GRANT COUNTY MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 18 12 p.m. – Seniors Meal **Program** at the Strawberry

Grange Hall, Prairie City. 12 p.m. - Women's Support, by Heart of Grant County, for domestic violence survivors. Free lunch. 541-575-4335

1 p.m. - Grant Cooperative Weed Management Area, Grant SWCD office. 541-575-1554.

3:30 p.m. – Humbolt Elementary School Site Council, library. 541-575-

4 p.m. – Grant County Safe Communities Coalition, Canyon City Community Hall. 541-575-1799, ext. 29.

5:30 p.m. - Grant County Law Enforcement Review Council, Grant County Courthouse Conference Room.

6 p.m.- Grant County Public Forest Commission, Squeeze-In Restaurant. 541-620-1949.

6 p.m. - Prairie City Community Association, held in the PCCA office in the former Methodist Church, 211 W. Sixth St., Prairie City.

6:30-8:30 p.m. - Family History Center open, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, John Day. 541-656-8069.

7 p.m. – VFW 3597, 240 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day. 541-932-4113.

7:30 p.m. – Let Go Group of Alcoholics Anonymous, St. Elizabeth Parish Hall, John Day. 541-575-0114.

THURSDAY, FEB. 19 6:30 a.m. - John Day/ Canyon City Park and Rec. Board, Belshaw of-

9 a.m.-5 p.m. - Family History Center open, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, John Day.

541-656-8069. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. - Monument Food Pantry, food distribution, trailer west of the Senior Center. 541-934-

Noon - Seniors Meal Program and bingo, John Day Senior Center, 142 N.E. Dayton St. 541-575-1825.

1:30 p.m. - Blue Mountain Hospital Caregivers' Support Group, first-floor classroom at Blue Mountain Hospital, John Day. 541-575-0728, Ext. 248, or 541-820-3341.

4-7 p.m. - Blue Mountain Forest Partners, Forest Service supervisor's office. John Dav.

5:30 p.m. - Friends of

Grant County Health

Department

528 E Main Suite E

hn Day, Oregon 97845

Phone: 541-620-8261

Kam Wah Chung & Company, Kam Wah Chung Interpretive Center, N.W. Canton St., John Day. 541-575-2800.

5:30 p.m. – Blue Mountain Hospital, Board of Directors, hospital conference room, John Day.

5:30-7:15 p.m. - Youth Connection, Living Word Christian Center, Mt. Vernon. Kid-friendly dinner and Bible activities. Van rides available. 541-932-4910.

6 p.m. - "The Girlfriends" Women's 12step Recovery, John Day Church of the Nazarene. 541-620-0065.

7 p.m. - Prairie City Volunteer Fire Department, Fire Hall. 541-820-

7 p.m. - American Legion Unit 77, Alec Gay Hall. Call Art Pereira, 541-575-1841.

FRIDAY, FEB. 20

3-6 p.m. – United Methodist Church, weekly food box distribution, 126 N.W. Canton Street, John Day.

6 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous, open to nonmembers too, Long Creek Community Center. 541-421-3888.

7 p.m. – Whiskey Gulch Gang, Sels Brewery, Canyon City. 541-575-0329.

SATURDAY, FEB. 21 9 a.m.-noon - Old recycling center in Prairie City, accepts glass for crushing.

12 p.m. - Oregon NORML-Eastside Chapter, Long Creek. Community Hall. 541-620-0768.

4 p.m. - Bingo and potluck, Mt. Vernon Commu-

SUNDAY, FEB. 22

Fun Jam, musicians and listeners welcome for bluegrass, gospel and traditional country western music. Call for time and location, 541-575-1927.

MONDAY, FEB. 23 Noon – Seniors Meal

Program, John Day Senior Center, 142 N.E. Dayton St. 541-575-1825.

6 p.m. - Mt. Vernon

Volunteer Fire Department, 541-932-4688.

7:30 p.m. - Outlaw of Alcoholics Group Anonymous. Presbyterian Church in Mt. Vernon. 541-932-4844.

7 p.m. – John Day Valley Bass Club, Outpost Restaurant. All are welcome. William Gibbs, 541-575-2050.

TUESDAY, FEB. 24

10-11 a.m. - Story Hour and craft project, Grant County Library, for preschoolers 0-6 years old. 541-575-1992.

12 p.m. - Seniors Meal Program at the Monument Senior Center.

12 p.m. - Transient Room Tax Committee, Grant County Chamber of Commerce, 301 W. Main St., John Day.

5:15 p.m. – Grant Education District ESD Board, 835 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day. 541-575-1349.

6:30 p.m. - New Beginnings Recovery Group, Living Word Christian Center, Mt. Vernon. 541-932-

7 p.m. - John Day City Council, City Hall.

