

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

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.

THURSDAY. MARCH 17

Writers meeting

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

All writers are welcome to the next meeting of The River Valley Writers Group. For more information, call 541-987-2343.

BMFP to meet

• 4 p.m., Grant County Regional Airport, John Day The public is invited to a meeting of the Blue Mountains

Forest Partners

SATURDAY, MARCH 26

Bunny Hop 5K

• 8 a.m., South Fork Road, Dayville

This is the third annual Bunny Hop 5K Run/Walk. Registration is at 8 a.m.; the race starts at 9 a.m. Participants can park at Dayville School for bus transportation to the starting line on South Fork Road. The route will end at Dayville City Park, where an Easter egg hunt will be held afterward. The cost is \$10 a person, and shirts are \$10 each. Proceeds benefit the town's Fourth of July Celebration. For more information, contact the Dayville City Hall at 541-987-2188 or email winkelej@gmail.com.

Spray queen tryouts

• Noon, Spray Rodeo grounds

Queen tryouts will be held for the May 28 and 29 Spray Rodeo. Contestants do not have to be local or Wheeler County residents, but they must be at least 15 and never married or had children. Call 541-468-2442.

Holy Land presentation

• 2:30 p.m., Mt. Vernon Grange

Local resident Josiah Martin and his world-traveling cousin Nathanael Martin will offer a presentation on their trip of a lifetime to the Holy Land. They will share personal experiences, amazing photos and true life stories during their life-changing, 10-day trip as they followed the footsteps of Jesus through the Jordan Valley, boat ride on the Sea of Galilee, Mt. Carmel and other locations. For more information, call 541-620-0340.

TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY. MARCH 29-30

Red Cross blood drive

- 1-6 p.m. Tuesday, Church of Jesus-Christ of Latter-day Saints, 944 E. Main St., John Day
- 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Wednesday, Malheur National Forest office, 431 Patterson Bridge Road, John Day

To make an appointment, call 1-800-RED-CROSS, or visit

http://www.redcrossblood.org.

SATURDAY. APRIL 2

Benefit breakfast

• 8-10 a.m., Prairie City Senior Center

A benefit breakfast and silent dessert auction will be held to help with medical and travel expenses for Brian Johns of Prairie City. The menu includes pancakes, sausage, fruit, coffee and juice. To make a donation, text or call 541-808-4877, 541-792-1051 or 541-620-0920

Spring break fun at Baker City **Interpretive Center**

Blue Mountain Eagle

BAKER CITY – Looking for family fun during spring break?

The National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center in Baker City is offering one-hour workshops that detail what happens to plants and animals in the spring.

Here's the theme schedule:

- Monday, March 21: Nesting and Migration.
- Tuesday, March 22: Pollination and Interconnections.
- Wednesday, March 23: Hibernation and Spring
- Thursday, March 24:
- Life Cycles and Habitats.

a.m. and 1 p.m. daily and

The workshops are at 10

are suitable for ages 6 and

The cost is \$5 per session. Activities for younger

children will be available. Free hands-on pioneer craft demonstrations will be available at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. each day. Other activities include children's films and Junior Explorer Activities.

The interactive children's exhibit "Wagons Ho! Experience the Oregon Trail" will also be open.

Space is limited, so preregistration is encouraged. Call 541-523-1852 or email ots1844@gmail. com.

The Interpretive Center is 5 miles east of Baker City on Highway 86. To learn more, visit oregontrail.blm.

New pub is open in Mt. Vernon

Green beer will be on tap for St. Pat's Day

By Cheryl Hoefler Blue Mountain Eagle

MT. VERNON — Local beer on tap, video lottery and fresh, hot food - that and much more is available now at Suds Pub in Mt. Vernon.

Owners Jesse and Joe Madden, who also own Blue Mountain Custom Homes and Blue Mountain Mini-Mart, launched the pub in January, which Jesse said, is "just about the funnest project Joe and I have done."

