

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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

FRIDAY, FEB. 6

'Clue' dinner and silent auction

• 6 p.m., Grant County Fairgrounds, John Day  
The board game "Clue" goes live – with a Grant County spin – at a fundraiser in Trowbridge Pavilion. The dinner mystery features eight "suspects" – The Rustler, The Horsewoman, Sparky, The Rancher, The Bar Maid, The Cook, The Waitress and The Director. Participants will pick a suspect and team up with others in that section to try to solve the crime, determining the culprit, weapon and room. The menu includes homemade lasagna, salad and garlic bread. There will be silent and dessert auctions, a 50/50 drawing, and a no-host bar, "The Iron Horse Saloon," which opens at 5 p.m. Business sponsorships are available and auction items are sought. Proceeds will go toward reader signs and a public address system for the fairgrounds. Admission is \$10 a person, \$15 a couple or \$20 for a family of four. Call the fair office, 541-575-1900.

SATURDAY, FEB. 7

AARP Driver's Safety class

• 9 a.m.-4 p.m., John Day Senior Center  
The cost is \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for others. All ages are welcome. Those who successfully complete the course may qualify for an insurance discount. Call instructor Ron Dowse at 541-575-4268 or 541-792-0587.

Sweetheart bazaar

• 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Grant County Fairgrounds, John Day  
Looking for a sweetheart gift – either for someone else or yourself? A variety of goodies, such as jewelry, sewn goods, aprons, wooden crafts, paintings, ceramics and more will be for sale in Keerins Hall. Call 831-596-1771.

Clay pigeon shoot

• 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Kimberly Rock Products pit  
The event will include a variety of shoots, jackpots, Annie Oakley, men's, women's and kids' competitions, and more. The cost is \$3 per shoot, with proceeds going toward medical expenses for Susan Horn. Monument School students in grades 5-8 will serve a baked potato bar and other concessions to help fund their annual field trip. This is the second in a series of four shoots to win a Savage 17 HMR bolt action rifle. Participants must be at three of the shoots to qualify. The best score out of 100 shots wins. The cost for that competition is \$25 for 25 shots, with those proceeds not part of the Susan Horn fundraiser. There will be an auction of several donated gifts at 3 p.m. The rock pit is located at the 9-mile marker on Highway 402 between Kimberly and Monument. Call 541-934-2143.

MONDAY, FEB. 9

Grant County ESD board meeting

• 5:15 p.m., 530 E. Main St., John Day  
A special meeting of the Grant County ESD board of directors will be held in the Child Care Resource and Referral office in Suite 6. The purpose of the meeting is to appoint a potential board member to a component school district board. No executive session is planned.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 11

Gluten-free workshop

• 6 p.m., John Day Elks Lodge  
Sandy Bupp will offer "Sweetheart treats" at the next gathering. There's no cost, and anyone interested in gluten-free cooking and eating is welcome.

SATURDAY, FEB. 14

Travel and Tourism Committee meeting

• 1 p.m., Grant County Chamber office, John Day  
The Grant County Chamber Travel and Tourism Committee will meet at the Chamber office, 301 W. Main St., in John Day. For more information, call Dave Driscoll, 1-248-719-2122.



Girls line up for a little line dancing during the 2014 Daddy-Daughter Dance. This year's dance, with a "luau party" theme, will be Saturday, Feb. 7, at the John Day Elks Lodge.

Contributed photo

Who's ready to hula?

Daddy-daughter dance has 'Luau Party' as theme

By Cheryl Hoefler  
Blue Mountain Eagle

JOHN DAY – Hawaiian shirts and grass skirts – and don't forget your hula moves, too!

"Luau Party" is the theme for this year's Daddy-Daughter Dance, set for 6:30-8:30 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 7, at the

John Day Elks Lodge.

This is the fifth year for the popular event, and the first time it will be held at the Lodge.

Activities include disc jockey music, dancing, limbo and hula dance contests, after-dinner snacks with tropical treats such as pineapple and ham, prizes and a keep-

sake 5x7 photo. Additional photos will be available to purchase from Tanni Wenger Photography.

