



Contributed Photo
Dalton Carder shows off a pair of bass he caught using his own custom-built lures.

SHOOTING THE BREEZE

Local angler dives into bait business

When I first heard about Carder Custom Baits, I thought that this was a story worth telling. This story started as a hobby that developed into a passion and blossomed into an obsession.

Dalton Carder grew up here in Eastern Oregon with a love of fishing. A few years ago he took the next step and started entering bass fishing tournaments around the West.

Discouraged by the cost of available lures, he soon began making his own to cut down on his expenses. Other anglers started to notice his lures and asked if they could buy them. As interest in his lures grew, Dalton decided to go into business, and in 2019 Carder Custom Baits was born right here in John Day. At first, Dalton was able to keep up with demand in his spare time. Then the demand started taking up not only all of Dalton's spare time, but also every spare minute of his wife's time as well. As the late nights got later, and the business got busier, Dalton took the leap, quit his day job and struck out in the lure business full time.

While his orders keep Dalton plenty busy, he still finds time to go fishing. Traveling as far as California, he still man-

ages two or three tournaments a month in the busy season. After all, he has to display the merchandise somehow. Dalton has also been able to sponsor the NorthWest Bass and American Bass Association Oregon tournaments.



Rod Carpenter

Carder Custom Baits makes everything from soft plastics, like worms, to crankbaits. Using a clear blank, Dalton applies his own custom color schemes, then adds a clear coat for durability, a hook or two and his lures are ready to catch some bass. You can check out his handiwork and order some lures from his website, www.cardercustom-baits.com.

Dalton does custom work as well. If you have a hankering for something truly special, just let him know the design you want and he will do his best to make it happen.

I will be the first to admit, I'm not a diehard fisherman, but I do like to hit the John Day River three or four times a year for some bass fishing. This year I am going to give a couple crankbaits from Carder Custom Baits a try.

What's your favorite bass lure? Let us know at shootingthebreezebme@gmail.com.

Rod Carpenter is a husband, father and huntin' fool.



Blue Mountain Hospital District

Community Health Beat



What's new at BMHD?

Home Health & Hospice named a 2022 Hospice Honors recipient

Blue Mountain Home Health & Hospice was named a 2022 Hospice Honors recipient by HEALTHCAREfirst. Hospice Honors is a landmark compilation of hospices providing the best patient and caregiver experience. This prestigious annual review recognizes hospices that continuously provide the highest level of quality as measured from the caregiver's point of view. We are beyond proud of our team for not only earning this recognition but for their dedication to providing high quality, compassionate, patient care.

HOSPICE HONORS

**Understanding Loved Ones with Dementia
Wednesday, May 25th 10am**

Join us for a FREE educational program: "Understanding Loved Ones with Dementia" on Wednesday, May 25 from 10am-11:30am at the Blue Mountain Hospital conference room, downstairs. This program is for friends and family whose loved ones have dementia or memory loss. Dr. Robyn Jennings, family physician at Strawberry Wilderness Community Clinic, and Rod Harwood, Older Adult Behavioral Health Coordinator at GOBHI, will present information about dementia, provide training for family and friends who are caregivers, and share about on-going resources for Grant County families affected by dementia.

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Scholarship Applications Due May 13th

Grant County graduating seniors looking to pursue a career in healthcare: visit our website to download our scholarship application.



Welcome Dermatologist Jill Olinger, MD

Jill Olinger, MD recently joined the BMHD team in March in partnership with Dermatology Health Specialists. Jill comes to us with over 20 years of experience and has really hit the ground running in Grant County. Since she got here, she's seen nearly 100 patients. Jill is seeing patients 3 days a month at Blue Mountain Hospital, to make an appointment call: 541-575-2060.



We want to hear from you!

If you haven't already, please take a moment to complete our 2022 Community Health Needs Assessment Survey - it can be found on our website home page.

Hard copies are available at the BMHD front entrance, Home Health & Hospice, Grant County Health Department, & Canyon Creek Clinic.

Save the Date:

**Blue Mountain Healthcare Foundation
Fundraiser Golf Scramble
Saturday, July 16th, 2022
John Day Golf Club**

www.bluemountainhospital.org

