

The deadline for What's Happening items is 5 p.m. Friday. Call the Eagle, 541-575-0710, or email editor@bmeagle.com. For meetings this week, see our list in the classifieds on Page B9.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12**

**Solar eclipse meeting**

• 4 p.m., Canyon City Community Hall  
The Grant County Chamber of Commerce will hold an informational meeting on the August 2017 solar eclipse. Residents can hear about the planning process and ask questions. For more information, call Tammy Bremner at the chamber office at 541-575-0547.

**Grant County geology meeting**

• 5:30-6:30 p.m., St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Canyon City  
Forest Service geologist Hannah Grist will talk about the granites of Dixie Butte. Coffee, tea and cookies will be provided. There is no cost, and all are welcome to attend. For more information, call 541-575-3346.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 15**

**Bunny Hop 5K Run/Walk**

• 8 a.m., South Fork Road, Dayville  
This is the fourth annual Bunny Hop 5K Run/Walk. Registration is at 8 a.m.; the race starts at 9 a.m. Participants can park at Dayville School for bus transportation to the starting line on South Fork Road. The route will end at Dayville City Park. The cost is \$10 a person. The Buddy Award, \$50 cash, will be given to the winner of the 0- to 13-year-old group who completes the race on their own legs. Proceeds benefit the town's Fourth of July Celebration. For more information, call Dayville City Hall at 541-987-2188 or email winkelej@gmail.com.

**Genealogy seminar**

• 9 a.m., Mt. Vernon Community Hall  
The Grant County Genealogy Society presents a spring genealogy seminar with guest speaker Pam Vestal. The four topics include "Voting records - genealogy's best kept secret," "Beyond names and dates - filling in stories of female ancestors," "Genealogy for beginners and beyond" and "Tips and tricks." Lunch is included, and registration begins at 8:30 a.m. To register or for more information, call 541-932-4718 or 541-575-1431.



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**Katherine Taylor teaches an oil painting class. She will teach a class in John Day April 20 and April 21. Space is limited.**

**Community Garden open house**

10 a.m., Grant County Fairgrounds east end  
The John Day Community Garden is hosting an open house. Plots will be available for rent. A potluck lunch will take place at noon, with soup and bread provided. For more information, contact Susan Garner at 541-961-2981.

**Easter egg hunts**

- 10 a.m., Mt. Vernon Park
  - 10:30 a.m., Dayville City Park
  - 11 a.m., Seventh Street Complex, John Day
  - 12 p.m., Grant Union Junior-Senior High School, John Day
- See the article on this page for more information.

**Monument Booster Club trap shoot**

- 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Kimberly Rock Products pit, milepost 9 on Highway 402

The cost is \$3 per shoot. There will be a barbecue and a dessert raffle will be held as well. Proceeds benefit the Monument Booster Club.

**Benefit dinner for Butch Goslin**

• 6 p.m., John Day Elks Lodge  
Join Team Goslin for a benefit dinner with both a live and silent auction to help raise funds for Goslin's cancer treatments and traveling costs. Cash donations can also be made in Goslin's name at Old West Federal Credit Union. For more information, call Walt Kight at 541-620-1227 or Chelsey McDaniel at 541-792-0886.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 18**

**U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden town hall meeting**

• 4 p.m., Grant Union Junior/Senior High School old gym  
U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden of Oregon will hold a town hall meeting. The public is welcome to get an update on legislative issues and ask questions at the event.

**THURSDAY-FRIDAY, APRIL 20-21**

**Oil painting class**

• 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Keerin's Hall north room, Grant County Fairgrounds  
The class, sponsored by the Grant County Art Association, features lessons from Katherine Taylor. Artists of all skill levels are welcome. The cost to attend is \$30. Space is limited. To register or for more information, contact Eloise Boren at 541-987-2138 or eloiseboren@gmail.com.

**FRIDAY-SUNDAY, APRIL 21-23**

**Monument Senior Center rummage sale**

• 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monument Senior Center  
The senior center will hold its second annual rummage sale. Chili, pies, coffee and maple bars will be served. All proceeds go to the senior center operation fund. Donations are accepted until the day the sale begins. For more information, contact Judy at 541-934-2244.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 22**

**Seneca PTA bingo fun night**

• 6-9 p.m., Seneca School gymnasium  
Seneca PTA will host its annual bingo fun night, featuring bingo, 50/50 boards, a silent auction and concessions. Doors open at 5 p.m. Proceeds benefit the Seneca PTA.

**Egg hunts, activities galore for kids**

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Kids will hop to it at several Easter egg hunts and activities held locally this week.

Events are planned throughout the county with egg coloring Friday and a variety of egg hunts Saturday:

• John Day Fire Department: An egg-coloring day for children of all ages will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, April 14, at the new John Day Fire Station at 316 S. Canyon Blvd. with local volunteer firefighters on hand to assist.

• Mt. Vernon Park: The Mt. Vernon Volunteer Fire Department will host an egg hunt at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 15, at the Phil Boyd Memorial Park for children up to age 10. There are categories for different age groups and also boys and girls, with fun prizes to win. Kids may also have a ride on a fire truck.

• Dayville City Park: An egg hunt for children up to sixth grade will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 15, with a "fun hunt" for parents and a guarantee of prizes for everyone. Call Dayville City Hall for more information at 541-987-2188.

