

WHAT'S HAPPENING

The deadline for What's Happening items is 5 p.m. Friday. Call Cheryl at the Eagle, 541-575-0710.

FRIDAY, JULY 17

Arts program summer showcase

• 5 p.m., Church of Jesus-Christ of Latter-day Saints, John Day

Check out local young talent at the Grant County Youth Arts Program Summer Showcase. The event includes an art show and a concert by local artists and performers ages 5-16. The church is at 944 E. Main St.

SATURDAY, JULY 18

GU Volleyball car wash

• 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Les Schwab Tires, John Day

Get your vehicle spruced up while supporting the Grant Union volleyball team. Donations will go toward the summer volleyball camp.

26th annual Demolition Derby

• 7 p.m., Grant County Fairgrounds, John Day

Watch local competitors smash and crash as they vie for a variety of trophies and prizes, including \$1,500 for first place, \$1,000 for second and \$500 for third. Entry fee is \$50 per car, which includes the driver and one pit crew person; pit passes are \$30 a person. Car inspection begins at 3 p.m. Presale admission is \$10 for adults and \$6 for children 12 and under; at-the-gate prices are \$2

more. Children under 6 get in free. The annual event is sponsored by the Whiskey Gulch Gang. For more information, call 541-575-0329 or email farrelhugh@yahoo.com.

SUNDAY, JULY 19

Featured pastor, potluck at UMC

• 9 a.m., United Methodist Church, John Day

The Rev. Dan Benson, formerly the pastor at the John Day United Methodist Church, will preach at the church's 9 a.m. service. A potluck will follow. Rev. Benson is currently serving at the United Methodist Church in Madras. His family will join him for the weekend return to John Day. The community is welcome to attend.

MONDAY, JULY 20

Healthy Together Project

• 5:30-7:30 p.m., Canyon City Community Hall

Anyone interested in becoming healthier is welcome to learn about motivational skill building and creating a personal wellness plan. Dinner and child care are free, and there will be door prizes too. For more information or help with transportation, call 541-620-8261.

40th annual Ritter schools reunion

• Noon, Ritter Hot Springs

Former students, families and friends are welcome to the 40th annual reunion for Ritter, Range and Three-Mile schools. A potluck will be at noon, with coffee, lemonade,

paper goods and silverware furnished. For more information, call Vivian Morris, 541-421-3868.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY, JULY 24-26

Bates reunion

• Bates State Park

Former residents of the town of Bates, and friends and family are welcome to the reunion, which is held every two years. A potluck will be at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday. There will be a drawing for a large framed oil painting of the old Bates Mill area by Darlene (Haskins) Hammack – tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5 – and a silent auction for a framed, original Bates basketball jacket donated by Leonard Cardwell. Campsites are \$10 per night. A \$10 donation to The Friends of Bates to cover reunion costs is suggested. The state park is located on County Road 20, about a mile north of Austin Junction at highways 26 and 7.

SATURDAY, JULY 25

Fossil Beds 40th anniversary

• 9 a.m., Sheep Rock Unit

Activities include a Blue Basin Hike, Cant Ranch tour, cake reception, including art contest winners announced and new exhibit unveiled, park ranger presentation, gallery tours and practice fossil lab. A potluck dinner and reunion of current and former park employees will be held at 6 p.m. in Dayville. For more information, call the John Day Fossil Beds at 541-987-2333.

Fun for youth on Friday nights

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JOHN DAY – Friday evening playdays for youth in grades 6-9 start up on July 17, at Belshaw Field at Seventh Street Complex

The playdays will start at 6 p.m. and continue until about 7:30 p.m.

Some of the planned activities include ultimate frisbee, volleyball, obstacle courses and team games. Volunteers are being sought to help out.

The program is free and open to all youth throughout the county

The playdays will continue through mid-August, and

possibly into the school year.

Waiver forms are available at the John Day/Canyon City Parks and Recreation office 845 1/2 N.W. Bridge St., John Day or at Gleason Pool in John Day.

Call Parks and Recreation at 541-575-0110 for more information.

Ferrioli Gets \$300 million for schools

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SALEM - Senate Republican Leader Ted Ferrioli (R-John Day) and fellow Senate Republicans praised the inclusion of \$300 million in bonding for schools in Oregon following their request earlier this session for school bonding in the same amount.

"After Democrats woefully underfunded K-12 education earlier this session, we're encouraged that they agreed with our call to allocate \$300 million in bonds for Oregon schools," said Ferrioli. "Senate Republicans have long advocated for funding our schools first, and today we were able to give them a boost in funding that gives Oregon safer schools and additional resources in the classroom."

\$300 million in bonds for schools will be divided between seismic retrofitting (\$175 million) and bonding

for school districts' capital projects (\$125 million). The bonding projects will be considered Friday afternoon when the Joint Ways

& Means Subcommittee on Capital Construction meets to consider bonding projects for the next biennium.

VBS on tap at two local churches

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Looking for something fun for the kids to do this summer?

Two local churches have weeklong Vacation Bible Schools coming up, both for children grades K-6, and both packed with a full schedule of activities.

Here are the details for each:

• Living Word Christian Center, Mt. Vernon – 5-8

p.m., Monday-Friday, July 20-24. The theme is "Shine." Registration is at 4:30 p.m. Van transportation is offered to and from several locations: HUD Housing in Canyon City, 4:25 and 8:40 p.m.; John Day City Park, 4:35 and 8:30 p.m.; Nugget Lanes parking lot, 4:45 and 8:20 p.m.; and Mt. Vernon Community Center, 4:55 and 8:05 p.m. Living Word is on Highway 26, just east of Mt.

Vernon. Call 541-932-4910.

• Prairie Baptist Church, Prairie City – 9 a.m.-noon, Monday-Friday, July 27-31. The theme is "SonSpark Labs." Bus transportation will be available from Cornerstone Christian Fellowship in John Day at 8:25 a.m., and returning to Cornerstone at 12:30 p.m. Prairie Baptist is located at 238 N. McHaley St. in Prairie City. Call 541-820-3696 for more information.

Park to host guided trip

JOSEPH – Wallowa Lake State Park welcomes beginning and out-of-practice campers to join in an overnight guided camping excursion July 31-Aug. 2, part of the statewide "Go Camping" program hosted by Oregon Parks and Recreation Department.

For \$30 per family, OPRD provides tents, sleeping bags and other gear. Volunteers will help campers set up tents, build campfires, prepare meals in the campsite and more.

Activities will include a ranger-led hike, swimming in a scenic lake, and plenty of Let's Go Camping programs are at campgrounds throughout the state through Labor Day weekend. Participating campgrounds are listed at oregonstateparks.org. Register online or by calling 888-953-7677.

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2nd **\$1,000**

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DERBY ENTRY FEE - \$50/car, driver & 1 pit crew
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