



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

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 10

Lenten lunches begin
• 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m., United Methodist Church, John Day

A soup meal will be served from 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m., followed by a service until 12:45 p.m. All are welcome. Call 541-575-1326 or 541-575-0766. This is the first Lenten lunch of the season.

FRIDAY, FEB. 12

Daddy-daughter dance
• 6:30-8:30 p.m., Grant Coun-

ty Fairgrounds Pavilion, John Day
"Masquerade Ball" is the theme for this year's event, for girls in grades K-8 and their dads/dad figures. Admission is \$20 for couples in the John Day-Canyon City Parks and Recreation District and \$25 for all others. The evening includes a 5x7-inch keepsake photo, disc jockey music, dancing, after-dinner snacks and prizes. To register, call or visit the parks and rec office, 845-1/2 Bridge Street in John Day, 541-575-0110, or visit jdccparksandrec.weebly.com.

SATURDAY, FEB. 13

2nd Saturday Gathering
• 9:30-11:30 a.m., Outpost Restaurant, John Day

Chris McKinley will speak on "Loved Enough to Love," with music presented by Kathy Rogers and Lis Davis. Complimentary

coffee and tea will be offered at the no-host breakfast ladies gathering.

MONDAY, FEB. 15

Americanism Essay dinner
• 6:30 p.m. Legion Hall, John Day

All are welcome to the annual potluck dinner which honors local Americanism Essay winners. Meat will be furnished; attendees are asked to bring a side dish. The event is sponsored by the Ellis Tracy American Legion and Auxiliary.

TUESDAY, FEB. 16

Genealogical historical luncheon
• Noon, Outpost Restaurant, John Day

Speakers for the next Grant County Genealogical Society historical luncheon will be Charlene Morris and Wanda Winegar, sharing information on the Boyer family. The meeting is open to the public.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 17

Lenten lunch
• 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m., St. Thomas Episcopal Church,

Canyon City
A soup meal will be served from 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m., followed by a service until 12:45 p.m. All are welcome. Call 541-575-1326 or 541-575-0766.

THURSDAY, FEB. 18

Blue Mountains Forest Partners to meet
• 4-7 p.m., Grant County Regional Airport, John Day

The Blue Mountains Forest Partners will hold its monthly full group meeting. The public is invited to participate.

SATURDAY, FEB. 20

Spay-ghetti Dinner
• 4-7 p.m., Squeeze In restaurant, John Day

The all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner buffet is a fundraiser for New Hope for Eastern Oregon Animals, hosted by the group's Grant County committee. The menu includes spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, dessert and beverages. Other activities include door prizes, drawings and a silent auction. Suggested donation is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. Tickets for drawings and door prizes are available at the door. Beer and wine will be available for an added charge.



The Eagle/Angel Carpenter
Grant Union music director Mary Ann Vidourek, center, with her All-State students, Chloe Bentz (piccolo, flute) Oregon High School All-State and Samantha Floyd (trombone) Oregon Middle School All-State.

Music students attend All-State Conference

By Angel Carpenter
Blue Mountain Eagle

Wall attended WIBC with Vidourek.

EUGENE — Grant Union musicians Chloe Bentz and Samantha Floyd were selected for the Jan. 14-17 Oregon Music Education Association's All-State Conference.

Bentz, a freshman flutist, was selected for the honor by audition, playing in the symphonic band. Last year, Grant Union director Mary Ann Vidourek nominated her to attend Middle School All-State. "It is a lot of fun," Bentz said. "It's sad to say it was my final year at Oregon All-State because our family will be moving at the end of the school year."

She said she enjoys listening to new music at All-State, and played both the flute and piccolo for the conference concerts.

"Music is really peaceful and brings joy to a lot of people and inspires new kids to play music," she said.

Last November, Bentz was chosen to attend the Western International Band Clinic in Seattle. She and Grant Union sophomore clarinetist Annie

Bentz said she especially enjoyed playing flute under the direction of Johan De Meij, composer of the "Lord of the Rings" symphony, playing "Songs from the Catskills."

Eighth-grader Floyd, who plays the trombone in the band, and can play several other instruments, was nominated for the second year by Vidourek to attend All-State.

"It was a great experience to be around others with different backgrounds that came together with a common passion," she said. "I think music is a positive influence in the world — with all the crazy things going on, music holds us together."

Vidourek had the additional responsibility of being the All-State housing chairman, finding hotel housing and chaperones for the students at night.

"It is also my last All-State as a teacher with students in performance, so it was especially special," Vidourek said, adding she plans to retire at the end of the school year.

Children can read, win at story hour

By Angel Carpenter
Blue Mountain Eagle

JOHN DAY — Youngsters know reading is fun, and now they have one more incentive to crack open books.

Each time children attend the Grant County Library story hour, they can enter a drawing for a Kindle Fire for kids.

This month's winner is Amaris Paddock.

The Kindle Fire can help children learn to read and comes with a childproof case and children's knowledge games, said librarian Vicki Waters.

Two more drawings will be held this year for another chance to win.

Story hour is held at the library, 507 S. Canyon Blvd., at 10-11 a.m. on Tuesdays for children, ages 0-6.

Library hours are: Mondays 1-5 p.m., Tuesdays 10 a.m. to noon and 1-7 p.m., Wednesdays 1-5 p.m., Thursdays 1-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. and Saturdays 1-5 p.m.

The library is closed on Fridays and Sundays.

For more information, call 541-575-1992.

Training & Employment Consortium has programs available to assist youth ages 16-24 to finish their secondary education or assist in finding employment. If interested please call Tonya Fox at 541-575-0251 to schedule an appointment.
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