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

SATURDAY, OCT. 24

Zombie Circus Fun Run

• 5 p.m., Seventh Street Complex, John Day

Participants in the untimed fun run will try to run from Zombies, navigate obstacles and escape intact. The event is for those ages 8 and older; ages 8-12 must be accompanied by an adult at all times. Preregistration is recommended for runners, and required for zombies. Fees are \$10 a person or \$35 per family in advance, and \$15 a person or \$45 per family the day of the circus, which includes admission to the "after party." The cost for just the party is \$5 or \$2 and two cans of food. Forms are at Families First and Station 62, or online at jdccparksandrec.weebly.com. Call 541-575-1799, ext. 29, for more information.

BMH Foundation dinner, auction

• 5:30-9 p.m., Grant County Fairgrounds Pavilion, John Day This year's theme for Blue Mountain Healthcare Foundation's annual meeting, dinner and auction is "Denim and Diamonds." A no-host bar, games and auction item viewing starts at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the business meeting at 7:30 p.m. The dinner, catered by the Snaffle Bit, includes New York strip, stuffed baked potato, mixed vegetables,



green salad, dessert, coffee and lemonade. Tickets are \$30 a person or two for \$50. RSVP by Monday, Oct. 19, by calling 541-575-4151, 541-620-1010, or emailing jkruts@hotmail. com.

SUNDAY, OCT. 25

Fall Family Frolic

• 3-5 p.m., Canyon City Community Hall

The free evening includes interactive children's music with Megan Maxwell, brain-building activities for children, Active Parenting opportunities, music, a create-your-own-book activity, and local authors Kandice Bowe, Bryn Fleming and Jill Williamson on hand. Refreshments will be served. There

will be a grand prize drawing for an iPad mini, book raffles, free books, autographed books, information and more. The event is sponsored by Families First Parent Resource Center, Frontier Early Learning Hub and the Healthy Together Project.

Charlie Walker in concert

• 4:10 p.m., New Life Bible Church, Long Creek

All are welcome to a concert by country Christian recording artist Charlie Walker. Admission is free, although a freewill offering may be taken. Walker's CDs will be available for purchase. The church, which is meeting at the Long Creek Community Country Christian Center, is at 2nd and Allen singer Charlie Walker. streets.



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TUESDAY, OCT. 27

Grant County Mad Hatters

• 11:15 a.m., 1188 Brewery, John Day

All Grant County Mad Hatters and others interested in joining will gather at 1188 Brewery. 141 E. Main St. in John Day. Call 541-820-3597.

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FLOOD

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that flows between Canyon City and John Day. Both sides of the creek bank total about 34,000 feet.

Dikes, expected to be no more than two feet high, and sand bags will only be needed on about 10,000 feet of the creek bank, less than one-third of the area.

Ferguson estimates he will need about 5,000 yards of material.

A total cost has not been determined, but the funds will come directly from the county. Landowners will not be billed for the work.

With landowners' permission, work could start as early as next week. Ferguson hopes to have the dikes and sandbags in place before winter.

Ferguson considers flooding a chronic problem along the creek and hopes the recent flooding threat will get people's attention that mitigation work needs to be done.

"It is an urgent situation," he said. "We can't just duck our heads in the sand and say we can't do anything.'

Long-term plan

While Ferguson is focused on getting the shortterm project in place this winter, he continues to work on a long-term project that



Eagle photos/Kyle Spurr

Doug Ferguson of Ferguson Surveying and Engineering points to a point on a map of Canyon Creek where a dike would be needed to project against a flood.

Emergency Management Agency and Forest Service's Burned Area Emergency Response team.

As Ferguson has compiled information, it has become clear to him that any flood mitigation work will only be fully effective if it is combined with a countywide emergency management plan.

That starts with finding a Grant County Emergency

Manager, and having excavating equipment on hand to help in flooding situations

"What we need to do is plan this construction the best we can, solve the problems and couple it with an emergency management plan," he said.

The only option Ferguson and county officials see is the proactive approach being proposed, and it needs the community's full support.

'There are going to be inconveniences, but we really need to work together," Ferguson said.



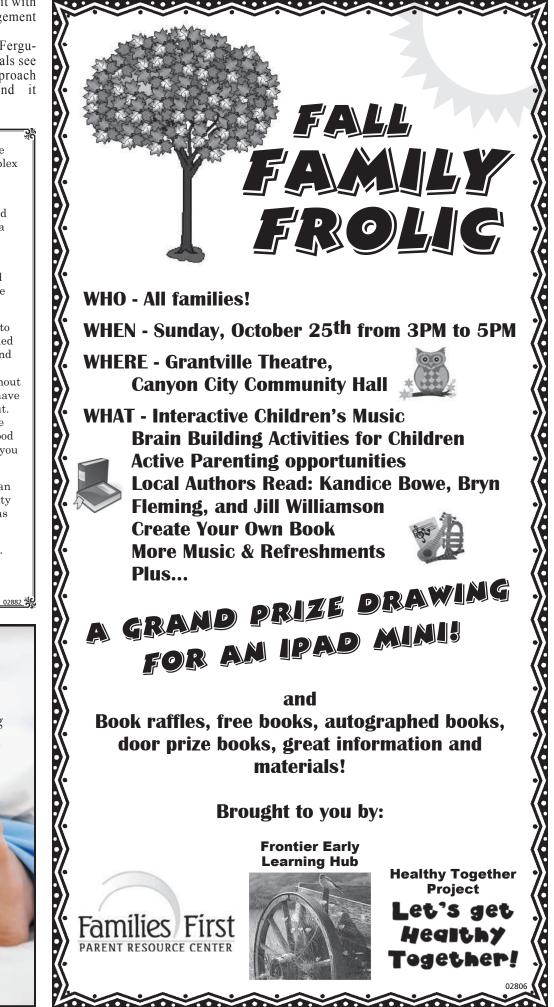
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would completely re-channel the creek.

Such a project would protect the community from a major, 100-year flood event.

Plans for the long-term fix are preliminary with an estimated price tag of about \$3 million.

Ferguson is coordinating with state and federal agencies to see what type of support is available.

"It's a very huge, expensive project," he said. "It's what we need to do, but it's not going to happen overnight."

A meeting is scheduled at 10 a.m. Thursday in the Grant County Regional Airport conference room, where Ferguson and county officials will meet with state and federal agencies about the long-term project.

Need coordination

To develop the plans, Ferguson has coordinated with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Federal

Many people have expressed their thanks for all the help that was offered after the Canyon Creek Complex fire took so much from so many of us. As far as I'm concerned these people cannot be thanked enough!

Many local businesses gave gift cards, discounts and free stuff. Len's, Chester's and Squeeze In are just a few examples that I personally benefitted from.

I have also been the recipient of several beautiful quilts. I know how long it takes to make a quilt and appreciate not only the warm blankets, but the time and artistry in each one!

Last, but certainly not least, what my family came to call the "Pavilion Superstore"! I am still overwhelmed by the staggering amount of dedication, empathy and sheer hours that were given by the volunteers. The donations themselves were mind boggling! But without the kindness and savvy of the volunteers, I would have turned my shell-shocked self around and walked out. They were just bossy enough to make sure everyone got what they needed; from deodorant to shovels, food to blankets and towels. I will always be grateful to you all for helping me put my house back in order.

I am humbled and reminded of the goodness that can come despite such devastation. What this community gave wasn't just what was easy or convenient; it was sacrificial and incredibly appreciated.

Thank you! What a wimpy word for your gift! But... Thank you!

Cindy Davis





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