Community

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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

WEDNESDAY-SATURDAY, AUG. 5-8

Grant County Fair Fairgrounds, John Day For information, call the fair office, 541-575-1900.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY, AUG. 7-8

NPRA Rodeo

• 7-9 p.m., Fairgrounds arena, John Day For information, call the fair office, 541-575-1900.

SATURDAY. AUG. 8

See the stars and planets • 8-10 p.m., John Day Fossil Beds

All are welcome to a free evening of viewing planets, stars and galaxies at the Thomas Condon Paleontology Center, nine miles west of Dayville on State Route 19. The outdoor viewing with telescope will be preceded by an astronomy program, which will be held regardless of clear or cloudy skies. The event is presented by National Park Service volunteer John Fiedor. Call 541-987-2333.

SUNDAY, AUG. 9

CowKids Rodeo

• 10 a.m., Fairgrounds arena, John Day

For more information, call Simmie Waddell, 541-620-0596.

THURSDAY, AUG. 13

Sports physicals, well check exams

• 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Grant Union health center, John Day The cost is \$5 and two cans of food, which will be donated to the food bank. There's also an incentive of \$15 in Grant County Green Bucks, for families/children willing to have a complete adolescent well-child exam, which still fulfills the sports physical requirements. Call the Grant County Health Department at 541-575-0429 for more information.

MONDAY-TUESDAY. AUG. 17-18

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Boxcars put learning in motion

Humbolt and Seneca elementary students ended their summer session with a cardboard boxcar competition at Humbolt School, learning to follow instructions and work in groups.

Instructors Georgia Boethin, Hallgarth, Casey Micah Sprouffske and teacher's aids teamed up for the project, helping students make the cars with cardboard for the body, old CDs for wheels, pencils for axles and a rubberband to set their contraptions in motion.

Summer school, organized by Title I teacher Devin Moan, was held four days each week, July 6 through 30, giving students going into grades 1 through 6 a learning boost before the new school year. Students also enjoyed trips to the



Rylan Cox, left, smiles as his team's car moves.



Eagle photos/Angel Carpenter

Two student teams race cardboard boxcars in the championship July 30 at Humbolt. From left: Jacob Reeves, Layla Wenick (back), Xerina Noel, Billy Radinovich, Natalee Clarry, William Shaw, Rylan Cox, Wyatt Cates and Mickey Jacey.



Two teams are ready to race their cardboard boxcars.



Humbolt Elementary summer school teachers, Micah Sprouffske (front), Georgia Boethin (back, left) and Casey Hallgarth measure the results of the championship race.





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Bates State Park hosts Star Party

PRAIRIE CITY - The night sky over Bates State Park will set the scene for a Star Party at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 14 at Bates State Park.

Local amateur astronomers and volunteers from Redmond will join the party with telescopes for visitors to view summer constellations, star clusters and planets.

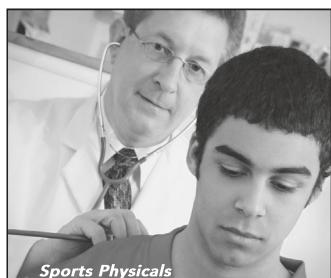
We are fortunate in rural eastern Oregon to have incredible dark night skies, with little to no light pollution," said Park Manager Dennis Bradley. "Add a new moon and the Perseids meteor shower to the mix, and we have the perfect formula for an unforgettable evening."

The Perseids meteor shower produces up to 60 bright meteors per hour from mid-July through late August, peaking this year Aug. 12 and 13. The night sky will be darker than usual on Aug.

14 because the new moon will not be visible, and thus, there will be no moonlight.

That evening, stargazers can also enjoy an old-fashioned campfire and hear stories from folks who lived in Bates when it was still a thriving logging town. Visitors can sing campfire songs, roast marshmallows and munch on s'mores provided by the park. The event and day-use parking are free.

Bates State Park has 28 primitive or "non-hook-up" sites available on a firstcome, first-serve basis. Pitch a tent or sleep under the stars. Bates State Park is 30 miles northeast of John Day on Middle Fork Lane off Highway 7, one mile north of its intersection with U.S. 26 at Austin Junction. More park information and directions are available at www.oregonstateparks.org.



between Northwest Third Avenue and Southeast Dayton Street will be closed between 10 a.m. and noon Saturday, Aug. 8. The closure is necessure.

JOHN DAY - U.S. 26 sary to facilitate the annual Grant County Fair parade. When closed, legal sized

freight traffic will be directed to use Northwest Third Avenue to bypass the clo-

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School starts soon

It won't be long before school bells will be ringing again.

Here's the schedule for the first day of classes at Grant County schools:

ument. Monday, Aug. 24 – Prairie City and Dayville.

• Monday, Aug. 17 - Mon-

• Monday, Aug. 31 - Grant Union Junior-Senior High School, Seneca and Long Creek.

resume in September

Womens meetings to

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JOHN DAY - Just a reminder that the womens Second Saturday group

Gathering will not meet in August.

The monthly Saturday meetings will resume in September.

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& Adolescent Well Child Exams

School-based health center at Grant Union High School Where:

Thursday, Aug. 13, 8-5 Monday, Aug. 17, 8-11 Tuesday, Aug. 18, 8-11

When:

\$5 and two cans of food Cost:

\$15 Greenbacks when you switch to adolescent well child exam

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If you have any questions, feel free to call the Grant County Health Department at 541-575-0429.

Nazarene church to hold VBS

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JOHN DAY - Church of the Nazarene in John Day will hold vacation bible school from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, Aug. 9-13.

The theme is "Everest: Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power." The program is for children ages 4 through fifth grade.

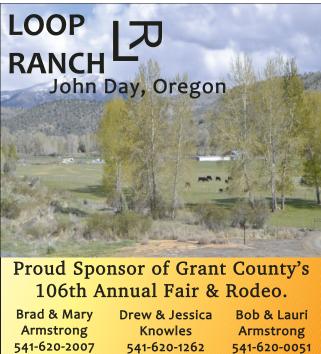
The church is at 521 E. Main St.

For more information, call 541-575-1895.



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