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Father and son enjoying a fall day on South Fork.

SHOOTING THE BREEZE

The simple joys of being out and about with Andy

Andy turned 2 a couple of months back and man, is he growing. Everyone elbows me when they see him and smirks, saying, "Before too long he will be graduating high school!" It's all about perception, I suppose. Some days it goes fast; some days and nights, time drags on.



Dale Valade

His love for the outdoors and getting his hands dirty has manifested itself since the time he first became mobile. When he was but a young babe, Emma would lay him outside on a blanket in the grass and, with toys in each hand and a toothless grin adorning his little face, he would crawl off the blanket to explore.

Now that he can walk and run, he makes larger and larger sweeps no matter the geography. It's not enough to hear what's over the next hill or at the bottom of the draw, he has to go see for himself.

I've got to watch myself. I will be watching him play and catch myself having a vision of the future.

I see him racing on a stick horse or hauling mulch for his mother's flowerbed in the back of his hand-me-down Tonka dump truck. I see him catching his first fish and carving willow arrows for his homemade willow bow. I can feel myself digging gravel out of his forearm as he sobbingly tells his mother and me of his first bicycle wreck. I feel pride as Emma hangs his first bullseye on the refrigerator.

When I snap back into reality as suddenly as I had drifted off, my heart is full as Andy excitedly holds an informal demolition derby on the kitchen table — without a proper permit, I might add.

Children are our future, and as such our heads are full of hopes and dreams in their behalf. We say to ourselves that even though it may be too late for some of us, that there is all of the time in the world for them. And someday they will be where we are, looking at their kids like we look at them, finally appreciating what you did, and why, for their sake.

Life really isn't fair, but it can be fulfilling if you make time to do the right things in spite of being tired, broke and getting older every year.

The more time we spend out and about, away from electronic interference, the closer I feel to filling the enormous shoes of being a "good parent." Being outside — even if it's not a big, pre-planned shebang — allows us to focus on each other and to interact as a family.

Vacations and outings alike begin increasingly to mean more as we plan less. Just being together to enjoy one another's company is huge. After all, it's less what you're doing and more who you're doing it with.

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

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 SHERIFF

The Grant County Sheriff's Office reported the following for the week ending Dec. 22:

- Concealed handgun licenses: 5
- Average inmates: 10
- Bookings: 10
- Releases: 10
- Arrests: 2
- Citations: 0
- Fingerprints: 4
- Civil papers: 12
- Warrants processed: 2
- Asst./welfare check: 1
- Search and rescue: 1

JUSTICE COURT

The Grant County Justice Court reported the following activity for the week ending Dec. 22:

- Traffic citations filed: 2
- Violations filed: 2
- Misdemeanors filed: 4
- Hearings held: 15
- Persons on probation: 44
- Violation of basic rule: Efrain G. Camacho, 33, Canyon City, Nov. 28, 76/55 zone, fined \$265; William Elmer Grubbe, 78, Prineville, April 30, 75/55 zone, fined \$100.
- Violation of speed limit: Raegen S. Sherman, 27, John Day, April 26, 52/35 zone, fined \$265; Keith Justin Kelly, 49, Seneca, Nov. 18, 31/20 zone, fined \$75; Tye A. Rookstool, 40, Canyon City, May 24, 33/20 zone, fined \$250; Noah Phillip Fulfer, 27, Redmond, June 15, 45/25 zone, fined \$165; Cassidy L. Williams, 21, Canyon City, April 23, 48/35 zone, fined \$85; Daniel Earl Hibbard, 39, Eugene, March 11, 83/55 zone, fined \$225.
- Driving uninsured: Raegen S. Sherman, 27, John Day, April 26, fined \$265.
- Driving while suspended: Tyler Duane Dehiya, 28, Izee, Nov. 30, fined \$440.
- Failure to install an ignition interlock device: Raegen S. Sherman, 27, John Day, April 26, fined \$440.
- Careless driving causing an accident: Jeffrey Robert Parolini, 27, Long Creek, March 22, fined \$375.
- Failure to drive within lane: Jenifer Nicole Popp, 38, Sandy, July 13, fined \$240.
- Driving while suspended: Steven Wayne Wood, 41, Newport, Sept. 24, fined \$440.
- Driving uninsured: Steven Wayne Wood, 41, Newport, Sept. 24, fined \$265.

OREGON STATE POLICE

Dec. 21: A blue Jeep Grand Cherokee, license No. 082WPG, was found abandoned on Highway 26 at Dayville and tagged for removal.

Dec. 22: The driver of a white Toyota Tacoma fell asleep at the wheel shortly after 4 p.m. while driving on Main Street in John Day and went off the road, shearing off a street sign and damaging a telephone pedestal, then left the scene and did not report the crash. The driver was located and interviewed on Dec. 23. Jesse Austin Corbin, 25, of John Day was cited for failure to perform the duties of a driver in an accident causing property damage and for careless driving. No one was injured in the crash.

Dec. 24: At 8:29 p.m., a trooper responded to a slide-off crash on Highway 395C near milepost 4. The vehicle had minor front-end damage, but the driver, a 36-year-old John Day woman, was able to drive it out of the ditch.

Dec. 25: A driver and his young son were injured in a single-vehicle crash at 1:55 p.m. on Christmas Day when their Chevy Lumina lost traction on an icy stretch of Highway 26 near milepost 93 in Wheeler County. The car went off the road and rolled down a rocky 30-foot embankment and came to rest in Rock Creek. The driver and his juvenile passenger were transported to Blue Mountain Hospital in John Day with unspecified injuries. James A. Hercher, 39, of Long Creek was cited for careless driving causing an accident.

