

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

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

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9

### Lenten lunch

• 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., Redeemer Lutheran Church, 627 S.E. Hillcrest, John Day  
A soup meal will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., followed by a service until 12:45 p.m. All are welcome. Call 541-575-1326 or 541-575-0766.

### FRIDAY, MARCH 11 Highway sign dedication

• 11 a.m., John Day Elks Lodge

All are invited to a dedication ceremony for the two WWI Veterans Memorial signs to be erected on Highway 395 in Grant County. The northbound sign will be at milepost 119.5, north of Mt. Vernon, and the southbound one at milepost 4.7 south of Canyon City. Oregon Department of Transportation crews will install the signs Monday-Tuesday, March 14-15. The signs are going up at several locations along the 383-mile stretch of Highway 395 in Oregon, recently designated the WWI Veterans Memorial Highway. The ceremony will be held in the Lodge parking lot or dining room, depending on the weather. Coffee and refreshments will be served afterward.

### SATURDAY, MARCH 12

#### Almost Spring Bazaar

• 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Keerins Hall, Grant County Fairgrounds

Vendors will be on hand with an array of items for sale — crafts, home decor, collectibles, art, jewelry and more. Admission is free. Vendor space is \$35 per 6-foot table, plus \$5 for electricity. Set up is from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, March 11. Call the fair office, 541-575-1900, for information or to reserve a table.

### Second Saturday Gathering

• 9:30-11:30 a.m., Outpost Restaurant, John Day  
Colleen Clark, Sherry Nance and Lis Davis will be this month's main speakers. Kathy Rogers and Lis Davis will present music for the gathering. Complimentary coffee and tea will be offered at the no-host breakfast for women.

### Owyhee River presentation

• 2 p.m., Grant County Library, John Day

Writer Bonnie Olin will offer a presentation based on her book, "The Owyhee River Journals," an illustrated journey into the canyonlands of the Owyhee River in Nevada, Idaho and Oregon. The book features 125 color photos of rarely seen landscapes by photographer Mike Quigley. Olin will share a brief history of the area, discuss its uniqueness, read a short excerpt and show a 20-minute video of a 2006 expedition into the Deep Creek and East Fork of the Owyhee. A question-and-answer period and book signing will follow. The library is at 507 S. Canyon Blvd. Call 541-575-1992 for more information.

### Bingo Fun Night

• 5 p.m., Seneca School  
Everyone is welcome to "Bingo Fun Night," a fundraiser for the Seneca School PTA. Doors open at 5 p.m., and the games start at 6 p.m. The cost is \$10 for two cards for all-night play, with no limit on the number of cards. There will be a 50/50 board for a cash prize of \$350 to the winner, plus other prizes through the evening. Concessions will be available: potato bar, nachos,

hot dogs, chili, maple bars and beverages. Donations are welcome; call 541-620-0461.

## SATURDAY-SUNDAY, MARCH 12-13

### Strawberry Mountain Gun and Knife Show

• 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Sunday; Trowbridge Pavilion, Grant County Fairgrounds

People can buy, sell or trade such goods as guns, knives, camping and hunting equipment, and archery supplies. Admission for adults is \$5 per day or \$8 for both days; for youth ages 7-18, \$2 per day, and for children 6 and under, admission is one can of food. Again this year, attendees will be entered in a drawing for gun-related merchandise. Vendor space is \$40 for an 8-foot table. Call the fair office, 541-575-1900, for information or to reserve a table.

## MONDAY, MARCH 14

### Little League sign-ups

• 5-7 p.m., Humbolt, Prairie City schools

Grant County Little League sign-ups for youth ages 7-14 will be in the computer labs at both Humbolt Elementary in Canyon City and Prairie City School in Prairie City. Required documents include the player's birth certificate and three pieces of proof of residency. Signups can also be done online at [www.eteamz.com/grantcountylittleleagueOR](http://www.eteamz.com/grantcountylittleleagueOR). Call 541-575-0725 for more information.

## TUESDAY, MARCH 15

### Genealogical Society luncheon

• Noon, Outpost Restaurant, John Day

Guest speaker will be George Sintay presenting the topic, "Mining." All are welcome to the ho-host luncheon offered by the Grant County Genealogical Society.

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16

### Lenten lunch

• 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., Mt. Vernon Presbyterian Church, Mt. Vernon

A soup meal will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., followed by a service until 12:45 p.m. All are welcome. This is the last Lenten lunch of the 2016 season. Call 541-575-1326 or 541-575-0766.

