

Alleluia! concert on tap in Prairie City

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PRAIRIE CITY – A group of musically talented people in Prairie City have planned an upbeat concert, with thankfulness as the focus.

“Alleluia! A Celebration of Praise and Worship” will be at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25, in the Prairie City Community Center.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and admission is by donation.

The event, presented by Strings & Beyond and Friends, will include vocal, instrumental and choir chimes performances. The

If you go

What: Alleluia! A Celebration of Praise and Worship

When: 7 p.m., Friday, Sept. 25

Where: Prairie City Community Center

Admission: By donation

Benefits: Restoration refurbishing of the community center

latter is offered by Strings & Beyond, whose members include Mollie Gill, Vonnies Blasing, Chris Lewallen, Kim Carter, Linda Boyer, Bonnie Britton and Rose Coombs. “The Messiah” is one of their selections on the program.

“Friends” scheduled for the evening include the Johnson family, Jessica Reames, Eithen Hatfield and others, showcasing a variety of musical talent.

Coombs said the group began mulling the idea of doing a Christian concert last spring.

She said they’ve included

one or two sacred or gospel songs in other shows in the past, and decided this time to do a concert with Christian music as the entire theme.

“It’s a way of service to the Lord,” Coombs said.

Gill, the newest member of Strings & Beyond, said she didn’t even know how to read music when she joined, but is enjoying performing with the group.

Lewallen said, “Rose can take raw talent and turn it into a joyful noise.”

All proceeds benefit the restoration and refurbishing of the community center.



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Strings & Beyond members, clockwise, from left, Rose Coombs, Kim Carter, Mollie Gill, Chris Lewallen and Vonnies Blasing practice a choir chimes selection at the Strawberry Grange for the upcoming “Alleluia! A Celebration of Praise and Worship.” Other members are Linda Boyer and Bonnie Britton. The concert will be at 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, at the Prairie City Community Center.

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 23

PC town hall on recreational pot

- 6 p.m., Strawberry Grange, Prairie City

Prairie City residents are encouraged to attend the town hall and learn more about the issue of recreational marijuana. The city council seeks the community’s input on the subject of the cultivation, processing and sales of recreational marijuana within the city limits. Note the location change for the town hall to the Strawberry Grange.

Wildfire restoration forum

- 6-8 p.m., Mt. Vernon Community Center

The local forestry community is coordinating a public forum to assist private timberland owners with restoration strategies after wildfire. Agency professionals will provide information on requirements of the Oregon Forest Practices Act for timber salvage, reforestation requirements, sources for funding assistance, opportunities for landowner assistance and more. Forest industry representatives will offer information on logistics, logging considerations and potential log markets. Contact information will be provided. There will be a question-and-answer period.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 25

Taco feed in Long Creek

- 5-7 p.m., Long Creek Community Center

Everyone is welcome to the by-donation dinner. All proceeds will benefit those who were affected by the Canyon Creek Complex fire.

‘Praise and Worship’ concert

- 7 p.m., Prairie City Community Center

Strings and Beyond and Friends presents “Alleluia! A Celebration of Praise and Worship.” Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Admission is by donation, with all proceeds going toward upgrades for the Prairie City Community Center.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY, SEPT. 25-26

Relief Center yard sale

- 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Grant County Fairgrounds Pavilion

Relief Center staff will open their doors to a yard sale. All proceeds from the sale will go to Old West Federal



Credit Union’s Community Fire Relief account, to benefit those impacted by the Canyon Creek Complex Fire. Due to the large number of items in the pavilion, only 75 people will be allowed through at a time, entering by way of the front door, and exiting through the east door. Payment will be cash or check only, and all sales are final. Examples of items available include tools, dry goods, canned food, toiletry and kitchen items, bedding, and all the clothing you can fit in a plastic bag for \$5 a bag. Cash donations for the relief account will also be accepted during the sale.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 26

AARP Smart Driver Course

- 9 a.m.-4 p.m., John Day Senior Center

Topics include defensive driving techniques, proven safety strategies and new traffic laws and rules of the road. Multi-year discount on car insurance may be available upon successful completion. Those attending should bring a lunch. The cost is \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for all others. To sign up, call

541-575-4268 or 541-792-0587.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY, SEPT. 26-27

Playdays rescheduled

- 10 a.m. Saturday; 9 a.m. Sunday, Grant County Fairgrounds, John Day

This is the final Cinnabar Mountain Playdays for the season, rescheduled from Aug. 22-23, and will be a “tough enough to wear pink” event. Registration will take place prior to the events.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 29

Mad Hatters meeting

- 5 p.m., Bear Valley Roadhouse in Seneca

Members of the Mad Hatters of Grant County and other women interested, are welcome to join the group for dinner. For more information, call Lisa Rynearson.

Hamburger fire relief fundraiser

- 5-7:30 p.m., John Day Elks Lodge

Support the fire relief cause at an all-you-can-eat burger fundraiser. The cost is \$10 for adults, and \$5 for children 12

and younger. The menu includes hamburgers with all the trimmings and hot dogs with or without Mark’s “famous” Coney Sauce, plus potluck salads and desserts. Proceeds benefit the Old West Federal Credit Union fire relief fund. The Elks Lodge is at 140 N.E. Dayton, John Day.

SATURDAY, OCT. 3

‘Color Me Free’ Fun Run

- 8 a.m., Industrial Park, John Day

This is the second year for Heart of Grant County’s “Color Me Free” Fun Run, which kicks off “Domestic Violence Awareness” month. More color stations and more goodies – including a T-shirt, backpack and water bottle – are planned. Registration is at 8 a.m. and the run start time is at 10 a.m. See Page B1 for complete story and information.

Harvest Bazaar in Unity

- 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Unity Community Hall

Get an early start on holiday shopping with Unity’s second annual Harvest Bazaar. Food will be available, served by the Burnt River School FFA. There will be a drawing at 2 p.m.

for a “guys-style” prize. Winner must be present.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY, OCT. 3-4

‘Rally for the Cure’ golf scramble

- 9 a.m., John Day Golf Course

The event starts with a continental breakfast and registration at 9 a.m., followed by tee-off at 10 a.m. A hamburger dinner and auction will be at 4 p.m. The cost is \$40 a person, which includes dinner, plus a goodie bag and magazine subscription. Dinner only is \$8.

See Page B2 for more information.

SUNDAY-TUESDAY, OCT. 4-6

Revival at Grace Chapel

- 11 a.m, 6:30 p.m. Sunday, 6:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday; Grace Chapel, Prairie City

All are welcome be refreshed, revitalized and revived, as guest speaker the Rev. Max Edwards presents an “old country church revival,” which will include favorite traditional hymns. The church is at 154 Williams St. Call 541-820-4437 for more information.

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- Never pay the full amount up front and don't pay in cash.

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Unlicensed contractors work illegally.
They are not insured or bonded.
Verify license information with the CCB.

Are you part of a **NON-PROFIT** in Grant County?

We need your help!

The Blue Mountain Eagle is working to create a master list of non-profits in Grant County. We are looking for the **NAME** of the non-profit, **CONTACT PHONE NUMBER**, **EMAIL ADDRESS**, and **WEB SITE** if available to be added to, or updated on the list for this year's Grant County Giving Back section, coming out in October.

Either call the information into the Eagle Office at **541-575-0710** or email kristina@bmeagle.com

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