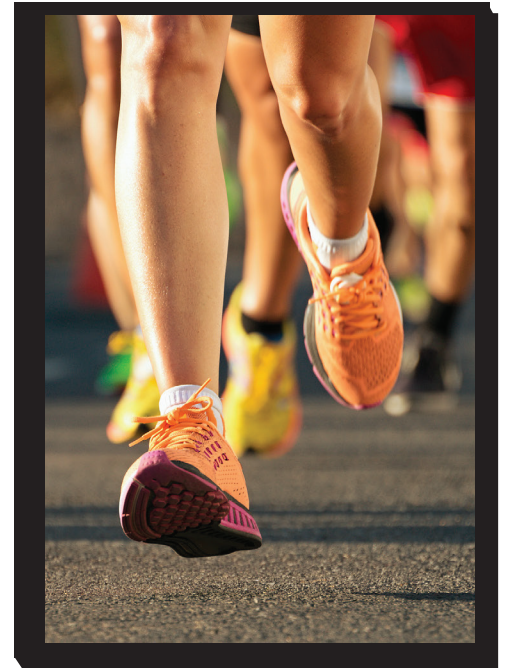
Dermatology Clinic coming soon!

Scholarships

Scholarship applications are now open for Grant County seniors looking to pursue a career in healthcare. Visit our website for more information and to apply.

Strut, Stride, Straddle, Stroll/ Hilton Half Marathon Saturday May 1st

Lace up your shoes! The Strut, Stride, Straddle, Stroll/ Hilton Half Marathon is back! Saturday May 1st, 2021. Registration begins at 7am, race starts at 8am. This year the race will begin and end in the Hospice parking lot. Visit our Facebook page for more details and to register!



It's National Occupational Therapy Month!

Occupational Therapy focuses on helping patients perform daily tasks more easily. This type of therapy focuses on improving fine and gross motor skills so patients can carry out day to day activities.

We are excited to announce that Natalia Gil, OTR/L has joined BMHD as a permanent, full-time occupational therapist. Natalia comes to Grant County from Connecticut, but is no stranger to rural living. She is a generalist occupational therapist and is ready to serve all those that need OT services. In her free time, you will find her hiking with her dog, Tesla as she loves to be outdoors.



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Giving Back

The Blue Mountain Healthcare Foundation is raffling off over \$1,000 worth of gift cards from local businesses. The Foundation purchased these gift cards to support many that have been impacted by the pandemic. All proceeds from this raffle will go toward the purchase of a new 3D Mammography Machine for the BMH Radiology Department. For more information and to purchase tickets visit: www.bluemountainhospital.org/raffle

Save the Date:

Blue Mountain Healthcare Foundation Fundraiser Golf Scramble July 17, 2021

