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petitive throughout high school, she can earn college scholarships through the AAU.

He said his daughter's goal is to stay competitive and attend West Point.

"She's in eighth grade, but she's planning ahead," he said.

Sophia said she plans to compete in the AAU championships again next year.

As one of the younger competitors this year, she'll still be in the 14-year-old division.

Her favorite event is the 100-meter dash, which wasn't available at the Michigan meet.

For now, Sophia is en-

joying track practice with several other middle school students, coached by Treila Osborne.

"I like that it's an individual sport," she said. "In track, it gives me the extra push and gives me responsibility to know that if I do something wrong in an event, it's my fault, and I can't blame others. I also like the variety of events that you can do."

In July, Sophia plans to compete in the AAU West Coast Junior Olympic Championships in Reno, Nev.

She hopes to qualify for four events, plus the pentathlon, for the National Junior Olympics to be held in Norfolk, Va., in August. The West Coast Championship is the qualifier for the Junior Olympics.

Sophia said she appreciates the local business sponsors who supported her competition and travel, including Kimberly Orchards, Boyer's Cash Store, Chester's Thriftway, Chad Engle Contracting, and Les Schwab Tires.

OUTDOORS

Weed spraying begins in South Fork fire zone

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More Info

BLM Office:
541-416-6700

DAYVILLE – An aerial weed spraying operation will begin Thursday on 13,000 acres in the Murderers Creek basin, in the Phillip W. Schneider Wildlife Area near Dayville.

The Bureau of Land Management will conduct the herbicide application to help the habitat recover from last summer's South Fork Complex Fire, which burned across more than 60,000 acres in the basin.

"Herbicide applications are intended to limit the spread of invasive winter annual grass species like Medusahead rye and cheat grass," said Dan Marvin, wildlife area man-

ager. "Winter annuals pose a significant threat to the ecological health of the area and function of wildlife habitat by replacing the bitterbrush, sage-brush and other forage wildlife need."

The wildlife area is closed to all public access through April 14, an annual closure to protect wintering big game. The weed operation is expected to be completed by the time it reopens.

Marvin said the spraying is timed to suit the restoration goals.

"The application must occur prior to significant

spring growth of remaining perennial bunchgrass species in order to limit the spread of winter annual grass species and for successful reseeding," said Marvin.

Purchased in 1972 by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, and operated with BLM, the 51,927 acre area is home to approximately 3,000 mule deer, 800 elk, and 150 bighorn sheep during the winter.

About 80 pronghorn antelope spend summer on the wildlife area.

For more information about the spraying procedure and plan, contact the BLM Prineville District Office at 541-416-6700.



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GRANT COUNTY MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18
12 p.m. – **Seniors Meal Program**, 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 Soil and Water Conservation Office. 541-575-1554.

3:30 p.m. – **Humbolt Elementary School Site Council**, school library. 541-575-0454.

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

5:30 p.m. – **Grant County Law Enforcement Review Council**, 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**, PCCA office, former Methodist Church, 211 W. Sixth St., Prairie City.

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

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

7 p.m. – **Prairie City School District 4 Board**, school library.

7 p.m. – **Grant School District 3 School Board**, District 3 office, 401 N. Canyon City Blvd., Canyon City.

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 19
6:30 a.m. – **John Day/Canyon City Park and Rec. Board**, Belshaw office.

9 a.m.-5 p.m. – **Family History Center**, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, John Day. Also open by appointment. 541-656-8069.

10 a.m.-1 p.m. – **Monument Food Pantry**, 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**, 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, 431 Patterson Bridge Rd., John Day.

5:30 p.m. – **Friends of Kam**

Wah Chung, Kam Wah Chung Interpretive Center, Canton St., John Day. 541-575-2800.

5:30 p.m. – **Blue Mountain Hospital** board, hospital conference room, John Day.

5:30-7:15 p.m. – **Youth Connection**, Living Word Christian Center, Mt. Vernon. 541-932-4910.

6 p.m. – **"The Girlfriends"** 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, MARCH 20
3-6 p.m. – **United Methodist Church** food boxes, 126 N.W. Canton Street, John Day.

6 p.m. – **Alcoholics Anonymous**, Long Creek Community Center. 541-421-3888.

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 21
9 a.m.-noon – **Glass recycling**, Prairie City.

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

4 p.m. – **Bingo, potluck**, Mt. Vernon Community Hall.

SUNDAY, MARCH 22
Fun Jam, musicians and listeners welcome. Call for time, location, 541-575-1927.

MONDAY, MARCH 23
Noon – **Seniors Meal Pro-**

gram, 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, Mt. Vernon. 541-932-4844.

TUESDAY, MARCH 24
10-11 a.m. – **Story Hour**, Grant County Library, 0-6 years old. 541-575-1992.

12 p.m. – **Senior Meal Program**, Monument Senior Center.

6:30 p.m. – **New Beginnings Recovery Group**, Living Word Christian Center, Mt. Vernon. 541-932-4910.

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

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

7 p.m. – **John Day City Council**, City Hall.

7 p.m. – **Grant County Air Search**, airport meeting room.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25
9 a.m. – **Grant County Court**, courthouse, Canyon City.

9 a.m. – **Shepherd's Closet**, Prairie City Assembly of God. 541-820-3682.

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

BOWLING RESULTS
Nugget Lanes
March 4
Nooners Senior League
Men High Game: Ron Flores 179
Men High Series: Doug Kruse 473
Women High Game: Chris Rowe 182
Women High Series: Chris Rowe 471

March 5
Thursday Mixed 2K15
Men High Game: Grant Benton 213
Men High Series: Grant Benton 573
Women High Game: Cheryl Leighton 156
Women High Series: Cheryl Leighton 392

March 11
Nooners Senior League
Men High Game: Doug Kruse 179
Men High Series: Ron Flores 477
Women High Game: Chris Rowe 166
Women High Series: Chris Rowe 483

March 12
Thursday Mixed 2K15
Men High Game: Grant Benton 254
Men High Series: Grant Benton 653
Women High Game: Cheryl Leighton 156
Women High Series: Cheryl Leighton 443

the corner's HOT SHOT OF THE WEEK

ANDREW COPENHAVER
School: Grant Union
Grade: Junior
Parents: Bill and Cammi Copenhaver
Sport: Wrestling

What I like best about my sport: "I like that you have to work extremely hard, and if you win or lose, that's you. If you lose it's because you messed up, and if you win it's because you did something right, and you contribute to the team by winning."
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— Coach Andy Lusco

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Families First PARENT RESOURCE CENTER

Teresa Aasness ffedta@gmail.com or Katrina Randleas ffwkat@gmail.com

Volunteers Needed

Grant County is looking to fill vacancies on the following boards.

Interested citizens may obtain an Application to Volunteer by contacting the County Court office, 201 S. Humbolt, Canyon City, OR 97820. Call 541-575-0059 or email ferriolim@grantcounty-or.gov. Applications must be received before Friday, March 27, 2015 at 5 pm.

College Advisory Board: Seven members, plus three ex-officio members serve three-year terms and meet monthly to promote local educational opportunities and identify educational needs within the local community.

Library Advisory Board: Seven members serve four-year terms and meet monthly to promote public awareness and support of library services, receive public input, review and update library materials, and coordinate activities with the Grant County Library Foundation. Membership is limited to one re-appointment.

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