

Legislators return for interim meetings

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Oregon lawmakers will return to Salem to hold interim meetings this week and although a controversial hearing on Planned Parenthood has been canceled, people involved still expect several political hot topics to come up for discussion. Here are a few of the potential highlights.

- Child welfare and foster care: Lawmakers will hear from former employees of the foster care agency Give Us Day, after a recent story in Willamette Week about problems at the company's facilities. State child welfare and abuse prevention officials from the Department of Human Services, which continued to send children to the agency, will also testify at the hearing at

the Senate Interim Committee On Human Services and Early Childhood.

- Medicaid reimbursement rates: Oregon's reimbursement rates for the coordinated care organizations that serve the state's low-income Medicaid population will drop slightly on average this year, and one of the organizations has already filed a lawsuit against the state over the rate changes.

There's a lot of money involved, and lawmakers want the Oregon Health Authority to explain the rate changes.

- Energy tax credits: News reports this summer found the Oregon Department of Energy was allowing energy tax credits to be sold at deep discounts, despite lawmakers' attempts to regulate prices through legislation. Lawmakers have two hearings on the tax credits

scheduled next week.

According to one person preparing for the hearings, Gov. Kate Brown left the issue in the Legislature's court earlier this month — Brown said in a statement the energy agency would work with the Legislature to clarify handling of the tax credits — and "attention is moving way for how did we get here to OK, we need to clarify

where we're going."

- Untested rape kits: Oregon received nearly \$4 million earlier this month from the U.S. Bureau of Justice and Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus Vance Jr. to help clear a backlog of 4,700 untested rape kits in the state. Now, lawmakers are also interested in potentially drafting legislation to address the problem in the future.

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

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 are planned. Registration is at 8 a.m. and the run start time is at 10 a.m. The family-friendly community event promotes wellness and healthy lifestyles. The cost is \$20 a person or \$40 for a three-person family group. Early registration is encouraged. Forms are available at Triangle Oil, The Corner Cup, and Java Jungle in John Day and Prairie City, or call Heart of Grant County at 541-575-4335.

Harvest Bazaar in Unity

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

Get an early start on that holiday shopping with Unity's second annual Harvest Bazaar. Vendors will be selling such items as crafts, jewelry, art and metal work, collectibles, quilts, home decor, quilts and more. Food will be available, served by the Burnt River School FFA. A drawing for a "guys-style" prize will be at 2 p.m. Winner must be present.

Quilt giveaway dinner

- 4 p.m., Mt. Vernon Community Center

This is an invitation-only dinner for those affected by the Canyon Creek Complex fire, to relax, visit and enjoy a meal with neighbors about recent events. The event is sponsored by the Grant County Piecemakers Quilt Guild, who will hand out quilts made by guild members and others to fire victims, as a sign of comfort. A spaghetti dinner will be served at 5 p.m. Call 541-792-0670 or 541-620-4574.

Church harvest sale

- 5:30 p.m., Dayville Community Church

All are welcome to Dayville Community Church's annual harvest sale. A meal of chili, cornbread and split pea soup will be served at 5:30 p.m., followed by an auction at 6:30 p.m.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY, OCT. 3-4

'Rally for the Cure' golf scramble

- 9 a.m., John Day Golf Course

A continental breakfast and registration are at 9 a.m., and 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. All proceeds stay in Grant County and go to the Susan G. Komen Foundation for Breast Cancer Research. Sunday's schedule is a men's and women's four-person scramble. Sign-ups are at 9 a.m., and tee-off at 10 a.m. The cost is \$10 a person. A bring-your-own-meat barbecue is at 4 p.m., for \$3 a person. Call the golf clubhouse, 541-575-0170, or Kimberly Ward at 503-583-0362.

SUNDAY, OCT. 4

'Cowboy Carnival' and barbecue

- 3-5 p.m., Prairie Baptist Church

The free event is for children ages preschool through grade 6. Activities include face painting, horseback rides, cupcake walk, hay rides, games and scavenger hunt. A barbecue will be at 4:30 p.m.; parents are welcome. A church van will provide rides to and from Cornerstone Fellowship in John Day. Call 541-820-3696 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 to 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.

THURSDAY, OCT. 8

Red Cross training orientation

- 4 p.m., Grant School District No. 3, Canyon City

Anyone interested in volunteering with the American Red Cross is welcome to learn more at an orientation and Disaster Action Team training. Several volunteer opportunities are available. The District 3 office is at 401 N. Canyon City Blvd. People are encouraged to RSVP. Email lisa.stroup@redcross.org or call 541-306-1238.

FRIDAY, OCT. 9

Dayville Fall Festival

- 6:30 p.m., Dayville Community Hall

Bring a favorite main or side dish, salad or dessert for a chance at a "people's choice" award. Other activities include a cake walk and reverse raffle. The winners of the scarecrow contest will also be announced. All proceeds benefit the Dayville Community Hall Renovation Fund. Call Dayville



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SATURDAY, OCT. 10

Prairie Pumpkin Run 5K

- 8 a.m., Prairie City School

The event, sponsored by the Prairie City School PTA, starts and ends at the elementary parking lot. Registration is at 8 a.m. and the run starts at 9 a.m. The advance fee is \$15 for adults, \$10 for students and \$40 for families of four or more, or \$20, \$12 and \$45 the day of the event. Children 4 and under participate for free. The first 100 to sign up get a T-shirt and tote bag with goodies. Half the proceeds will go toward the Canyon Creek Complex Fire Fund, and half toward a mobile cart of laptops for the elementary classes. Call the school, 541-820-3314.

Tiller's Folly in concert

- 7 p.m., Prairie City Community Center

Tiller's Folly returns to Prairie City, bringing its mix of Americana, folk and Celtic music. The trio includes Bruce Coughlan, Laurence Knight and Nolan Murray, formerly of Prairie City. Tickets are \$20 a person, available at Roan Outwest Coffee, Norm DeJong DDS, Bar WB and Prairie Trading Post in Prairie City, Station 62 in Canyon City, and Naturally Yours in John Day. Doors open at 6 p.m. Call 1541-620-1492. To learn more about the group, visit www.tillersfolly.com.

ATTENTION GRANT COUNTY VETERANS:

Did you know there may be VA benefits available for you as a result of your spouses' military service?

See your Grant County Veteran Services Officer today for more information, located at Grant County Court House.

Call 541-575-1631 for an appointment

Open: Mon, Wed, & Fri 10am-4pm by appointment.

Ready to run from zombies?

Blue Mountain Eagle

JOHN DAY — Feeling brave?

The Zombie Circus Fun Run is coming up at 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24, at Seventh Street Complex in John Day.

Participants will run from zombies, navigate obstacles and try to escape to the finish in the untimed fun run. The event is for youth 8 years and older; those ages 8-12 must be accompanied by an adult at all times. No strollers are allowed on the course.

Preregistration is recommended for runners, and required for zombies. The advance cost is \$10 a person and \$35 for a family, or \$15 and \$45 the day of the event.

There will be a party after the run. Admission is included with the registration fees. For others not participating in the Zombie Circus Fun Run, party admission is \$5 a person or \$2



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This year's Zombie Circus Fun Run will be Oct. 24 at Seventh Street Complex.

and two cans of food. Register online at jdccpark-sandrec.weebly.com, or pick up a form at Families First Parent Resource Center, 401 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day, or at Station 62 in Canyon City. Call 541-575-1799, ext. 29, for more information.

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