

# LUAU DANCE IS A HIT

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Blue Mountain Eagle

JOHN DAY – Who wouldn't want to go to a "luau" in February? Apparently lots of dads and daughters were in the mood for a tropical theme, as this year's Daddy-Daughter Dance drew a huge turnout to the Elks Lodge on Feb. 7.

According to Kim Ward, program manager at John Day/Canyon City Parks and Recreation, 138 girls plus their dads/dad figures attended the popular event.

"The best turnout yet," Ward said.

And they came from all corners of the county: Monument, Prairie City, Dayville, Seneca and Kimberly, as well as John Day and Canyon City.

Ward said the luau theme was a hit, and added the Elks Lodge was a great location for this year's dance.

The evening included dancing to disc jockey music, snacks, games, prizes and a keepsake photo.

"It was a magical night for all," she said.

The event was sponsored by Grant County Community Counseling Solutions.



Contributed photos

This year's Daddy-Daughter Dance drew a huge turnout from throughout Grant County.



Mike Carr and his daughter, Clara, enjoy time together out on the dance floor.



Emilee Mogg, left and Ashley Tipton are all smiles at the dance.



Dan Goldblatt and his daughter, Dani, make their entrance to the Daddy-Daughter Dance.

## BUSINESS

### New newsletter covers state government

EO Media Group

SALEM – Oregon Capital Insider, an electronic newsletter covering Oregon government, began distribution last week.

Oregon Capital Insider provides specialized news for individuals and businesses that require a deeper understanding of the trends, issues and personalities in state government. The newsletter will provide timely intelligence and in-depth reporting delivered to subscribers Friday mornings, and at other times as breaking news demands.

Based in Salem, the newsletter is a collaboration between two family-owned media companies: EO Media Group and Pamplin Media Group.

A team of veteran journalists produce Oregon Capital Insider.

• Peter Wong is an award-winning reporter who has covered Oregon state government and politics for newspapers since 1989.

Wong joined Pamplin Media Group and the Portland Tribune in April 2014 after having been a reporter for the Salem Statesman Journal for more than 14 years. Before that, he worked at the Medford Mail Tribune as that newspaper's capital bureau chief.

• Hillary Borrud joined EO Media Group in 2014 after seven years at the Bend Bulletin where she reported on city, county and state issues. Previously, she was a

reporter for the Daily Press in Victorville, Calif.

Borrud is a member of Investigative Reporters and Editors, where she received a Rural Computer-Assisted Reporting Fellowship in 2013.

• Mateusz Perkowski is legislative reporter for EO Media Group's Capital Press in Salem. He has covered agriculture and natural resource issues for that weekly agriculture newspaper since 2006.

Oregon Capital Insider brings together two companies with a wide geographic footprint in Oregon.

Pamplin Media Group owns 25 twice-weekly, weekly and monthly newspapers covering Portland and its suburbs, as well as communities in the Willamette Valley and Central Oregon.

EO Media Group includes nine daily, weekly, bi-weekly and monthly publications including the Blue Mountain Eagle, Willamette Valley News, Daily Astorian and the Capital Press.

The companies created Oregon Capital Insider to counter a decline in independent news coverage of state government.

"While statehouse news coverage is diminishing in Oregon and across the nation, our media groups have chosen to invest in increased scrutiny of state government," said Steve Forrester, president of the EO Media Group.

To subscribe, go to [oregoncapitalinsider.com](http://oregoncapitalinsider.com).

## Youth tour delegates picked

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Two Grant County teens have been chosen to attend the 2015 Rural Electric Youth Tour in Washington, D.C., in June.

Columbia Power Co-op selected Maya Thomas, a Monument School student, as a delegate to the conference.

Oregon Trail Electric Co-op selected Dawson Quinton of Canyon City, who attends Grant Union High School. OTEC delegates also include a Harney County

student, McKenzie Moulton of Hines.

The delegates will join nearly 2,000 students from across the United States for a one-week trip to our nation's capital.

The students get to visit famous historical sites, learn leadership skills, and meet with congressional leaders. They also create podcasts and digital photo projects as they learn about electric cooperatives and current issues in energy and climate change legislation.

## ACADEMIC REPORT

• Carrie Lovemark graduated in December from Five Branches University in Santa Cruz, Calif., with a master's degree in traditional Chinese medicine. Daughter of Will and Kim Brown of Canyon City, she is a 2004 graduate of Grant Union High School and a 2008 graduate of the University of Oregon, with a degree in human physiology. She plans to return to Oregon with her husband this summer and start an acupuncture practice in Canyonville.

# Church Services in Grant County

**GRACE CHAPEL**  
Evangelical Methodist  
154 E. Williams St.,  
Prairie City • 541-820-4437  
[gracechpl@ortelco.net](mailto:gracechpl@ortelco.net)  
Pastor Michael Harvey  
Early Worship ..... 8:45 a.m.  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Worship ..... 11 a.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 6:30 p.m.  
WEDNESDAY  
Prayer ..... 8 a.m.  
THURSDAY  
Bible Study ..... 6:30 p.m.

