

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. 541-575-0454.  
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 office.  
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. 541-934-9191.  
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 Day.  
5:30 p.m. – **Friends of**

**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 12-step Recovery**, John Day Church of the Nazarene. 541-620-0065.  
7 p.m. – **Prairie City Volunteer Fire Department**, Fire Hall. 541-820-4360.  
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 non-members 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 Community Hall.  
**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 Group of Alcoholics 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. 541-932-4910.  
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 City.  
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.



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BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Young ranchers take reins

By Scotta Callister  
Blue Mountain Eagle



Alec Oliver

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 up.” 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

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 body. 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 anything else,” he said, adding it’s not just the outdoors and the lifestyle that appeals. 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.”

**Meet The Author**  
A.K. Moss

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FRI & SAT (3:50) 6:50 9:30  
SUN (3:50) 6:50  
MON-THURS  
**\*FIFTY SHADES OF GREY R**  
Literature student Anastasia Steele’s life changes forever when she meets handsome, yet tormented, billionaire, Christian Grey.  
FRI & SAT (4:00) 7:00 9:35  
SUN (4:00) 7:00  
MON-THURS  
**\*THE SPONGEBOB MOVIE: SPONGE OUT OF WATER PG**  
SpongeBob goes on a quest to discover a stolen recipe that takes him to our dimension, where he tangles with a pirate.  
FRI-SUN (4:10) 7:10  
MON - WED 7:10  
**\*JUPITER ASCENDING PG-13**  
Woman discovers she is next in line for an extraordinary inheritance that could alter the balance of the cosmos.  
FRI & SAT 9:40  
**\$8 Adult, \$6 Senior (60+), \$6 Child**

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**Let’s Get HEALTHY TOGETHER!**

**Who?** Grant County residents who want to become more healthy!

**When?** Monday, **February 23, 2015** 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

**Where?** Canyon City Community Hall, Canyon City

**What?** **Oral Health & Pre-diabetes/Diabetes**

**FREE:** Dinner, Child care and **DOOR PRIZES!**

**Healthy Together Project**

Funded by a Transformation Grant from Eastern Oregon Coordinated Care Organization received by Community Counseling Solutions. In partnership with the Grant County medical providers to improve community health.

**Grant County Health Department**  
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**JUNIPER ARTS COUNCIL/GRANT COUNTY CULTURAL COALITION SEEKING GRANT PROPOSALS FOR OREGON CULTURAL TRUST GRANTS AWARDS**

The coalition has \$6,000 from the Oregon Cultural Trust to distribute in Grant County to organizations for projects relating to culture.

Applications are available from Karin Barntish, 131 W. Main Street, John Day or call Kris Beal at 541-932-4892 for more information or an application. Grant applications will be accepted until February 27, 2015 at 5:00 PM.