

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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

FRIDAY-SATURDAY, APRIL 24-25

Watercolor paint workshop

• 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Keerins Hall, Grant County Fairgrounds
All are welcome to a painting workshop for beginners to experienced artists, led by Rebecca Litke of Haines. Bring any watercolor paints, brushes and paper you have, and learn techniques for fur and feathers, and tips for landscape, while painting along with Litke or working on your own project. Litke, who paints a variety of subject matter in most mediums, has taught workshops for several groups. A past president of the Nampa Art Guild, she currently teaches at Crossroads Art Center in Baker City. Participants may attend one or both days. The class is free for Grant County Art Association members; \$20 for all others. Call 541-575-0911 or 541-987-2138. Learn more about Litke at www.artbybeckylitke.com/.

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

Spring Fling dance

• 1-4 p.m., John Day Senior Center
The music is live, the cost is low and the snacks are free – what more could you ask for? All are welcome to a “Spring Fling” family dance, with live music by Up River Country Band. The cost is \$5 for couples, \$3 for singles, and free for children under 12. Coffee, punch and cookies will be served.

Rocky Mountain Elk banquet

• 4 p.m., Grant County Fairgrounds, John Day
This is the 25th anniversary banquet for the John Day Chapter of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. The event includes raffles with several prizes up for grabs. Guests are welcome, but must be accompanied by a current RMEF member. For information on ticket package prices, reserving a sponsor table, RMEF membership and more, call Georgia Boethin, 541-620-0697.

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

Down Under Golf Scramble

• 8 a.m., John Day Golf Course
Registration starts at 8 a.m. and tee-off is at 9 a.m. The cost

is \$40 a person or \$150 per four-person team, which includes green fees and cart. Proceeds go toward expenses for Nathan Gehley, who will compete on the Oregon State Golf Team at the upcoming Down Under Sports International Games in Australia. A by-donation hamburger feed will follow. Several items will be on the auction block, including firewood and a 32-inch flat-screen TV. Payment may be made out to Down Under Sports and sent to Krista Gehley, P. O. Box 36, John Day, OR 97845. For more information, email NateGSDU@gmail.com.

TUESDAY, APRIL 28

Public transportation meeting

• 6 p.m., Monument Senior Center
All are welcome to a town hall meeting to discuss public transportation needs and options in the Monument area. For more information, call the People Mover, 541-575-2370.

SATURDAY, MAY 2

Strut, Stride, Straddle and Stroll

• 7 a.m., Blue Mountain Hospital, John Day
The annual fundraiser for Blue Mountain Hospice offers something for everyone: a 13-mile bike ride, 10K run, a 4-mile run/walk or a 1.5-mile stroll. Registration for all participants is 7 a.m. at the Blue Mountain Hospital parking lot; transportation will be offered to the various starting points for each event. All will finish at the hospital. There will be random prize drawings, prizes for the oldest and youngest participants, prizes for each child registered, and gifts for all the adults. New this year is an award for the business with the largest team. People are also asked this year to race in memory of someone, which can be noted on their bib number. The fee is \$20 for adults and \$15 for children. For more information, contact Sylvia Dowdy at sdowdy@bluemountainhospital.org or 541-575-1648.

OTEC annual meeting

• 10 a.m., Grant County Fairgrounds, John Day
Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative will hold its annual meeting of members in Trowbridge Pavilion. Registration of members starts at 10 a.m., followed by the business meeting at 11 a.m. and the luncheon at 12:30 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to vote for three board members and conduct other business as needed. OTEC members may vote by mail or at the meeting.

This year's ballots include a chance to win a 50-inch flat screen TV.

12th annual Monument EMT dinner

• 4:30 or 6 p.m., Monument Senior Center
The annual dinner honors Monument EMTs, and features prime rib on the menu, prepared by “Chef” Ed Anderson. Donations of pies are requested. A silent auction will be held again this year, with a variety of prizes up for bids. Reservations are required for two seating times: 4:30-5:30 p.m. or 6-7 p.m. Tickets are \$20 a person, \$30 for couples, and \$7.50 for children 6-12.

Mia Dyson in concert

• 7 p.m., Diamond Hitch Mule Ranch, Kimberly
Australian singer, songwriter and guitarist Mia Dyson will perform her style of blues tunes at the Diamond Hitch Mule Ranch. Dyson has appeared with such artists as Bonnie Raitt, Eric Clapton, Chris Isaak, Stevie Nicks, Joe Cocker and the John Butler Trio, and has accumulated a string of awards and nominations. General admission at the gate is \$20 a person; camping is \$15. A pork street taco dinner will be offered from 5-7 p.m. by the Monument School FFA; the cost is \$7 a person. The ranch is on State Route 19 between mileposts 107 and 108, about two miles south of Kimberly. Call 541-934-2140 for more information.