**Historic Remnant Church**  
Preparing for Jesus to come  
Meets Saturday at Mt. Vernon Grange  
Sabbath School.....9:30 am  
Church Services.....11:00 am  
541-620-0340

**Seventh-day Adventist Church**  
SATURDAY SERVICES  
JOHN DAY  
110 Valley View Dr. - 541-575-1216  
Head Elder.....541-575-2914  
Bible Classes (all ages).....9:30 am  
Worship.....11 am  
LONG CREEK  
E. Main Street - 541-421-3033  
Head Elder.....421-3468  
Bible Classes (all ages).....2 pm  
Worship.....3:00 pm  
Tune into  
3 ANGELS BROADCASTING  
KSPL 98.1 FM  
Blue Mountain Cable, Channel 2  
Antenna; Digital Channel 15 & UHF Channel 8

**JOHN DAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
541-575-1326  
Marcie Collins, Pastor  
JOHN DAY, 126 NW Canton  
Sunday Worship 9 am

**MT. VERNON PRESBYTERIAN Community Church**  
SUNDAY SERVICE.....9 am  
SUNDAY SCHOOL.....9 am  
541-932-4800  
EVERYONE WELCOME

**St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church**  
Corner of S Canyon Blvd and SW 2nd  
Mon. - Fri. Mass - 12:05 pm  
Saturday Mass - 5:00 pm  
Sunday Mass - 9:00 am  
Confession: Saturday 3:30 - 4:30 pm  
Anytime by appointment 541-575-1459

**Redeemer Lutheran Church**  
Come Worship with us at  
627 SE Hillcrest, John Day  
1st & 3rd Sunday Worship  
& Communion .....4:30 pm  
2nd, 4th & 5th Sunday Worship .....10 am  
Wednesday Evening Bible Study.....6 pm  
For information: 541-575-2348

**St. Anne**  
Monument - Sunday at 12:30 pm  
**St. Katherine**  
Dale  
1st & 3rd Sundays at 2:30 pm  
Office Hours  
Monday - Friday 9 am - 12 Noon

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday School.....10 am  
Church.....11 am  
Afternoon Service.....1 pm  
No Mid-week Services  
Pastor Ray Isenberger  
300 W. Main, John Day • 541-575-1355

**Cornerstone Christian Fellowship**  
139 N.E. DAYTON STREET, JOHN DAY  
541-575-2180\*  
Sunday Bible School (for all ages) ..... 8:45 am  
Sunday Worship Service ..... 10 am  
Pastor Levi Manitsas  
[cornerstonejohnday@gmail.com](mailto:cornerstonejohnday@gmail.com)

**Prairie Baptist Church**  
238 N. McHaley St.  
Prairie City  
Pastor David Hoefner  
541-820-3696  
[www.prairie-baptist-church.com](http://www.prairie-baptist-church.com)  
Sunday School for all ages ..... 9:00 am  
Sunday morning worship ..... 10:30 am  
Awana (Oct.-Apr.) ..... 3:00 pm  
Youth Group ..... 5:30 pm

**Living Word Christian Center**  
Hwy 26 Mt. Vernon  
Celebration of Worship  
Sunday 5:30pm  
Kids Classes 0-6th grade  
Youth Connection  
Thursday 5:30-7:15pm  
Kids K-6th Grade  
YOUTH GROUPS  
Friday 6:30pm  
Jr Hi 7th-8th & Sr Hi 9th-12th  
PASTOR SHARON MILLER  
541-932-4910

**Strawberry Mountain CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**  
Calvary Chapel Outreach Fellowship  
Sunday Services .....10 am  
Seneca Outreach.....2 pm  
Midweek Services also available  
170 SE Dayton, John Day  
2nd & Ave. D, Seneca  
541-575-2006

**John Day Valley Mennonite Church**  
Meeting every Sunday  
at Mt. Vernon Grange Hall  
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship.....10:50 a.m.  
Pastor Leland Smucker  
Everyone Welcome • 541-575-5507

**VICTORY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
KJV Independent Fundamental • Premillennial  
Terence K. Crabb, Pastor  
A Bible believing church  
"He that hath the Son hath life..." 1 John 5:12  
Sunday School 9:45 am • Sunday Preaching 11:00 am  
Junior Church 11:00 am • Sunday Evenings 3:30 pm  
Wednesday Bible Study & Master Club 7:00 pm  
Saturday Men's Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm  
108 S. Washington Street, Canyon City  
541-575-2688 or 541-575-0844

**CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**  
Sunday School.....9:30 am  
Sunday Worship Service.....10:45 am  
Sunday Evening Service.....6:00 pm  
Children & Teen Activities  
SMALL GROUPS CALL FOR MORE INFO.  
Weekdays: Sonshine Christian School  
Pastor Ron Roberson  
Associate Pastor Brad Williamson  
521 E. Main • John Day • 541-575-1895  
[www.johndaynazarene.com](http://www.johndaynazarene.com)

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
Sunday School.....9:45 am  
Sunday Worship.....11 am  
Sunday Evening Bible talk ..... 6:30 pm  
Saturday Men's Study ..... 7 pm  
Full Gospel- Come Grow With Us  
541-575-1202 Church  
311 NE Dayton St, John Day  
Pastor Al Atnow  
[www.fcjohnday.com](http://www.fcjohnday.com)

**St. Thomas Episcopal Church**  
Morning Prayer.....10 am  
(1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays)  
Eucharist & Sunday School.....10 am  
(2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays)  
139 S. Washington, Canyon City  
541-620-1436