### Foster parent orientation

• 5:30-7:30 p.m., DHS, John Day

Those interested in foster or adoption through the state of Oregon are welcome to attend a foster parent orientation at the Department of Human Services office, 725 W. Main St., John Day. For more information, call 541-575-0728.

### Democrat meeting

• 6:30 p.m., Canyon Mountain Center, 511 S.E. Hillcrest Road, John Day

All local Grant County Democrats are encouraged to attend the meeting. For more information, call 541-542-2633.



From left, Reagan Shelley, Dauna Bishop, Taylor McCluskey, Dawson Quinton and Maggie Justice are all smiles following the Northwest Science Expo Regional in Bend March 5. All five Grant Union students placed in their categories and advance to the state competition April 8 at Portland State University.

# Science students succeed

## Five GU high-schoolers will compete at state April 8

Blue Mountain Eagle

BEND — All five Grant Union students who attended the Northwest Science Expo Regional competition in Bend placed in their categories and

advance to the state level exposition.

The winning students and their categories are:

- Reagan Shelley, sophomore: first place, behavioral and social science.
- Taylor McCluskey, senior: second place, human science.
- Dauna Bishop, junior: third place, human science.
- Maggie Justice, sophomore: first place, environmental and earth science.
- Dawson Quinton, senior: second place, environmental and earth science.

All are under the guidance of Grant Union science teacher Randy Hennen.

Awards also went to four of the students: Shelley, Outstanding Research in Psychology; McCluskey, Air Force Outstanding Student Research Project OSU \$2,000 scholarship; Justice, Sustainability Solutions Initiative Award; and Quinton,

NASA Outstanding Earth Systems Project Award and U.S. Stockholm Junior Water Project Award.

The regional expo was held at Central Oregon Community College on March 5.

All five will compete at the state competition Friday, April 8, at Portland State University.

Grant Union's annual science fair will be this Thursday, March 10. Interviews will be from 1:18-2:09 p.m.

# New childcare sprouts in John Day

## Facility provides complete care for children ages 3 months to 6 years

By Cheryl Hoefler  
Blue Mountain Eagle

JOHN DAY — Parents in need of child care for their "little sprouts" have a new option in John Day.

Little Sprouts childcare, which opened Feb. 1, offers a complete program for children ages 3 months to 6 years. Monthly rates are available for two, three, four and five days a week, plus drop-off rates while spots are still open. Multiple-child discounts are available.

Licensed for 15 children, the childcare provides a structured daily schedule with music, art and baking opportunities, and a menu that includes organic milk, whole grains and fresh fruits and vegetables.

"Little Sprouts is a setting I'm working on developing a program that provides activities that are the building blocks necessary for further educational achievements," owner Stacie Klusmier said. "Children are born with a natural enthusiasm for learning."

Early states of play that involve imagination and fine and gross motor skills are the foundations needed for future learning potential, she said. It's also during this time that children experience some of their first independent social interactions.

"Little Sprouts is dedicated to making this a safe and nurturing atmosphere for this to happen, and to facilitate the

emerging special personalities that all our little ones have," Klusmier said.

She feels lucky to have found staff members who share her passion for this age group.

"They have a variety of years of experience, special classes they have taken and are all tremendously good with children," she said.

Running her own childcare is something Klusmier said she has always thought about doing.

Early in her college education, she took early childhood education classes and was a preschool teacher in her early 20s. She intended to pursue an elementary teaching career and knew she enjoyed working with children of all ages. She decided occupational therapy would be a better fit for her, and in 1999, earned a bachelor's degree in that field from Loma Linda University in California.

During her career, Klusmier has worked with people of all age groups, including at a neonatal intensive care unit where she performed early reflex testing, feeding readiness and developmental testing for children from birth through 24 months.

She currently works at Blue Mountain Hospital where she provides occupational therapy in an inpatient setting as well as the home health department. She provides therapy for Grant County Early Intervention, early childhood special education and developmental testing for Malheur County schools.

Klusmier decided to open a childcare center because she has two young daughters and wanted a place where their children could be together. She also wanted a convenient location for her husband, Jim, for dropping off and picking up their girls, and for lunches together, as schedules permit.

"I have really enjoyed getting to know other families

in our small town," Klusmier said. "Even when my children are grown, I look forward to continuing to get to know the youngest members of our community, along with their parents."

Little Sprouts, at 227 N.W. Second St. in John Day, is open from 7 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. Mondays-Fridays.

For more information, call 541-974-8760.

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