

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

Children's mini film festival

• 3:45-4:45 p.m., Grantville Theater, Canyon City
Children age 5 and older are welcome to a viewing sample of Drexel Foundation Film Festival films made by and for other children – some as young as 5 – from 2006-2010. All the films are G-rated. Organizers hope the free showing will encourage local children to enter the 2015 contest. For information about the festival contest, call 541-473-3470 or visit thedrexelfoundation.org.

Firemen retirement awards, reception

• 6 p.m., Prairie City's City Hall
Three retiring Prairie City firefighters will be honored with recognition awards for their years of dedicated service. A coffee-and-cake reception will follow. All are welcome.

THURSDAY, MAY 28

Baccalaureate

• 7 p.m., Long Creek Community Center
All are welcome to a baccalaureate honoring local graduates. Light refreshments will be served. The event is sponsored by New Life Bible Church of Long Creek.

Drama Club presents mystery/comedy

• 7 p.m., Grant Union High School, John Day
The Grant Union Junior-Senior High School Drama Club presents "Murder Mystery at the Murder Mystery" by Brian D. Taylor on stage in the old gym. The show is a mystery/comedy, with action occurring on stage and in the audience. The cost is \$4

for adults and \$2 for students. Doors open at 6:40 p.m. The show is appropriate for all ages and lasts about 75 minutes.

SATURDAY, MAY 30

Iron Man Shoot

• Bear Creek Shooting Range
The categories and costs are: adults over 16, \$30; adult three-person team, \$60; youth 16 and under, \$25; and youth three-person team, \$30. There will be cash awards, raffle prizes and refreshments. Call 541-620-0676 or 541-620-0193, or email ccbhunters@gmail.com.

SUNDAY, MAY 31

Cinnabar Mountain Playday

• 9 a.m., Burton Arena, Mt. Vernon
This is the first playday of the season. The remaining 2015 dates are June 14 and June 28, both at Burton Arena, Aug. 2 and 22-23, both at the Grant County Fairgrounds. Registration is at 9 a.m. and the rodeo starts at 10 a.m. Events include barrel racing, pole bending, goat tying, dummy roping, keyhole, flag race and figure 8. Membership cost is \$30 a person or \$45 per family. Entry fees are \$2 per event or \$10 for the day. For more information, call 541-571-8591 or 541-620-4158, email cmplaydays@gmail.com, or visit Cinnabar Mountain Playdays on Facebook.

MONDAY, JUNE 1

Senior Advisory Council to meet

• 10:30 a.m., John Day Senior Center
The council will continue finalizing recommendations for council by-laws. The public is invited.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY, JUNE 5-6

'62 Days Celebration

• Canyon City
A full line-up of activities is slated for the 93rd annual '62 Days Celebration, "Gold Dust or Bust" – Gold Rush Run and Walk; McKalee's Walk for March of Dimes; parade, with Del and Mary Raymond of Prairie City as grand marshals; Cowboy Fast Draw demo; pie social; contests; old-fashioned melodrama; food and vendors; plus Sels Brewery will be open with live music both nights. The event, sponsored by the Whiskey Gulch Gang, commemorates the discovery of gold in Canyon City on June 8, 1862. A schedule with more details will be in next week's issue.

SUNDAY, JUNE 7

Concert in the park

• 6:30 p.m., Canyon City Park
The Ministerial Association of John Day is sponsoring an open-air concert by The Joint Heirs from Idaho. The concert is non-denominational and all are welcome.

MONDAY, JUNE 8

Landowners workshop on aspen stands

• 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Izee Schoolhouse
A daylong workshop, "Land Manager's Guide to Aspen Management in Oregon," will be held to help area landowners restore, manage and monitor their aspen stands. The class is offered by the Upper South Fork John Day Watershed Council, with Oregon State University Extension agents Nicole Strong, Bob Parker and Shanna Northway as instructors. Lunch will be provided. Class size is limited. To RSVP, call 541-792-0435 or email usfjdw@outlook.com or shanna.northway@oregonstate.edu.

