

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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

FRIDAY-SUNDAY, JULY 24-26

Bates reunion

• Bates State Park  
Former residents of the town of Bates, and friends and family are welcome to the reunion, which is held every two years. A potluck will be at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday. There will be a drawing for a large framed oil painting of the old Bates Mill area by Darlene (Haskins) Hammack – tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5 – and a silent auction for a framed, original Bates basketball jacket donated by Leonard Cardwell. Campsites are \$10 per night. A \$10 donation to The Friends of Bates to cover reunion costs is suggested. The state park is located on County Road 20, about a mile north of Austin Junction at highways 26 and 7.

SATURDAY, JULY 25

Fossil Beds 40th anniversary

• 9 a.m., Sheep Rock Unit  
Activities include a Blue Basin Hike, Cant Ranch tour, cake reception – including art contest winners announced and new exhibit unveiled – park ranger presentation, gallery tours and practice fossil lab. A potluck dinner and reunion of current and former park employees will be at 6 p.m. in Dayville. For more information, call the John Day Fossil Beds at 541-987-2333.

TUESDAY, JULY 28

Mad Hatters to meet

• 5:30 p.m., Nancy Chase's home, Canyon City  
The next gathering of the Mad Hatters of Grant County will be at Nancy Chase's home – milepost 9, Highway 395 South, in Canyon City – hosted by Chase and Joyce Nodine. The theme is "South of the border," so members are encouraged to dress accordingly in serapes, sombreros or any bright colors. Food and drinks will be provided. The cost is \$5 a person; bring a guest. RSVP by July 26, by calling 541-575-0243.

SATURDAY, AUG. 1

20th annual Show 'N Shine

• 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Prairie City  
The 20th annual Grant County Kruzers' Show 'N Shine, a display of classic vehicles from throughout Grant County and beyond, rolls into Prairie City. Registration is from 9-11 a.m., and a poker walk with participating city merchants will be from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Prizes will be awarded at 3 p.m., in such classes as best of show, special interest, 1980 and newer, teen-owned, farthest traveled, and several time period categories. There will also be a special 20th anniversary grand prize drawing, and oldies music playing all day to keep everyone in a "classic" mood. Registration is \$20 per car, which includes a goodie bag, dash plaque and poker walk entry. Breakfast will be served by the Prairie City School FFA, and lunch by the PC girls basketball team. Call 541-542-2525 or 541-820-3745, email gkruzers@ortelco.net, or visit www.ortelco.net/~kruzers/.

WEDNESDAY-SATURDAY, AUG. 5-8

Grant County Fair

• Fairgrounds, John Day  
The theme for the 106th county fair is "Blue Jeans and Country Dreams." Highlighted acts include Brady Goss Band, Magic with Hart, Blue Mountain Old Time Fiddlers and The Saddle Boyz. Other returning activities include the trike races, watermelon seed spitting contest, talent search, as well as the pavilion exhibits. And yes, there is a carnival again this year. The Kids parade is at 1 p.m. Friday, and the main parade is at 10 a.m. Saturday, with grand marshals Marge and Art Walton of Prairie City. Fair Queen is Reitta Wylie. Admission to the fair is free for everyone on Wednesday, and free every day for seniors 65 and older, and children 5 and under. Daily admission is \$5, or \$10 for the entire fair. Call the fair office, 541-575-1900, for more information.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY, AUG. 7-8

NPRA Rodeo

• 7-9 p.m., Fairgrounds arena, John Day  
Professional competitors will be kicking up the dirt as they buck, ride and rope their way toward the winner's circle. Admission is \$5 a person each day, plus a fair pass. Call the fair office, 541-575-1900 for more information.

SUNDAY, AUG. 9

CowKids Rodeo

• 10 a.m., Fairgrounds arena, John Day  
Events include calf riding, steer riding, wooly bullies, dummy roping, breakaway roping, pole bending, barrels, goat tail undecorating, goal tail tying, goat tying and stick-horse race. Deadline for entries is Sunday, Aug. 9. For more information, call Simmie Waddell, 541-620-0596.

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# Wanted: Talent Search contestants

Sing, dance, whistle or strum your way to a cash prize



Joanne Metlock sings "It's No Secret" accompanied by Hap McCleod on the banjo during the 2014 Talent Search at the Grant

Blue Mountain Eagle  
JOHN DAY – Your moment in the spotlight is here. Yes, you – the one who sings in the shower, dances in the kitchen, whistles while you work or strums on the back porch – have an opportunity to strut your talent at the Talent Search during the upcoming Grant County Fair. And maybe win a hefty cash prize, too. The competition, which returns this year to the arena grandstand, will be at 6

p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 5. A mandatory sound check for all applicants will be at 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 3. The entry deadline is Tuesday, Aug. 4. There are three age divisions: children, 5-9; youth, 10-17; and adults, 18 and over. First prize in children's division is \$50, and in the youth and adult divisions, \$100. First-place winners are eligible to represent Grant County at the Oregon Fair Talent Search Finals on

Sunday, Aug. 30, at the Oregon State Fairgrounds in Salem. Recorded sound tracks may not include lead vocals. Performances must not exceed five minutes, and selection of material must be appropriate for family audiences. Sponsors of the event are Bank of Eastern Oregon and Chester's Thriftway. Rules and entry forms are available in the fair guide or at the fair office. For more information about the Talent Search, call Carolyn Stout, 541-575-1827.

