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Jack and Katie Johns have been named Stockgrowers of the Year.

Johns to be honored by Stockgrowers

By Harriet Crum
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At this year's Grant County Stockgrowers Association potluck dinner, Jack and Katie Johns of Fox Valley will be honored as Stockgrowers of the year. This is the second time the pair have been presented with this honor.

The stockgrowers' potluck will be at 5 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 17 at the Mt. Vernon Community Hall in Mt. Vernon. Meat will be provided.

Grant County Stockgrowers Association believe cattlemen do more to protect the environment and improve range conditions because it improves their bottom line. They want to leave the range and grass in better condition than when they received it on federal and private property.

Jack has spent 80 years in Fox Valley, except for the four years when he was in college and running his grandfather Jack Vaughan's ranch in Mollala, which was established in 1844 by a Land Grant from the President of the United States. It is the oldest ranch in Oregon owned by the same family.

On Sept. 12, 1959, Jack and Katie Herburger were married and have raised three girls, Deena Thomas, Brenda Christy and Kathie Burke.

Jack was President of the Grant County Stockgrowers three times; Vice President of the Oregon Cattlemen and Chairman of the Oregon Beef Council.

Katie was President of the Grant County Cowbells and Vice President of the Oregon Cowbells.

They were also 4-H leaders for many years.

Katie taught sewing at the Long Creek High School for three years and sewing classes around Grant County. Her passion now is making quilts. She has recently finished making three "Quilts of Valor", for their family service members who have been in the military: Deena's husband, Steve, who was in the Marine Corps for 7 years and part time during the War in Vietnam; Deena's oldest son, JR Moore, who was in the Army and spent 3 tours in Iraq; and Brenda's son, Kyle Christy, who was in the Navy and on the Nimitz ship. Katie still has one more "Quilt of Valor" for a great nephew.

In their younger years they enjoyed raising and selling saddle and work horses. Jack enjoyed team roping around the county and raised long horned cattle that were leased and sold for team roping. They furnished cattle for the Pendleton Round Up for 13 years for the calf roping and wild cow milking.

The Johns are still ranching and enjoying their six grandchildren and two great grandchildren and going to their games.

The Grant County Stockgrowers ask those planning to attend the potluck to RSVP to help with the meat order. Contact Harriet Crum, e-mail hcrum@centurytel.net or call 541-575-4340.

HOMECOMING ROYALTY SHINE



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The 2015 Grant Union homecoming royalty from left: freshmen Macy Strong and Gage Lambeth, sophomores Diamond Workman and Jeffrey Hensley, junior Mickey Coalwell and filling in for James Mabe is Mickey's grandfather Dan Komning, seniors Jocelynn Smith, King Wyatt Weaver, Queen Mackenzie Woodcock and Brady Burch, and seniors Jaylynn Bishop and Garrett McConnell.



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Terry and Georagane Williams.

Kudos given to two well-tended gardens

Blue Mountain Eagle

PRAIRIE CITY – And the cute ceramic frogs go to ...

Green Thumb Garden Club members have been out inspecting Prairie City yards and gardens, and have come up with two award-winning properties.

The club's spring honor went to Terry and Georagane Williams, and the summer one

to Kim, Brian and Jacob McClung.

Each received a decorative ceramic garden frog, crafted by Donna Adams.

The long-running garden club was organized in 1964, and recognizes Prairie City property owners each year for doing their part toward the upkeep of the community.



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Kim, Brian and Jacob McClung.

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

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 by emailing lisa.stroup@redcross.org or calling 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 City Hall, 541-987-2188 for more information.

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.

Second Saturday Gathering

• 9:30-11:30 a.m., Outpost restaurant, John Day

Kim Ausland will be the guest speaking, presenting "What the Bible Says about Heaven." Kathy Rogers and Lis Davis will present music at the no-host breakfast gathering for women. Coffee and tea are complimentary.

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 541-620-1492. To learn more about the group, visit www.tillersfolly.com.

SUNDAY, OCT. 11

Past Members Memorial Trap Shoot

• 10 a.m., Seneca Range

The annual event is open to all adults and youth, and honors Blaine Kendall this year. Registration is at 9:30 a.m. with the shoot to follow at 10 a.m. There will be four events for \$25, plus an optional "Miss & Out" event and a Lewis class, each for \$5. Call 541-575-0243 for more information.

SATURDAY, OCT. 17

Harvest Festival

• 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Southwest Brent Street, John Day

The 2015 Harvest Festival will close out the sixth season of the John Day Farmers Market. In addition to a wide array of vendors selling locally produced food and items, activities include live music by singer-songwriter Wayne Worthen; tasting booth by Elaine Mezzo, featuring local produce, eggs and meat; Lindsay Rausch of Doodlebugs with harvest activities for children; and pumpkins. The popular cider press will be available again, so people can bring their apples and containers for pressing. Anyone interested in reserving a booth should call Jan Keil, 541-910-5150.

Auxiliary meeting

• Noon, Valley View Assisted Living, John Day

The group will make plans for the upcoming annual veterans gift shop. All members are urged to attend.

MONDAY, OCT. 19

Board member training

• 6-9 p.m., Grant County Regional Airport, John Day

Board members of nonprofit groups and their advisors are welcome to participate in the training. Trainers include representatives from the IRS Exempt Organizations Division, a retired Oregon Department of Justice nonprofit specialist and a nonprofit certified public accountant. There will be three workshops: "Seven Things You Should Know to Protect Your Tax Exempt Status," "Attorney General's Guidance on Board Member Rights and Responsibilities," and "Understanding Financial Information. To learn more, register and pay fees online, visit www.nonprofitsteward.org, or call 541-929-9320.



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