KIDS STRUM TUNES, UKULELE-STYLE



Third-grade students sing as they strum ukuleles in Mary Ann Vidourek's music class at Humbolt Elementary. Vidourek, at right, teaches how to play the chords and handle the instruments properly. She said she learned to play ukulele while on a 2011 trip with her Grant Union choir to Honolulu, Hawaii, where the group sang at the 70th anniversary commemoration of the Pearl Harbor attack. She soon after brought ukuleles to her Humbolt music classes.

The Eagle/Angel Carpenter

Forests issue campfire safety tips

Blue Mountain Eagle

JOHN DAY – As the Memorial Day weekend kicked off the summer campout season, the Malheur, Umatilla, and Wallowa-Whitman National Forests announced seasonal safety regulations for building campfires on the three forests.

Beginning June 1, visitors will be required to build their campfires in a fire pit surrounded by dirt, rock, or commercial rings, in areas cleared of all flammable material within a three-foot radius from the edge of the pit and free of overhanging material. The campers must have a shovel and a gallon of water available while building and tending campfires.

These requirements also apply to the use of charcoal briquettes.

The seasonal regulations do not prohibit the use of campfires, when conditions permit; it only designates proper conditions for safe campfires. The June 1 date for campfire safety regulations in dispersed and developed campsites is meant to encourage campfire safety before fire season comes full-swing.

"The intent is to allow campfire use while promoting safe campfire building techniques that, in the long run, will protect lives, property, and our natural landscapes," said Brian Goff, Umatilla fire management officer.

He noted the history of wildfire in the Blue Mountains, with conditions indicating this summer will be "particularly challenging."

Lightning is the No. 1 cause of wildfires in this area, but human-caused wildfires also can occur without warning.

The seasonal campfire regulations continue in effect through Oct. 31, unless more restrictive measures are warranted.

During times of high or extreme fire danger, forests will implement additional public use restrictions, which limit use of campfires, as well as chainsaws, smoking, and travel. Those generally are phased in as the fire danger and weather conditions change.

"We get very busy at this time of year dealing with the numerous lightning caused fires, so preventing the added workload from human caused wildfires is our ultimate goal," said Roy Walker, Malheur fire management officer.

Forest officials offer this advice regarding campfires:

- Always abide by local

campfire laws.

- Only adults should build and maintain campfires.
- Find a shady spot away from dry logs, overhanging branches, bushes, needles, or leaves.
- Use existing fire rings where it is safe to do so. Don't build fire rings in roads.
- Keep campfire rings small and use wood no bigger than the ring.
- Keep tents and other burn-

able materials away from the fire.

- Never leave a campfire unattended. Those leaving campfires unattended can be billed for the cost of fire suppression.
- Drown the campfire with water and stir charred material.
- When leaving, make sure your fire is dead out. Carefully feel all sticks and charred remains. Make sure no roots are smoldering. If it's too hot to touch, it's too hot to leave.

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Registration opens at 9:00 a.m.
Rodeos start promptly at 10:00 a.m.

- May 31st, Burton Arena
- June 14th, Burton Arena
- June 28th, Burton Arena
- August 2nd, Grant County Fairgrounds
- August 22 & 23rd, Grant County Fairgrounds

Events include:
Barrel Racing, Pole Bending, Goat Tying, Dummy Roping, Keyhole, Flag Race, and Figure 8

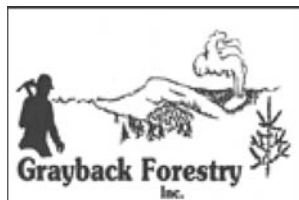
Membership: \$30 individual / \$45 family ~ Entry Fees: \$2/ event or \$10/ day

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'62 DAYS CELEBRATION
Canyon City, Oregon
June 5 & 6, 2015
Saturday Events

Breakfast- 7 a.m.
Gold Rush Run & Walk- 7 a.m.
Parade- 11 a.m.
(Theme: Gold Dust or Bust)
Grand Marshals - Del & Mary Raymond
Barbecue- 12-3 p.m.
Old Fashioned Pie Social
Cowboy Fast Draw
Demonstration- Afternoon

Live Music at Sel's Brewery
Fri. & Sat. Nights
"THE AREA"

Old-fashioned Melodrama-
Fri. 7 p.m.
Canyon City Community Hall