# Population forecast meetings scheduled

Blue Mountain Eagle  
Working alongside planners, public officials, private firms, developers and members of the public, the Oregon Population Forecast Program is charged with providing coordinated population forecasts with a 50-year forecast horizon for Oregon cities and counties. In September and October the program will be holding public meetings in Eastern Oregon, affecting Baker, Gilliam, Grant, Harney, Hood Riv-

er, Lake, Malheur, Morrow, Sherman, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, Wasco and Wheeler counties. The success of the forecast program depends on active participation from local governments and members of the community. Three meetings are scheduled:  
**Harney, Malheur and Grant counties**  
• Sept. 30 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
City Hall Council Cham-

ber, 242 S. Broadway, Burns.  
**Umatilla, Morrow, and Wheeler counties**  
• Oct. 1 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Eastern Oregon Higher Education Center, 975 S.E. Columbia Drive, Hermiston.  
**Wasco, Hood River and Sherman counties**  
• Oct. 2 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Fort Dalles Readiness

Center, 402 E. Scenic Drive, The Dalles.  
To RSVP for a meeting, visit the following link: <https://app.e2ma.net/app2/survey/1736732/213043854/58a23615cc>. While not required, an RSVP will allow us to plan for the specific areas of interest of those attending. For more information about the meetings, including locations: <http://www.pdx.edu/prc/opfp-regional-meetings>.

# Two events on tap at Trail Center

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BAKER CITY – Two events – an exhibit and a concert – are coming up at the National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center in Baker City. Award-winning Western singer Mary Kaye will perform at 7 p.m. Saturday, July 25, in the outdoor amphitheater, to celebrate "The National Day of the Cowboy."

Tickets are \$12, and may be pre-purchased online at [trailtenders.org](http://trailtenders.org). Tickets will be available at the gate, but seating is limited, so advance purchase is encouraged. An exhibit, "Cargo for a Continental Crossing," is open now through Oct. 13 in the Flagstaff Gallery. Visitors will be able to explore the Oregon Trail experience and examine the material possessions and supplies pioneers needed to choose for their journey west. Authentic artifacts in the exhibit reflect the lifestyle and needs of a five-month, slow-moving journey in rustic conditions 170 years

ago. Live presentations, films and activities related to the exhibit will be in the Leo Adler Theater. The Trail Center, operated by the Bureau of Land Management, is located five miles east of Baker City on Highway 86. The Center is open 9 a.m.-6 p.m. daily. Admission for adults is \$8; seniors, \$4.50; and free for children 15 and under. For more information, call 541-523-1843, or visit [oregontrail.blm.gov](http://oregontrail.blm.gov).

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MOVIE SCHEDULE JULY 24 - 30

**PIXELS** PG-13  
When aliens misinterpret video feeds of classic arcade games as a declaration of war, they attack the Earth in the form of the video games.  
FRI - THURS (4:20) 7:20 9:35

**ANT-MAN** PG-13  
A man armed with a super-suit with the astonishing ability to shrink in scale but increase in strength, must save the world.  
FRI - THURS (4:10) 7:10 9:45

**TRAINWRECK** R  
Comedy. Commitment-phobic career woman may have to face her fears when she meets a good guy.  
FRI - THURS (4:00) 7:00 9:40  
( ) = Bargain Matinee  
\$9 Adult, \$7 Senior (60+), Youth

# Celebrating the Fossil Beds

Blue Mountain Eagle  
DAYVILLE – It's time to party at the Fossil Beds. The John Day Fossil Beds National Monument is celebrating its 40th anniversary with a celebration on Saturday, July 25. Fossil Beds staff have planned a full schedule of activities to mark the event:  
• 9-10:30 a.m. – Blue Basin hike with a paleontologist.  
• 10-11 a.m. – Cant Ranch Tour.  
• 11:30 a.m. – Main event, with a cake reception, announcement of art contest winners, and the unveiling of a new exhibit.  
• 1-1:30 p.m. – Presentation by a park paleontologist.  
• 2 and 3 p.m. – Gallery tours with a park paleontologist.

• 2-4 p.m. – Practice fossil lab with park preparator. The celebration will conclude at 6 p.m. in Dayville, with a potluck dinner and reunion of current and former park employees. For more information, call the Fossil Beds at 541-987-2333.

**Nominate Your Educational Hero**  
Educators play an extremely important role in our community and are often underappreciated.  
This year, Doug's Motor Vehicle Repair is saying "Thank you, educators" by honoring an "Educator of the Month."  
Each month one local educator will be highlighted in the Blue Mountain Eagle and will receive a \$50 gift certificate from Doug's Repair. Educator of the Year will receive \$1,000 to be donated to school of their choice.  
Nominate your Local Hero by picking up a nomination form at the Blue Mountain Eagle or Doug's Repair, or download a copy from the Blue Mountain Eagle's website - [www.bluemountaineagle.com](http://www.bluemountaineagle.com).



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**Best Fishing PHOTO CONTEST**  
With two chances to win weekly or grand prize!  
Go fishing in Grant County, and send in photos from your experience.  
You Could WIN \$10 WEEKLY OR \$100 GRAND PRIZE  
Open to all amateur photographers.

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife has stocked some big ones in local lakes and waterways this summer. This is your chance to catch supper and maybe win a prize, in the 2015 Best Fishing Photo Contest sponsored by the Blue Mountain Eagle, Boyd Britton Welding and Prairie Springs Fish Farm.

- Photos will be judged for quality, content, viewer appeal. Remember, it's not the biggest fish – but the best fishing photo that takes the prize!
- Photos must be taken this summer in Grant County.
- Digital format is best - e-mail to [kristina@bmeagle.com](mailto:kristina@bmeagle.com) or bring in a disc to the Eagle office, 195 N. Canyon Blvd., John Day.
- Deadline for submissions: Sep. 21, 2015 for the grand prize.

Fisherman's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Where the fish was caught: \_\_\_\_\_ Date taken: \_\_\_\_\_  
Fish Species: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight & Length: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact phone number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

**For more info, call the Eagle, 541-575-0710 – and happy fishing!**

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