7 p.m. - Grant County Genealogical Society, old parsonage behind the Historic Advent Church, John Day. 541-575-2757, 541-932-4718.

7:15 p.m. - Boy Scout Troop 898, John Day Elks Lodge. 541-575-2531.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 25 9 a.m. - Grant County Court, courthouse, Canyon

9 a.m. - Shepherd's Closet, open, with free clothing for all ages and coffee, at Prairie City Assembly of God. 541-820-3682.

9 a.m-1 p.m. - Grant County Food Bank Surplus Food Distribution, 530 E. Main St., John Day. Bring empty boxes. Call 541-575-0299.

11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. -**TOPS** weigh-in, meeting. United Methodist Church library, 126 N.W. Canton St.. John Day. 541-575-3812, 541-932-4592.



BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Young ranchers take reins

By Scotta Callister Blue Mountain Eagle

The stereotype of the graying rancher, holding on in an aging and challenging industry, is getting a revise in Grant County.

The next generation of cattle ranchers has taken the reins of the Grant County Stockgrowers.

In December, Alec Oliver, 26, became president. The group also has drawn other young adults to its leadership: Justin Galbreath as vice president and Melissa Helmick as secretary. Longtime rancher and former Oregon Cattlemen's Association president Sharon Livingston fills out the board as treasurer.

While young, Oliver is well rooted in the industry – and in the county, as a fifth-generation resident. His great-great-grandfather Joseph Caton "Joe" Oliver came to the area from the Azores of Portugal, and took up ranching.

Participating in the Stockgrowers comes naturally, following in the footsteps of his father J.C., and ranchers like Ken Brooks and immediate past president Jack Johns.

"I've always gone to meetings with my dad," he said. "It's like a lot of groups that just need somebody new to step

He said there are plenty of other young producers in the county, but it's a challenge for them to find time for organized groups and meetings.

His goal this year is to make sure the Stockgrowers meetings have an

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Alec Oliver

educational aspect - something that will help producers be successful and deal with issues facing their in-

He said meetings will focus on practical matters such as cost analysis, increasing pasture yield, and factors used to predict bull and herd success.

Oliver juggles the organization's schedule with his work in the family business, raising Hereford cross cattle. He also has a job with Country Natural Beef in marketing and cost analysis.

It's a workload he might not have anticipated at one

Oliver was critically injured in a rollover accident two and a half years ago. He survived, but now must use

a wheelchair to get around.

After the accident, he said, he questioned his future: "I thought about it, you know, 'What am I going to do now? Am I just going to sit here and look out the window?"

But Oliver had good advice and encouragement from others, who stressed how much he could do with his brain, not just his

Today, he has a special lift on his truck, and can shift onto a tractor and even a horse to do his work. A modified saddle and automatic gate openers help. But determination - to

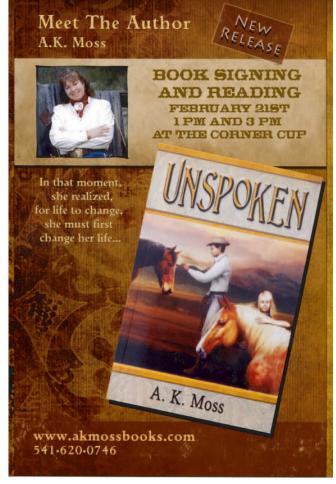
get back into his life, the ranching life – was the key, he said.

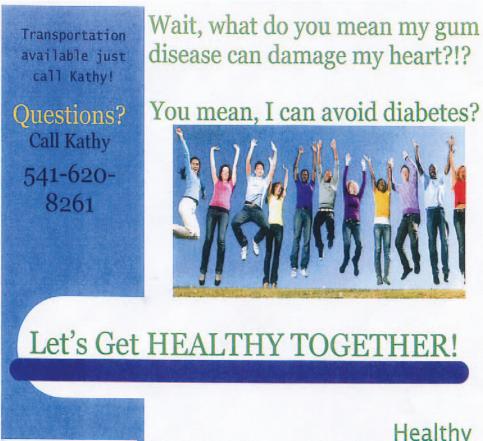
It's a life he would recommend to others, no matter what their age. "I would not do any-

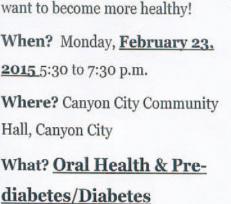
thing else," he said, adding it's not just the outdoors and the lifestyle that ap-

He noted it's a good way to recycle our natural resources, and, when done right, helps to improve the environment.

As for the Stockgrowers, he noted, "It's a great organization that can and does do a lot for the local community."







FREE: Dinner, Child care and

DOOR PRIZES!

Who? Grant County residents who

Healthy Together Project

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