

## BLM seeks nominations for advisory councils

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PORTLAND — The Bureau of Land Management seeks public nominations for open positions on 34 Resource Advisory Councils, including six in Oregon and two in Washington state.

Advisory councils are composed of 10-15 members who help the BLM carry out its stewardship of

245 million acres of public lands. They are citizens who have interests or expertise in public land management, including conservationists, ranchers, outdoor recreationists, state and local government officials, tribal officials and academics.

For more information about RACs in Oregon and Washington, visit <http://www.blm.gov/or/rac/index.php>.

## Wanted: Candidates

Several positions open in Prairie City

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PRAIRIE CITY — Openings are available in Prairie City for the mayor's position and three city council seats in this year's general election.

Councilors are elected for a four-year term and the mayor for two years.

Candidates may file no

sooner than June 1 and no later than Aug. 30. The last date to withdraw a candidacy filing is Sept. 2. The general election this year is Nov. 8.

For more information, contact Taci Philbrook, city recorder and election officer for Prairie City, at City Hall, 541-820-3605.

## USDA seeks proposals

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PORTLAND — USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service is seeking applications from conservation groups, local and state agencies, tribes, nonprofits, private companies and others for the next round of the Regional Conservation Partnership Program.

Interested partners can

learn more by contacting their local USDA Service Center. Pre-proposals are due by May 10.

The John Day Service Center is at 721 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day. Call 541-575-1274.

To learn more about the partnership program, visit [www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/farmbill/repp/](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/farmbill/repp/).

## Sonshine accepting preregistrations

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JOHN DAY — Sonshine Christian School is accepting preregistrations for the 2016-17 school year.

Spots will be reserved for children who have been preregistered. The deadline is Aug. 1, and there is a fee.

Students must be 3 years old by Sept. 1 and toilet-trained for pre-

school, and 4 years old by Sept. 1 for prekindergarten. Preschool sessions will be from 9-11 a.m. two days a week, and prekindergarten from 9-11:30 a.m. three days a week.

Sonshine Christian School is located at John Day Church of the Nazarene, at 521 E. Main St.

For more information, call 541-575-1895 from 9 a.m. to noon or 1-4 p.m. Mondays-Fridays.

## WOLVES

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Oregon Wild, a Portland based conservation group with long involvement in wolf issues, opposes lethal control.

"ODFW should not be killing members of the Imnaha Pack, or any wolves for that matter, while the wolf plan remains under review and out of date," Executive Director Sean Stevens said in a prepared statement.

"Given ambiguity in the current wolf plan, increased poaching, premature (state endangered species) delisting, and renewed calls for special interest groups for aggressive killing, the public has every reason to be concerned for Oregon's recovering wolf population."

Oregon Wild questioned whether the livestock producers involved have taken sufficient defensive measures against wolves.

Morgan said the sheep producer had three protection dogs with the sheep, checked the livestock three times a day, employed a range rider to haze the wolves and used midnight spotlighting. The cattle producer delayed pasture rotation to keep cattle closer to a public road, pastured yearlings with cows, frequently checked calv-

ing cattle and used range rider patrols as well, Morgan said in a news release.

The onset of lambing and calving season made more attacks a possibility, he said.

"Even more cattle and sheep will be on these private lands soon as calving and lambing season continues, increasing the risk for even more losses from this group of depredating wolves," he said.

Cascadia Wildlands, a Eugene-based conservation group, said it was "deeply saddened" by the ODFW action but said it appears the state agency "has meaningfully deliberated over its decision."

The group said it doesn't condone using public taxpayer money to "kill wolves on behalf of private interests" but acknowledged the "situation appears to be escalating in Wallowa County." The group said lethal control is allowed under the state's wolf plan.

The inclusion of OR-4 in the kill order is particularly difficult because he's sired many wolf pups over the years and "fueled wolf recovery across the state," said Josh Laughlin, executive director of Cascadia Wildlands. "His role and that of the other three wolves should be celebrated and remembered."

The Oregon Cattlemen's Association supports the kill

## MURAL

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Poppenga is in the midst of a two-week visit at the school, which ends this week. The community is welcome to meet Poppenga at a reception at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 7, in the school gym.

She is the first artist-in-residence at Dayville School in several years. Her visit was made possible by a grant from the Juniper Arts Council.

The project has been done in stages on large sections of plywood laid out on the gym floor. After the initial "four seasons" background theme was decided and colored areas were blocked in, students played the primary role in the what Poppenga calls "children's narrative art."

They helped brainstorm what elements and animals they felt should be included in the scene such as harvesting, feeding cattle, fences, snow falling, geese flying in the sky and, of course, the "D" on the mountain outside town. Then they were assigned to find images for those elements. Print-outs of animals in various positions and perspectives from which to choose were taped on the gym wall for reference.

The process also involved an "introduction to line," Poppenga said, in which the students learn that every mark leads to the next mark. Students worked on different parts of the mural each day. Whatever element or section a student painted one day, was continued or added to by someone else later.

A Dayville Tiger head and paw prints will be added alongside the "Welcome to Dayville" lettering at the top.

Exterior paint was used for the mural, which will then be



Eagle photos/Cheryl Hoefler  
Artist-in-residence Carol Poppenga talks with Dayville students Bud Farmer, left, and Tanner Walczyk as they add a beaver to the mural.



Dayville School juniors and seniors work on a mural depicting the four seasons of Dayville, under the direction of artist-in-residence Carol Poppenga, standing at the far end. The mural will be mounted over the existing one comprised of handprints at Dayville City Park.



Skylar Powell makes an owl come to life on the summer panel of the Dayville mural.

covered in a UV filter coating, Poppenga said, to protect it and preserve the colors as much as possible.

Poppenga, of Lewiston, Montana, is a muralist and a studio artist, who has also

been visiting schools across the country since the late 1990s. She is also retired from the Air Force and Montana Air National Guard.

Poppenga has been staying at the home of Cindy and Skip

Inscore, who both teach at Dayville School.

Cindy said school staff looked over several artists' portfolios, but their first choice was Poppenga, for her work at schools and her speciality in mural work.

Poppenga said she has offered guidance, suggestions and encouragement along the way, but said, "My role is to facilitate what they are doing, show them how and then turn them loose."

"It's their work," she said. To learn more about Poppenga, visit [poppenga.com](http://poppenga.com).

## Public comment sought on station proposal in Clarno Unit

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KIMBERLY — The John Day Fossil Beds National Monument has released an environmental assessment for a proposed ranger station/office in the Clarno Unit.

Public comments on the issue will be accepted until Sunday, April 10.

The current standard condition of the water treatment building as a ranger office and vehicle storage area, lack of site security and safety features and the inadequate size of the building are cited among the reasons warranting a new ranger station.

A new facility would improve operational efficiency, enhance resource protection,

meet or exceed health and safety standards and building codes and enhance visitor experience and safety.

Public comments may be made online at <http://park-planning.nps.gov/clarnorang-erstation>, by email to [joda\\_superintendent@nps.gov](mailto:joda_superintendent@nps.gov), or by mail to Superintendent, John Day Fossil Beds National

Monument, 32651 Highway 19, Kimberly, OR 97848. Call 541-987-2333 for more information.

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"God loves you - anyway."

order, acknowledging it is a "difficult" decision.

"It's an unfair situation for the livestock owners and the wolves themselves," said OCA wolf committee chair Todd Nash, a Wallowa County rancher.

"Wolves are doing what they naturally do, but have been put in a situation in Oregon where they are going to be in constant conflict with livestock and hunter's game," Nash said in a prepared statement.

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