The dance is open to girls in grades K-8 and their fathers or father figures. The cost per family is \$20 for those in the John Day/Canyon City Parks and Rec. District, and \$25 for all others.

The event is provided by a grant from Grant County Community Counseling Solutions, and benefits Park and Rec. scholarship programs.

For more information, call Parks and Rec. at 541-575-0110. Visit <http://jdc-cparksandrec.weebly.com/> or check out the John Day/Canyon City Parks and Rec. on Facebook.

Wall of Love plays heartstrings, helps pets

Kids can make Valentines at event Saturday

Blue Mountain Eagle

CANYON CITY – A Wall of Love is on display through Feb. 14 at Station

62 to benefit pets and get local residents in the mood for Valentine's Day.

In the fundraiser, people can make a donation to New Hope for Eastern Oregon Animals and then make or buy a Valentine card to post on the wall.

There also will be a Queen of Hearts, Knave of

Hearts photo contest, with entries posted on the wall. The best photo of people or pets dressed as the queen or knave will win a prize.

On Saturday, Feb. 7, there will be a Valentine-making workshop from 1 to 3 p.m. Supplies will be available to make cards

or Queen of Hearts crowns for kids, and stories about rescue dogs and cats will be read.

On Saturday, Feb. 14, from 1-3 p.m., people can pick up their Valentines from the wall and get a thank-you treat for supporting New Hope. Contest winners will be announced.

Forest seeks recreation photos for site

Blue Mountain Eagle

JOHN DAY – The Malheur National Forest is updating its recreation web page, and local photographers are invited to share their photos of scenic spots.

The photos should showcase the natural beauty and recreational opportunities on the forest. The request

specifically seeks images of the following sites, but is not limited to them:

- Idlewild Campground
- Joaquin Miller Campground
- Rock Springs Campground
- Emigrant Campground
- Falls Creek Campground
- Delintment Lake Campground

- Tip Top Campground
- Buck Springs Campground
- Yellowjacket Campground

- Craft Cabin Trail
- West Myrtle Creek Trail
- Myrtle Creek Trail
- FL Spring Trail
- Malheur River Trail
- Hog Flat Trail
- Calamity Butte Lookout

- Sugarloaf Lookout
- West Myrtle Lookout
- Snow Mountain Lookout

Contributing photographers whose works are chosen will be credited on the site.

Digital photos can be sent with name and contact information to: [emigrantcreek@gmail.com](mailto:emigrantcreek@gmail.com).

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**Greetings, Readers!**

As we start on a new year, the Chamber is also looking forward to how we may better serve Grant County and its residents.

To review briefly where we are:

- The Chamber has balanced its income and expenses and is on a solid financial footing.
- A goodly number of volunteers are now generously donating their time to be in the Chamber's office for visitors, giving them a warm welcome, taking an interest in them and pointing out attractions they might want to visit.
- We have an active and engaged board of directors.

As we find ourselves already in 2015, here are some of the things the board is considering:

- A shop-local program backed by Grant County Bucks, which the Chamber would administer. This would be modeled after a successful program being run by the Wallowa chamber.
- Developing a display environment for Grant County's many artists, writers and other creative people. Local artists can be a great visitor draw.
- A program for our youth, to better acquaint them with the role of business ownership. This may be one of the few ways to keep them here after graduation. We will be exploring with the schools how best to implement something like this, to compliment their efforts.
- Reaching out to the Forest Service and other government agencies whose decisions have such a huge impact on our county. We may or may not change their minds, but high-level civil servants need an understanding of the effects their decisions have on all of us.
- Resuming public meetings where members can invite guests, but we need some help on what would be of value to our members for the time invested in such a meeting.

This may be more than we can get done in 2015, but I think all of it would be worthwhile. Do you have some ideas of your own? Would you like to help on any of these? Talk to any board member about it. It's your Chamber!

Sincerely,  
Craig McMillan, Chamber President

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