• Seventh Street Complex, John Day: An egg hunt for children up to age 12 will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 15, at Seventh Street Complex's Belshaw Field on the west side of the park. There is a special prize egg for each age group, and the Easter bunny will also make an appearance. The activity is sponsored by the John Day Elks Lodge No. 1824.

• Grant Union Junior-Senior High School, John Day: The John Day Volunteer Fire Department will host an egg hunt at 12 p.m. Saturday, April 15, at the athletic field for children up to age 10, in groups according to age. There will be prizes, and hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks will be available.



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**Children of all ages scramble for eggs during a previous John Day Elks Lodge sponsored hunt at Seventh Street Complex in John Day. This year, most Easter egg hunts are planned for Saturday, April 15.**

**FROM THE PULPIT  
Special Holy Week services**

By Francis Kocis  
To the Blue Mountain Eagle

Some local churches will offer "special services" during Holy Week (April 9-16) other than the regular Palm and Easter Sunday services.

An example will be the Seder meal offered at Redeemer Lutheran Church on Maundy Thursday at 5 p.m. April 13. Community members will be provided the opportunity to partake in a traditional Passover meal that Jesus would likely have had with his disciples that final week before his dishonorable death on the cross. When asked why this is offered, church elder Buzz Gilmore said, "It's a way to better understand Jesus' Jewishness and to have a clearer picture of how the Lord's Supper came about."

This Seder meal is very similar to the one in which Jesus partook in and little has changed in the last 2,000 years as the Jewish community has preserved the tradition. The order and text, the Haggadah, was compiled at an earlier time, during the Second Temple Period (520 B.C. to A.D. 70) in Judea. History supports the authenticity of the Haggadah we have today and the assurance that it is very close to what Jesus led at Passover.

Deacon Bill Gurney developed the Haggadah for this Seder to enable Christians to experience a genuine Seder as well as emphasize the unique details that Christians can appreciate and find helpful to

**Special services**

Maundy Thursday services will be held at 7 p.m. at St. Thomas Episcopal, 541-620-1436, and at 7:15 p.m. at Redeemer Lutheran.

Good Friday services will occur at 6:30 p.m. at Grace Chapel in Prairie City (541-820-4437); at 7 p.m. at the John Day United Methodist, 541-575-1326; and from noon to 3 p.m. for Tre Ore as well as an evening service at 7 p.m. at Redeemer Lutheran.

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, 541-575-1549, will hold services on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and an Easter Vigil on Saturday.

grow in their faith life. Redeemer Church has offered this Seder to the community for the past three years. People outside our church community have attended the Seder and were very impressed by the warmth of our community and excited by the amount learned from being a part of such an important but rarely offered Holy Week celebration. Anyone in Grant County is welcomed to join us, but they must call the church at 541-575-2348 ahead of time because seating is limited and advance planning is necessary.

Francis Kocis is an elder at Redeemer Lutheran Church. To contact him, call 541-575-5840.

**We are celebrating the resurrection  
of our Savior Jesus Christ**

April 13th to Easter Sunday



**UNITED METHODIST**  
126 NW Canton, John Day  
541-575-1326  
Good Friday  
April 14, 7:00 p.m.  
Easter Sunday Service  
9:00 a.m.

**LIVING WORD CHRISTIAN CENTER**  
59357 Hwy. 26, Mt. Vernon  
541-932-4910  
THURSDAY, APRIL 13TH  
6:30 - Last Supper Communion  
SUNDAY, APRIL 16TH  
5:30pm - Resurrection Celebration  
He Lives!  
Come worship the risen Christ!

**VICTORY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
108 S. Washington St.  
Canyon City  
541-575-2688  
11:00 am  
Easter Sunday

**STRAWBERRY MOUNTAIN CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**  
Resurrection Sunday Services  
John Day Service  
10:00 am

**CORNERSTONE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**  
139 NE Dayton, John Day  
Good Friday - April 14 at 7pm  
Open Invitation Community  
Easter Service at 10 am  
At the Fairgrounds  
Followed by free lunch

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
311 NE Dayton, John Day  
541-575-1202  
Easter Service  
at 11 am  
With a special communion  
and Easter message

**PRAIRIE CITY COMMUNITY EASTER SERVICE**  
Prairie City School  
Old Gym  
10:30 am  
Refreshments following

**CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**  
521 E. Main, John Day  
541-575-1895  
10:45 am  
Special Easter  
message & music

**ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
Holy Thursday 6:30 pm  
Good Friday 6:30 pm  
Holy Saturday 7:00 pm  
Easter Sunday 9:00 am  
St. Anne's 12:30 pm  
St. Katherine's 2:30 pm

**COMMUNITY SERVICES**  
April 13  
at Redeemer Lutheran Church  
Thursday Seder Meal 5:00 pm  
Maundy Service 7:15 pm  
St. Thomas Maundy Service 7:00 pm

**GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES**  
April 14  
Tre-Ore, noon - 3:00 pm  
Evening Service at 7:00 pm  
Redeemer Lutheran  
United Methodist 7:00 pm

**COMMUNITY SUNRISE**  
April 16 at 6:30 am  
Crisp Heights, 467 W. 4th St.  
Parking off Airport Way  
Breakfast following at the  
John Day Church of the Nazarene

**ST. THOMAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
139 S. Washington, Canyon City  
541-620-1436  
Maundy Service  
April 13th, 7 pm  
Easter Communion  
April 16th, 10 am