DISPATCH

Grant County dispatch worked 121 calls during the week ending Dec. 23, including:

• Oregon State Police

Dec. 17: Advised of a spun-out vehicle partially blocking Highway 395B near milepost 69.

Dec. 17: Advised of a non-injury accident on Highway 395C near milepost 13. No troopers available. Grant County Sheriff's Office responded.

Dec. 17: Advised of a non-injury accident on Highway 26 near milepost 187.

Dec. 19: Advised of a pickup truck and trailer on fire on Highway 26 near milepost 71, in Wheeler County.

Dec. 19: Responded to Unity for a public assist.

Dec. 20: Advised of a hazard in the road on Highway 26 near milepost 76.

Dec. 21: Advised of an animal complaint on Highway 26 near milepost 156.

Dec. 21: Advised of a welfare check request on Highway 26 near milepost 165.

• Grant County Sheriff's Office

Dec. 17: Responded to East Riverside Street, Mt. Vernon, for an animal complaint.

Dec. 18: Responded to Advantage Dental, John Day, for a commercial burglar alarm.

Dec. 19: Responded to Highway 26 near milepost 159 for warrant service. Olle Starnes, 51, of John Day was arrested on a Grant County warrant.

Dec. 19: Responded to Dollar General, John Day, for violation of a no contact order.

Dec. 20: Responded to Little Dog Creek Lane for an alarm.

Dec. 20: Responded to Blue Gulch Road, John Day, for a livestock complaint.

Dec. 20: Advised of a livestock complaint on Schoolhouse Lane, Ritter.

Dec. 20: Advised of a shoplifter at Radio Shack, John Day.

Dec. 20: Advised of a suspicious person at Chester's Market, John Day.

Dec. 20: Responded to Strawberry Village Apartments, Prairie City, for a domestic dispute.

Dec. 20: Responded to East 11th Street, Prairie City, for a domestic dispute.

Dec. 20: Responded to North Humbolt Street, Canyon City, for a cow loose.

Dec. 21: Responded to Canyon City for a cow on the loose.

Dec. 21: Responded to NW Third Street, John Day, for an open door at a residence.

Dec. 22: Responded to Riverside Mobile Home Park, John Day, for suspicious circumstances.

Dec. 22: Responded to Elkhorn Motel, John Day, for an unattended death.

Dec. 22: Responded to Canyon City Park for criminal mischief.

Dec. 22: Responded to Elm Street, John Day, for a welfare check.

Dec. 22: Responded to Dreamers Lodge, John Day, for a report of juveniles running on the roof.

Dec. 23: Responded to South Canyon Boulevard, John Day, for suspicious circumstances.

Dec. 23: Advised of a driving complaint on Charolais Heights, John Day.

• **John Day ambulance**
Dec. 17: Dispatched to Blue Mountain Care Center, Prairie City, for a 78-year-old female with complications from a choking incident.

Dec. 18: Responded to Rebel Hill Road, Canyon City, for a 79-year-old male with difficulty breathing.

Dec. 18: Responded to Southeast Hillcrest Road for a 72-year-old female with a broken ankle.

Dec. 18: Responded to

Valley View Assisted Living for a lift assist.

Dec. 19: Responded to Bumpy Road for an 84-year-old male with chest pains.

Dec. 19: Dispatched to Valley View Assisted Living for a 94-year-old female who fell and hit her head.

Dec. 19: Dispatched to Nelson Road for a 51-year-old female with abdominal pains.

Dec. 20: Dispatched to Adams Road for a lift assist.

Dec. 20: Dispatched to South Humbolt Street, Canyon City, for a 65-year-old female with a medical problem.

Dec. 20: Dispatched to Southeast Hillcrest for a male with breathing difficulties.

Dec. 20: Patient transfer at the airport.

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Dec. 21: Responded with Grant County Sheriff's Office to Patterson Drive, Canyon City, for a suicidal subject.

Dec. 21: Responded to Riverside Mobile Home Park for a 52-year-old female with pain in her abdomen and chest and breathing difficulties.

Dec. 22: Patient transfer at the airport.

Dec. 22: Dispatched with Prairie City Ambulance to North Johnson Street, Prairie City, for a 71-year-old male with dizziness and weakness.

Dec. 22: Dispatched with Grant County Sheriff's Office to Prairie City High School for a male with an unknown medical problem.

Dec. 23: Patient transfer at the airport.

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Winter Mandala
Wednesday, January 5, 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Introduction to Marketing
Thursday, January 6, 5:30 PM

Bird with Birch Trees
Thursday, January 6, 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Pocket Knife Case with Leon Pielstick
Mondays, Jan 3 & Jan 10, 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

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There's No Place Like Home For The Holidays



We'd like to deliver our sincere best wishes to your door this holiday. May the season bring much happiness, health and good fortune to you and your loved ones.

If you're looking for a home for the holidays and beyond, please keep us in mind. We've been helping area residents find the perfect place to call home for over 20 years.



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Together we can build a brighter future for healthcare in Grant County. Make your tax-deductible gift by December 31st.

2021 Blue Mountain Healthcare Foundation contributions to Blue Mountain Hospital District:

- \$50,000 - 3D Mammography Machine (BMH Radiology Department)
- \$23,600 - Parking Lot (Blue Mountain Care Center)
- \$5,592.68 - Bladder Scanner (BMH Home Health/Hospice)
- \$2,945.09 Resident Art Room in Memory of Dollina Humphreys (Blue Mountain Care Center)



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