

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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

SATURDAY, JAN. 17

Legion Auxiliary will meet

• 12 noon, Valley View Assisted Living, John Day
The American Legion Auxiliary's Ellis Tracy Unit No. 77 will start the new year with a meeting at the local retirement complex.

MONDAY, JAN. 19

Healthy Together project

• 5:30-7:30 p.m., Canyon City Community Hall
All are welcome to a community event, offering an opportunity to learn about nutrition, exercise and healthy habits. A free dinner will be offered, as well as child care and door prizes. The project, sponsored by the Grant County Health Department, is funded by a Transformation grant from Eastern Oregon Coordinated Care Organization received by Community Counseling Solutions. Transportation is available; call 541-620-8261.

TUESDAY, JAN. 20

Genealogical Society luncheon

• Noon, Outpost Restaurant, John Day
All are welcome to the next luncheon meeting of the Grant County Genealogical Society. Featured speaker will be John Fiedor presenting, "Before there was a Dayville."

THURSDAY, JAN. 22

Monument Soil and Water annual seminar

• 10 a.m.-3p.m., Monument Senior Center
Topics at this year's Monument Soil and Water Conservation District seminar include "Timber Stand Health and Fire Resistance," "Battling Medusahead and Cheatgrass with Bacteria" and "Herd Economics - Decisions Based on Dollars." The District's annual meeting will follow. Monument School FFA will offer a barbecue brisket lunch for \$8 a plate. To RSVP, call 541-934-2141 or email mswcd@centurytel.net.

Education Forum

• 6-8 p.m., Grant Union High School library, John Day
Topics for the forum include State School Fund, Senate Bill 540, Frontier Learning Outpost and more, followed by a question-and-answer period. Guests include Senator Ted Ferrioli, and representatives Cliff Bentz (R-Ontario), John Huffman (R-The Dalles) and Greg Barreto. The moderator will be Grant School District No. 3 board member Gordon Larson. The forum is open to the public and designed for everyone interested in education: Eastern Oregon board members, superintendents, school officials, staff and community members. The school is at 911 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day. Call 541-575-1280, ext. 25, for more information.

SATURDAY, JAN. 24

All-you-can-eat pancake feed

• 5-7 p.m., Mt. Vernon Grange
The grange will hold its annual all-you-can-eat pancake feed featuring both sourdough and regular pancakes, plus scrambled eggs, ham and beverages. The cost is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children 3-12, and free for children under 3. There will also be a cakewalk with several goodies to win.

Photographer rakes in three awards

Lindsey Wyllie says 'rewards are great'

By Angel Carpenter
Blue Mountain Eagle

JOHN DAY - It's the fourth year in a row that rodeo photographer Lindsey Wyllie won the 2014 "Your Competitor News" rodeo magazine's Photographer of the Year honor.

And that's not all. For 2014, he also was Favorite Cover Winner, and Re-Ride Cover Winner, which gave him the opportunity to have one of his photos on the year-end cover of the magazine. Competitor News is the largest rodeo publication in the west, also covering Montana and 23 other states. Wyllie is a photographer



Contributed photo
Lindsey Wyllie of John Day received top honors for his rodeo photography featured in "Your Competitor News" rodeo magazine, his work shown on the covers of the publication. He roped in three awards for 2014.

for six organizations, including the Oregon High School

Rodeo Association, Northwest Professional Rodeo Association and Pro-West Rodeo Association.

Wyllie said his line of work involves long hours and a lot of traveling, but "the rewards are great," he said.

Last year, during a 22-week period, Wyllie said he spent 90 days away from home attending 70 rodeo performances, many nights spent in his camper.

He noted he's usually the last to leave the rodeos as he works to edit his photos and get them to his website and media outlets.

When he's working a rodeo, he stays for the entire event.

"It's always a challenge to capture the right moment, and it's all pretty much poetry in motion when you're working with the top athletes and top animals together," he said.

Growing up on a ranch and competing in rodeo events in his younger years has given him insight into timing the perfect shot, he said.

Wyllie does more than just shoot the roughstock rodeo competitions, he also covers the queen contestants and does mock TV interviews with them.

Memorable moments from last year's trips included taking his daughter Reitta to the high school rodeos and watching her try out for high school rodeo queen.

Regarding his work for Competitor News, he said rodeo photographers are "always looking to be the one on the cover," adding he receives the most exposure working with the magazine.

"It's a great way to showcase my work," he said. "I'm fortunate to be doing the work that I do."

'Who done it' event slated for Feb. 6 at the fairgrounds

By Cheryl Hoefler
Blue Mountain Eagle

JOHN DAY - Who's ready to play a game?

The popular board game "Clue" goes live - with a Grant County spin - in a fundraiser slated for 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6, in Trowbridge Pavilion at the Grant County Fairgrounds.

The event features eight "suspects" - The Rustler, The Horsewoman, Sparky, The Rancher, The Bar Maid, The Cook, The Waitress and The Director - in a live dinner mystery.

Upon arrival, participants will choose a suspect with whom to sit, teaming up with others in that section to try to solve the crime - determining the culprit, weapon and room, over the course of the evening.

The dinner menu includes homemade lasagna, salad and garlic bread. There will also be silent and dessert auctions, and a 50/50 drawing, plus a no-host bar, "The Iron Horse Saloon," which opens at 5 p.m.

People who would like to

come just for the dinner and watch others play the game are also welcome.

Amid all the fun is the serious business of raising money for a public address system and reader boards for the fairgrounds.


Businesses can get on board with a couple of price options, for either \$250 or \$500, and have their business name listed on the back of Suspect, Room or Weapon cards, and featured in one of the Rooms.

Silent and dessert auction items are also being sought.

The cost to attend is \$10 a person, \$15 a couple or \$20 for a family of four.


For more information about attending, sponsoring or helping with the Clue dinner and silent auction, stop in at the fair office at 411 N.W. Bridge St., John Day, or call 541-575-1900.

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Katrina

ACADEMIC REPORT

Brianna Murphy-Johnston graduated Dec. 13 from the University of Idaho, with a bachelor's degree in anthropology, and a minor in Spanish.

Murphy-Johnston was honored as one of the University of Idaho's Outstanding Anthropology Students of 2014. She will remain on the U of I campus through May 2015 to complete a three-year contract as resident assistant at Steel House Women's Cooperative Living Group.

A 2010 graduate of Grant Union High School, she is the daughter of Glen Johnston and Peggy Murphy.

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