Drink choices include a variety of craft beers, wine and hard cider, accompanied by lunch and dinner menu items such as pizza and burgers and



Suds Pub in Mt. Vernon offers indoor seating as well as a patio area on the banks of Beech Creek. The pub will celebrate St. Patrick's Day with corned beef and cabbage, and green beer.

This Thursday, Suds Pub will celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a traditional Irish meal of corned beef and cabbage and green beer for the occasion.

Jesse Madden said they will also stay open past the usual 10 p.m. closing time, as long as the crowd is still there.

Green attire is encouraged. The pub's decor includes

old black and white photos of popular singers and musicians, and movie actors. Guitars – both left- and right-handed — hang on the walls bearing "Please play me" signs to encourage patrons to pick a lick or two while they relax.

Outdoor seating with heaters is available overlooking Beech Creek.

As if "Suds" wasn't already a likely enough name for a beer pub, Madden said it actually came from having a laundromat next door. He said they plan to add video lottery by the end of the month, and are hoping to expand the beer list with selections from regional breweries.

To those living outside Mt. Vernon planning to visit Suds Pub, Madden promises, "It will be worth the drive."

Suds Pub is at 130 Mountain Blvd. Winter hours are 2-10 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays, 3-11 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and noon-7 p.m. on Sundays.

Check out Suds Pub on Facebook or call 541-932-4333 for more information.

Two WWI Memorial Highway signs installed in Grant County

Local veterans attend dedication ceremony

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JOHN DAY - A dedication ceremony was held March 11 at John Day Elks Lodge No. 1824 for two "World War I Veterans Memorial Highway" signs in Grant County.

The signs are scheduled to be installed this week by Oregon Department of Transportation crews at milepost 119.5 north of Mt. Vernon, and milepost 4.7 south of Canyon City on Highway 395. They are among several going up at locations along the 383mile stretch of the highway through Oregon.

Dignitaries at the dedication included VFW Post No. 3597 Quartermaster and John Day Elks Trustee Jim Jerome, John Day Elks Secretary and Veterans Committee Chairman Robert Van Voorhis, Elks representative to the Boise VA Medical Center Ron Estep of Burns Elks Lodge No. 1680, Prairie City American Legion Post 106 Commander Ed Negus and Sen. Ted Ferrioli (R-John Day).



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From left, VFW Post No. 3597 **Quartermaster and John Day** Elks Trustee Jim Jerome, John Day Elks Secretary and Veterans Committee Chairman Robert Van Voorhis, Elks representative to the Boise VA **Medical Center Ron Estep of** Burns Lodge No. 1680, Prairie **City American Legion Post 106** Commander Ed Negus and Sen. Ted Ferrioli (R-John Day).

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Grant County Chamber Monthly Newsletter

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Your Chamber board has been very busy lately trying to promote Grant County and its businesses. We have been busy designing and printing a monthly event flyer that we can distribute to various businesses around the county, to be available as hand outs. Our hope is that this will draw attention to the many activities that are scheduled in Grant County and help everyone when coordinating their events. If you want to be included, call the Chamber office at

541-575-0547. In April, Travel Oregon will be bringing a group of 25 tour operators and guides on an Oregon Road Rally. This group represents Germany, the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, China, France and AU/ NZ. They will be visiting Eastern Oregon so our plan is to interact with them and present them with souvenirs and information about all that Grant County has to offer.

We have also been in contact with TESLA Motors and received information about setting up an electric charging station at the Chamber office. This might add a link between Bend and Baker and other areas and could attract a few visitors to our area.

Our guest speaker this month will be Mark Webb, who will be sharing a bit of history about the Blue Mountain Forest Partners and their approach to creating a positive economic impact for our area and communities. We hope to see all of you at The Outpost on Thursday, Mar. 17 at noon. You might even win a door prize.

Jerry Franklin **Chamber President**







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