

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

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

## MONDAY, JAN. 25

### Transportation Vision Panel meeting

• 9:15 a.m., Grant County Regional Airport, John Day  
Community members are welcome to offer their thoughts and ideas on Gov. Kate Brown's Transportation Vision Panel's preliminary findings. The panel will use public input to refine its recommendations to the governor on the future of Oregon's transportation system. For more information, call 503-986-3998 or email [transportation.visionpanel@oregon.gov](mailto:transportation.visionpanel@oregon.gov).

## WEDNESDAY, JAN. 27

### Soil and Water seminar, meeting

• 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Monument Senior Center  
Monument Soil and Water Conservation District will hold its annual landowner seminars and district meeting. Seminar topics include "Oregon's Allocation of Conserved Water Program," "Toxic Plants in Your Fields and Around Your House" and "Water Rights - Exactly What Do They Mean?" The annual meeting will follow at 2:15 p.m. Monument School FFA will serve a barbecue brisket lunch for \$8 a plate. For more information call 541-934-2141 or emailing [mswcd@centurytel.net](mailto:mswcd@centurytel.net).

### Democrat meeting

• 6:30 p.m., St. Thomas Episcopal, Canyon City  
Local democrats are encouraged to attend the meeting in the St. Thomas Episcopal parish house, 139 S. Washington St., Canyon City. Call 541-542-2633.

## SATURDAY, JAN. 30

### Grange pancake feed

• 5-7 p.m., Mt. Vernon Grange  
All are welcome to the annual all-you-can-eat pancake feed featuring regular and sourdough pancakes, eggs, ham, coffee and juice. The cost is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children under 12 and free for those under 6. People can also try for a chance to walk away with a sweet treat at the cake walk. The event is one of two annual fundraisers organized by the grange each year. Call 541-575-1007 for more information.

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From the Jan. 18, 2006, issue of the Blue Mountain Eagle, members of the Grant County Special Olympics basketball team include, front row, from left, Ben Joslin and Katie Latham, and back row, from left, coordinator Kim Joslin, Russell Reigel, Brian McKrola, Jaylon Brock, Jay Colson and coordinator Ryan Joslin. This was the first year Grant County participated in the Special Olympics.

## OUT OF THE PAST

Jan. 20, 1916

### Grant County Journal 100 years ago

Hard luck has overtaken a Prairie business man. With a forethought that is characteristic of him he followed the doctrine of state-wide preparedness with a thoroughness that was found on every hand prior to January 1st, and then on the night of the 31st he cached his supplies for the long dry spell and had such a good time while the going was good that he has entirely forgotten where his cache is located.

Jan. 17, 1941

### Blue Mountain Eagle 75 years ago

#### Slot machines are confiscated

On a complaint, slot machines operating at Mt. Vernon were confiscated by Sheriff Hazeltine. It is unlawful to operate the machines and it is made the duty

of the sheriff to seize and destroy them. There was a picture of the confiscated machines, in the Eastern Oregonian, showing Sheriff Hazeltine, Deputy Morris and State Police Guy Church.

Jan. 20, 1966

### Blue Mountain Eagle 50 years ago

#### Stock testing at yards requested

A request has been filed with the State Department of Agriculture to reinstate cattle testing at sale yards by the Grant County Stockgrowers disease committee.

The action was taken by the committee in an effort to certify Grant County as brucellosis free.

By testing cattle at sale yards it will be possible to prevent brucellosis from coming into the county. Another advantage of testing at sale yards is that it will enable the county to test a large number

of cattle at a common location.

Jan. 17, 1991

### Blue Mountain Eagle 25 years ago

#### Missing plane believed downed in Grant County

An eight-day search and rescue operation for a pilot traveling from Madras to John Day failed to turn up any clues of his whereabouts.

According to Grant County Sheriff Fred Reusser, Oregon State Aeronautics officials reported during the late afternoon of Jan. 2 that Steve Welch, 36, of Madras and Alaska was missing. Welch was flying alone in a 1958 Super Piper Cub. Seattle air control personnel tracked a plane fitting the characteristics of a Super Piper Cub from three miles east of Madras to an area between Aldridge Mountain and Fields Peak.

The Sheriff's Department was asked to send search

planes into the area.

"We were only able to send one airplane before dark," said Reusser.

Although Grant County Search and Rescue planes were fogged in Jan. 3, an initial ground assessment was undertaken. ...

Finally on the morning of Jan. 9 (after days of searching by air and land), the search was called off after poor weather limited the air search to two planes from the local area.

"The perimeter was covered as safely as it could be covered," Reusser said. He added that no one knows for sure whether the aircraft being tracked by radar from Seattle was the plane Welch was flying. The situation could be reevaluated when the snow melts or possible clues surface, according to Reusser.

He said he hopes the plane can be found but added that it could be anywhere.

# Love, hope, success, family, security.



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