Playing in the dirt

By Cheryl Hoefler
Blue Mountain Eagle

JOHN DAY – Some people just like to play dirty.

Thanks to several of those folks, the John Day Community Garden should be bursting with produce-bearing crops over the coming weeks and months.

A crew of gardeners of all ages raked, weeded, hauled and dug at the garden's April 11 opening day event, to get things spruced up for the 2015 season. They were rewarded with a hearty noon lunch of chili and focaccia bread, cooked in the garden's cob oven.

Even 20-month-old Josie Hollowell of John Day was put

into service, filling a wheelbarrow with weeds as fast as her mother Renee could pull them from one of the raised beds. As adult volunteers cleared out of a larger open area, Kevin, 12, and Trevor, 6, Duvall of John Day, raked and dumped loads of weeds into bins.

The garden, now in its sixth year, is located on the 3rd Street Extension, across from the Grant County Fairgrounds rodeo arena.

Garden volunteers said one of this year's projects is to improve the garden's irrigation system. They are also hoping to expand the pumpkin patch, which has become a popular attraction in the fall.

All the current garden beds



Eagle photos/Cheryl Hoefler
Josie Hollowell, 20 months, of John Day, gets lessons on 'Weeding 101' from her mother, Renee.

have been taken, but several more will be added soon. Individuals who would like to rent a plot, or businesses interest-

ed in sponsoring one, should call 541-620-0719, or email johndaycommunitygarden@gmail.com.

Museums gear up for season

Several Grant County favorites open in May

Blue Mountain Eagle

If you're interested in brushing up on local history, we've got good news for you.

The handful of Grant County museums that close during the winter are prepping to re-open next month, and join others that are open year-round.

Each offers a slice and flavor of rich local history, just waiting to be savored.

Here are the details for each of the area museums and historical groups:

• **Kam Wah Chung and Company State Heritage Site**, John Day, 541-575-2800. Hours at the interpretive center at 125 N.W. Canton St. are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. daily. The museum, across the street near John Day City Park, is open by guided tours only, led at the top of each hour. No admission fee at either, although donations are welcome. Open May 1-Oct. 31.

• **Grant County Historical Museum**, 101 S. Canyon City Blvd., Canyon City, 541-575-0362. Hours are 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Admission: Adults, \$4; Seniors over 62, \$3; children ages 7-17, \$2; children under 6, free. Open May 1-Sept. 30.

• **Grant County Ranch and Rodeo Museum**, 241 E. Main St., John Day. Hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Thursday, Friday and Saturday, or by appointment. Admission: Adults, \$3, children under 12, free. Open May 1-Sept. 26.

• **Sumpter Valley Railway Depot/DeWitt Museum**, Bridge and Main streets, Prairie City, 541-820-3330. Hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. Admission is \$3 for adults, children under 12, free. Opens mid-May

through mid-October.

• **John Day Fossil Beds National Monument's Thomas Condon Paleontology Center**, State Route 19, one mile north of Highway 26, 541-987-2333. Summer hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. daily, from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Admission is free; donations accepted. Open year-round.

• **Grant County Genealog-**

ical Society Research Center, Parsonage building behind Historic Advent Church, 281 W. Main Street in John Day, 541-932-4718 or 541-575-2757. Hours are 1-4 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays; 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturdays, or by appointment. Open year-round.

• **Long Creek Historical Society**, Long Creek, 541-421-3621. Meets the fourth Friday of

every month. The group plans to relocate the settlers fort built in 1878, and build an interpretive site and museum. Open year-round.



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- John Day River Vet Center
- Boyd Britton Welding
- Pioneer Feed & Supply
- Chester's Thriftway
- Les Schwab Tire Center
- Blue Mountain Hospital
- Len's Drug
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Home Health Office,
422 W. Main, John Day.

Grant County Transportation District will be hosting a Town Hall meeting at the Monument Senior Center on Tuesday, April 28th at 6:00 pm. This meeting is to discuss changing public transportation options in the Monument area and gather information from residents on service needs.

Please contact Angie Jones at The People Mover 541-575-2370 with any questions or special accommodation needs.

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