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

# THURSDAY, DEC. 10

#### **Senior Citizens Advisory Council**

• 10:30 a.m., John Day Senior Center

On the meeting's agenda is to determine the status of the council's by-laws and appoint a committee to nominate candidates for officers of the council. All interested community members are welcome to attend.

#### Light up a Life

• 6 p.m., Valley View Assisted Living, John Day

All are welcome to the candlelight remembrance which honors loved ones who have died. The service, organized by Blue Mountain Hospice, includes readings, music and refreshments. For more information, email sdowdy@bluemountainhospital.

## FRIDAY, DEC. 11

#### Forest plan revision meeting

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

The public meeting is part of a series scheduled by the Forest Service to discuss the Blue Mountains Forest Plan Revision. The topic will be "Pace and Scale of Restoration," presented by Malheur National Forest. A facilitator will be present to ensure those attending have time to speak, listen and propose solutions.

#### **Community choirs debut performance**

• 7 p.m., United Methodist Church, John Day

The Juniper Arts Council presents Youth Arts Program students in an evening of holiday music and more. Admission is by donation and proceeds benefit the Youth Arts Program.

### FRIDAY-SATURDAY. DEC. 11-12

#### Christmas Mt. Vernon

• 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Mt. Vernon

Severals businesses in Mt. Vernon have teamed up to present an annual holiday shopping feast of handcrafted items and gifts, door prizes and refreshments. Participating merchants include: Shiny Thimble Quilt Studio at the northeast corner of highways 26 and 395; Lou's Heartfelt Quilt-430 Mountain Blvd., Maudean Brown's 711 Mountain Blvd.; Patricia and friends, arts and crafts studio, 311 Ingle St.; and Racers Restaurant - formerly the Sil-





An Iron Triangle entry dazzles as it moves down Main Street during the 2014 Timber Truckers Light Parade. This year's parade, with the theme "An Old-Fashioned Christmas," will be on Saturday, Dec. 12, in John Day.

ver Spur - offering hot chocolate and coffee for half price. Watch for the red and green balloons. Call 541-932-4503 or 541-932-4707.

#### SATURDAY, DEC. 12

#### **AARP Smart Driver course**

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

Topics include defensive driving techniques, safety strategies, and new traffic laws and rules of the road. Those attending should bring a lunch. The cost is \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for all others. Sign up at the senior center or call Ron Dowse, 541-575-4268 or 541-792-

### **Second Saturday Gathering**

• 9:30-11:30 a.m., Kathy Rogers' home

The group's December meeting will be a brunch potluck at the home of Kathy Rogers. Dottie Parsons, who recently returned from a ministry trip to Ethiopia, and Rogers will speak on the topic, "GIFT Goes On." Call 541-620-1813 for directions to Rogers' house.

#### **Timber Truckers Light Parade**

• 6 p.m., downtown John Day

This year's theme is "An Old-Fashioned Christmas." Winners will be announced at the Elks Lodge following the parade. The entry fee is \$10; preregistration is encouraged. Call 541-620-4032 or 541-575-1862.

# **SUNDAY, DEC. 13**

#### Dayville tree lighting

• 4:30 p.m., Dayville City Hall area

All are welcome to gather as a community and see the City of Dayville's Christmas tree lit for the first time. Refreshments will be served.

#### MONDAY, DEC. 14

#### **Lorene Allen Day**

• 10 a.m., Grant County Courthouse, Canyon City

The late Lorene Allen, the first female County Court judge, will be honored. In 1988, Dec. 14 was proclaimed Lorene Allen Day, but not ever celebrated. Court staff and Allen family members will attend the presentation, which is open to the public.

# TUESDAY, DEC. 15

#### **Mad Hatters Christmas luncheon**

• 1 p.m., Outpost Restaurant, John Day

The Grant County Mad Hatters will meet for a no-host Christmas luncheon. There will be a gift exchange, with the value not to exceed \$10. Call 541-575-0766.

# **SATURDAY, DEC. 19**

# 35th John Day Christmas Bird Count

• 7 a.m., Outpost Restaurant, John Day

All who are planning to attend the annual count should meet at the Outpost by 7 a.m., earlier if breakfast is planned. Participants should dress for the day's weather, and bring binoculars, field guide, lunch and beverages. Most of the groups will be out for the full day and out of town. The compilation and monthly bird club meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. that evening at Cecil and Irene Gagnon's home. Call 541-542-2006 or email ducksouptom@centurytel.net.

# JAC is accepting grant applications

Blue Mountain Eagle

The Juniper Arts Council has \$6,500 from the Oregon Cultural Trust to distribute in Grant County to local organizations for projects relating to culture.

Projects may be related to the visual or performing arts, heritage or humanities.

Last year's recipients were the Prairie City School art department, Summer at the Youth Arts Program, Friends of the Grant County Historical Museum, Monument Fourth of July Jubilee, the Grant County Genealogical Society and Friends of Kam Wah Chung.

The deadline to apply is 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8. Applications are available from Karin Barntish at 131 W. Main St., John Day, or on the Juniper Arts Council Facebook page.

The mission of the nonprofit JAC is to promote

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the arts, arts education and cultural heritage in Grant County. Since its start in 1991, the JAC has focused on bringing arts opportunities to local schools and has sponsored youth-oriented community programs. The nonprofit also annually offers one to two small scholarships to Grant County graduating seniors pursuing higher education in an arts-related field.

The JAC is launching

a new program to provide used musical instruments to Grant County youth and is accepting donations of used musical instruments, which are tax-deductible. For more information, call Karin Barntish at 541-575-2721 or Kris Beal at 541-932-4892.





# Scholarship applicants sought

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High school seniors and college studentsare welcome to apply for2016 Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative scholarships.

More than 20 scholarships of \$5,000 are available for students attending an accredited vocational school, technical school, college or university.

Forms are available at local high schools, from any OTEC office or online at www.otecc.com.

Applications are due by Friday, Jan. 15.

OTEC's John Day office is at 4000 Patterson Bridge Road.



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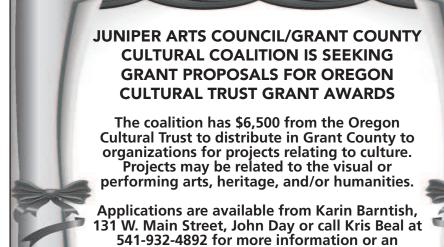
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- **Bike Shop**
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