

# Chamber installation dinner draws a crowd

## Volunteers are recognized for dedication

By Angel Carpenter  
Blue Mountain Eagle

JOHN DAY – The driving forces behind the Grant County Chamber of Commerce volunteers, board members and the executive committee were recognized at the Chamber's annual Installation of Officers and Volunteer Appreciation Night.

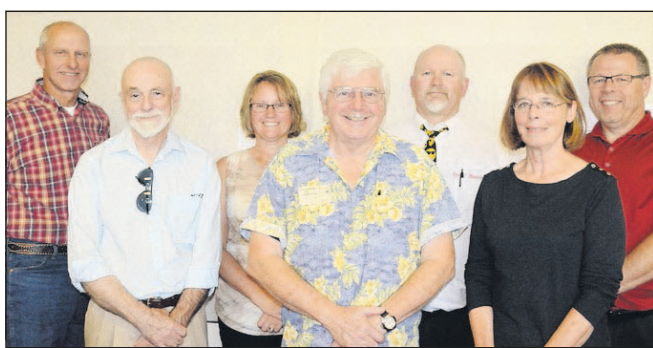
President Jerry Franklin welcomed an audience of over 65 people.

"It was the best turnout we've had in years," said office manager Tammy Bremner after the meeting.

Ruth Harris (past president, 1989) administered the oath of office for board members and the executive committee, and Bremner recognized Chamber volunteers.

Bremner and past president Craig McMillan were presented plaques for their work with the Chamber as well.

Vice president Bob Quinton gave a special award to recently retired KJDY radio owner and operator Phil Gray for his contribu-



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Newly installed Grant County Chamber officers are board members Bruce Ward, left, Dave Driscoll and Shannon Adair, president Jerry Franklin, board member Greg Armstrong, president elect Scotta Callister, and vice president Bob Quinton. Delores Bagett and Elaine Eisenbraun were also installed as members of the board.

tions as the "voice of Grant County."

Franklin, Quinton and Bremner gave a check for \$7,200, from Chamber raffle proceeds, to Old West Federal Credit Union board chairman John Bastian for the Fire Relief Fund.

Guest speaker Rep. Cliff Bentz spoke about several topics including the issue of the minimum wage. Raising it would be "absolutely destructive," he said, adding driving up jobs and business is the way to drive up wages.

He encouraged citizens to email Gov. Kate Brown and Oregon House Speak-

er Tina Kotek to share their views – and "show that you're from Grant County."

Regarding the recent fires and the condition of the forests, he said he's working on an approach to the issue.

"I'll help you in any way I can," he said.

In Bremner's report to the members, she highlighted the importance of volunteers keeping the Chamber office open, and said visitors who stop in say they love the area.

"This is a great place, and I love how we pull together," she said. "Thank you for supporting us."



Volunteers of the Grant County Chamber of Commerce were recognized at the Chamber appreciation and installation meeting, including Shannon Adair, left, Larry Christiansen, Sherry Feiger, Eva Harris, Tammy Bremner, Mary Ellen Brooks and Dave Driscoll. Elaine Husted and Lola Johnson, not pictured, were also recognized for their volunteer assistance at the Chamber.



Craig McMillan, 2013-14 Chamber president, was awarded a plaque by Chamber president Jerry Franklin for his dedication to the organization.



Phil Gray, recently retired owner and operator of KJDY, right, accepted a special award for past service to Grant County from Chamber president Jerry Franklin, left, and vice president Bob Quinton.



Chamber manager Tammy Bremner accepts an award from Jerry Franklin for her service to the Chamber which included being the 2011-12 president. Franklin is the current Chamber president.

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## Advantage Dental has a new dentist

### Boise-area native enjoys fly fishing, hunting

By Cheryl Hoefler  
Blue Mountain Eagle

JOHN DAY – Advantage Dental Group's newest dentist, Dr. Kent Cherry, couldn't have chosen a better place than Grant County to launch his career – where he can pursue his lifelong dream of "living up in the mountains."

An open house welcoming Dr. Cherry to the community will be 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17, at the John Day office, 750 W. Main St.

Dr. Cherry, who started at Advantage Dental in June, replaces Dr. Travis Schuller, who was with Advantage's John Day office since its opening in April 2012.

Growing up in Caldwell, Idaho, Dr. Cherry earned a bachelor's degree from Boise State, and his dental training from Case Western Reserve School of Dental Medicine in Cleveland, Ohio.

All his life, he said he

dreamed about living in the mountains.

"I took every chance I could to get out of the Boise valley and up into the mountains," Dr. Cherry said.

"Now I get to live on the side of one – how could it be better than that?"

Dr. Cherry said he was drawn to a pursuit of dentistry following advice from a mentor. Once he started looking into it, he said he fell in love with the work.

"The variety of things that I get to do is great. I'm limited only by what I feel competent to do," Dr. Cherry said.



Dr. Kent Cherry

Working with people, however, is the best part, he said.

"My favorite thing really, is the patient interactions," Dr. Cherry said.

"We try to have fun and make it as enjoyable an experience as we can for the patients and ourselves."

He said he enjoys working for Advantage Dental, saying "they are a great company."

Dr. Cherry, his wife Kailiee, and children – son, Quinn, 4, and daughter, Alaina, 18 months – have made their home in John Day.

He's looking forward to enjoying local recreational opportunities, and is already loving the fly fishing here.

And, with the arrival of hunting season, he said he's also "looking for a good hunting buddy, if anyone is interested."

Advantage Dental is located at 750 W. Main St. in John Day, at the west end of town. Hours are 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Thursday; and 8 a.m.-5 p.m. on Fridays. The office is closed from 12-1 p.m.

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*I would also like to thank all of my friends and family who sent me cards and flowers. Knowing there are so many people who care fills my heart with joy.*

Sincerely,  
Lela Sloan

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