

GU musicians win district competition

All District concert is set for May 19 at GU

By Angel Carpenter
Blue Mountain Eagle

PENDLETON – They’ve done it again.

The Grant Union band won the March 18 Oregon Music Education Association’s District 6 large group festival competition for the third consecutive year.

“The ensemble played with great enthusiasm and attention to musical details the pieces required,” said director Mary Ann Vidourek. “This group has improved throughout this



school year, and are proud of their accomplishment.”

The band includes many underclassmen

who play well, she said, which helps the program, since those musicians will continue to improve as

they progress through high school.

The selections the band played included: “National

Emblem March,” “Echoes From a Russian Cathedral,” “Folk Song Variants” and “Pantheon.”

Back row, from left: Jeffrey Hensley, Billy Copenhaver, Duane Stokes, Elijah Humbird, Ricky Weickum, Nick Springer, Clay Johnson, Cauty Weaver, Ty McDaniel. Middle row: Blake Stone, Reitta Wyllie, Brooke Pereira, Brogan McKrola, Auna Waldner, Josh Carpenter, Sam Bentz, Daniel Soto Llarena and director Mary Ann Vidourek. Front row: Serena Pace, Dauna Bishop, Eli Carniglia, Annie Wall, Chloe Bentz and Mariah Boyd. Not pictured: Marta Faulkner, Chase Workman, Maia Adams and Rose Allen.

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The choir also performed and received higher scores than last year.

Vidourek noted the choir received training at a clinic with one of the adjudicators to help them improve.

“I have a very young choir, but they are learning and growing and have a lot of heart to do well,” the Grant Union director said.

The junior and senior bands and combined choir will be joined by the Humbolt Elementary School choir and sixth-grade band next month for the All District Band and Choir Concert at Grant Union at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 19.

WHAT’S HAPPENING

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

Community Garden work party

• 9 a.m.-noon, John Day Community Garden, 3rd Street Extension

Volunteers and new gardeners are welcome to help spruce up the garden for the 2015 season. Bring work gloves and tools, if you have them. For those interested in a garden space, the cost is \$15 for a 5 by 10-foot bed and \$25 for a 5 by 20-foot one. The work parties continue until the garden’s April 11 opening. Call 541-620-0719 or email johndaycommunitygarden@gmail.com.

SUNDAY, APRIL 5

Sunrise service and breakfast

• 6:30 a.m., Airport Road, John Day

All are welcome to the Grant County Ministerial Association’s annual Easter sunrise service and breakfast. Volunteers will be at the horseshoe curve on Airport Road to assist people getting to the service site. A free shuttle will also be available, but waiting area seating will be limited. A complimentary breakfast will follow at about 7:45 a.m. at First Christian Church, 311 N.E. Dayton St., John Day. Donations will be accepted for the breakfast, with all the proceeds going to the Grant County Food Bank.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

Cycling tourism meeting

• 1:30-4:30 p.m., Squeeze-In Restaurant, John Day

Oregon State Parks and Recreation will talk about the success of bicycle tourism and what can be done to expand it. Lunch can be ordered before or during the meeting. People do not need to stay for the entire meeting. For more information, call 541-620-1819.

Gluten-free meeting

• 6 p.m., John Day Elks Lodge

Sandy Bupp will present “fiesta foods” at the free gathering. The last gluten-free meeting will be on May 13.

FRIDAY, APRIL 10

Disaster Preparedness Fair

• 5 p.m., Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, John Day

All are welcome to the free fair where people will be able to browse information booths and demonstrations on safety and preparedness. The evening includes a chili dinner and prize drawings, from 5-6:30 p.m. Presentations will begin at 6:30 p.m. sharp on several topics: “Prepare!” class offered by the Red Cross; a Cascadia Subduction Earthquake DVD presenta-

tion; “The Five Seasons: Living with Wildfire” film; and a short informational film by Oregon Trail Electric Co-op. The event is sponsored by the Red Cross, the LDS church and the U.S. Forest Service. Call Joan Bowling, 541-575-1248 or Paula Long, 541-620-4751.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY, APRIL 10-11

Church rummage sale

• 9 a.m.-3 p.m., St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, John Day
The Ladies of St. Elizabeth Catholic Church will hold their annual rummage sale with bargains galore, in the church’s parish hall on Southwest 2nd Avenue. For more information, call 541-575-1350.

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

Genealogy seminar

• 9 a.m., Mt Vernon Community Center
Featured speaker is former National Genealogical Society director Connie Lenzen, a board certified genealogist who has lectured at the national, state and local level. Classes during the daylong seminar include: vital records on the Internet, and newspaper and Oregon Trail research. The cost is \$35 in advance or \$40 at the door, which includes lunch. Contact the Grant County Genealogical Society at 541-932-4718 or gsgsociety94@yahoo.com.

Clay pigeon jackpot shoot

• 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Kimberly Rock Products pit
There will be jackpots; Annie Oakley; men’s, women’s and kids competitions; and more. The cost is \$3 per shoot. Monument School students in grades 5-8 will provide concessions. Proceeds will go toward their upcoming field trip. This is also the last in the series of four shoots to win a Savage 17 HMR Bolt Action rifle. Participants must be at three of the shoots to qualify. The cost for the separate competition is \$25 for 25 shots. The pit is located at the 9-mile marker on County Road 402, between Kimberly and Monument. Call 541-934-2143.

Candlelight vigil

• 7:15 p.m., The Corner Cup, John Day
All are welcome to the event which promotes awareness of sexual assault and child abuse. The walk will start at 7:30 p.m., from The Corner Cup to the Grant County Library and back. People may also support the cause by staying back at The Corner Cup, where fire pits will be going. Pinwheels for Prevention Gardens will be displayed throughout the community, representing healthy, safe children, and a brighter future for families. The annual event is sponsored by Heart of Grant County and Grant-Harney County CASA – Court-Appointed Special Advocates. Call Heart at 541-575-4335 for more information.

The Mt. Vernon City Council will hold a public Hearing on an Ordinance of the City of Mt. Vernon Establishing Time, Place, and Manner Regulations Concerning Medical Marijuana Dispensaries; and Declaring an Emergency. The hearing will take place at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, April 14th during our regular council meeting at the Mt. Vernon City Hall, 199 W. Main St., Mt. Vernon OR 97865. The Document is available for public review at Mt. Vernon City Hall.

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JOHN DAY – The Grant County Library will be closed Monday, April 13, due to staff training.

The library will reopen with April 14, with regular Tuesday hours of 10 a.m.-noon, and 1-7 p.m. Call the library at 541-575-1992 for more information.

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