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**The Ranch and Rodeo Museum in John Day is one of the local museums in Grant County that will be re-opening soon for the summer season.**

## Down history lane

Local museums will soon re-open for the summer season

Blue Mountain Eagle

Whether you're researching family genealogy, looking up local history or just need a fun outing with the kids some weekend, check out one of the several museums and historical groups available in Grant County.

Some are open all year, and others are preparing to re-open for the summer season.

Here are the details for each location:

- **Kam Wah Chung and Company State Heritage Site**, John Day, 541-575-2800. Hours at the interpretive center at 125 N.W. Canton St. are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. The museum, across the street at John Day City Park, is open by guided tours only, led at the top of each hour. There is no admission fee at either, although donations are welcome. Opens Sunday, May 1.

- **Grant County Historical Museum**, 101 S. Canyon City Blvd., Canyon City, 541-575-0362. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. Admission: adults, \$4; seniors over 62, \$3; children ages 7-17, \$2; children under 6, free. Opens Tuesday, May 3.

- **Grant County**

**Ranch and Rodeo Museum**, 241 E. Main St., John Day. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursday, Friday and Saturday, or by appointment. Admission: adults, \$3, children under 12, free. Opens Thursday, May 5.

- **Sumpter Valley Railway Depot/DeWitt Museum**, Bridge and Main streets, Prairie City, 541-820-3330. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. Admission is \$3 for adults; children under 9, free. Opens Wednesday, May 11.

- **John Day Fossil Beds National Monument's Thomas Condon Paleontology Center**, State Route 19, 1 mile north of Highway 26, 541-987-2333. Summer hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Admission is free; donations accepted. Open year-round.

- **Grant County Genealogical Society Research Center**, Parsonage building behind Historic Advent Church, 281 W. Main Street in John Day, 541-932-4718 or 541-575-2757. Hours are 1-4 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays, or by appointment. Open year-round.

- **Long Creek Historical Society**, Long Creek, 541-421-3621. Meets the fourth Friday of every month. The group plans to relocate the settlers fort built in 1878, and build an interpretive site and museum. Open year-round.

**April 20, 1916**  
**Grant County Journal**  
**100 years ago**

The Oregon Anti-Saloon League is sending a list of questions to all candidates for the legislature to find out their stand in regard to the prohibition law. The League does not appear to be satisfied with the present law and wants to make it stronger. When they had their way the saloon men went to the extreme, and now we have prohibition. Perhaps it would be well for the anti-s to remember this and be satisfied with what they have accomplished. Either extreme will drive the vote the other way. The present law looks pretty good, and the less tampering done with it, the better.

**April 18, 1941**  
**Blue Mountain Eagle**  
**75 years ago**

**A fine smoker grade school put on**

It was a smoker that smoked and even the girls in the ring made the feathers fly, and to top off a first class evening of fighting fun Mr. "Grub" Allen and Dean Woods put on some big city stuff in the wrestling line. They gave a rough house show down to the second when Mr. Allen picked up Mr. Woods like he was a chip and gave him the airplane spin, which ended in a nose dive for finish.

**April 21, 1966**  
**Blue Mountain Eagle**  
**50 years ago**

**John Day Adds New Auto Parts Store**

In his second week with the newest business firm in John Day is Don Lundbom, manager of the John Day Auto Parts, Inc.

The firm, located on the west highway near the Food Center, opened for business April 11.

Lundbom, formerly of Sandy, served as a manager for an auto parts store in Sandy for four years. Prior to being an auto parts manager he worked seven years as a service station operator.

He has served in the Army and is married and has two children. Lundbom lives in John Day.

**OUT OF THE PAST**  
**April 18, 1991**  
**Blue Mountain Eagle**  
**25 years ago**

**Teen Center opens to offer some alternative activities**

Churches team together to fill Friday void.

The opening night of the new Grant County Teen Center proved to be a success with more than 50 students coming to the center.

"We ended up with a total of 53," said director, Ken Purnell. He added that he felt there might have been more, many of the students coming that evening hadn't heard about it until that day.

"I think the best publicity is going to be word-of-mouth," Purnell added. With the reaction he received from the students that were there, word-of-mouth publicity shouldn't be a problem.

Some of the many attractions to the center, which is open every Friday night from 7:30 until 11:45, include pool tables, ping-pong and air hockey. There are also blackjack games and Nintendo game tournaments where the students can earn "Teen Bucks." They can spend these "Bucks" at an auction that is held at the end of the evening. Items such as six-packs of coke, posters and the like are up for auction.

And music? Students are allowed to bring their own music as long as it passes Purnell's approval. According to him, the only music not allowed at the center is music that glorifies sex, drugs or alcohol. Other than that, everything else is fair game.

**April 19, 2006**  
**Blue Mountain Eagle**  
**10 years ago**

**Nursing home is perfect**

**PRAIRIE CITY** – For the seventh straight year, Blue Mountain Nursing Home received a perfect score from the Department of Human Services client care monitoring unit during their annual inspection. It was inspected by three surveyors, March 20 through the 23rd.

"A lot of people don't understand what a huge deal this is. It shows that the nursing home provides excellent holistic care," said Brandi Hampton, director of nursing services.

"This holistic, family-like care is provided year round, not just during survey. We truly strive to make this the best place for people to live when they cannot be at home," said

Lindsay Madden, resident care manager.

The home was surveyed in all areas of care, such as charting, dietary, medical records, environment, nursing and activities to determine if the facility is meeting all standards.

"In survey you can get minor citations or you could be put in fast track and have your doors closed immediately," Hampton said.

The nursing home has 48 people on staff and it takes every one of them doing their best to get a perfect score, said Judy Martin, administrator.

"Every year surveyors comment on things like the home-like environment here. They notice that the care is personal and that we care about the residents," Hampton said.

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## Grant County Chamber Monthly Newsletter

GOLD RUSH IS COMING

Fans who watch and enjoy the reality TV show "Gold Rush" will have the opportunity to join us for an evening get together on Thursday, April 21 at 6 p.m. at the Outpost to meet and interact with two and possibly more of the Hoffman Crew who have agreed to be our guest speakers. Dave Turin, Andy Spinks and their wives will join us along with Dave's mother who will be driving over from Sandy, Oregon to join them. We are expecting a fun and entertaining time listening to their life experiences and stories about the popular show which has around 170 million followers worldwide. If you intend on having dinner, we suggest that you come early. Bring a camera for a photo and you might also get an autograph and a special surprise at the end. See you there!

We want to welcome a new member, Sherry Nehl of Sherry's Bake House, and also announce that Mike Springer is a new appointee to the Transient Room Tax Committee.

For the past two years, your Chamber of Commerce has promoted a county wide raffle as its major fundraiser for the year. The raffle has been very successful and has replaced the one day Grantski Auction which over a number of years had lost its appeal and support. This will be our third year of the raffle and, as most of you will recall, the funds for the 2015 raffle in the amount of \$7,500 was donated to the Fire Victims Relief Fund for those folks who lost their homes in the Canyon Creek Complex fire. Isn't it great how the residents of this county pull together like one big family and support those causes that help someone in need and other worthwhile activities?

We are in the planning stage of the 2016 raffle which will again start in August and we are hopefully optimistic that everyone will keep the chamber in mind when making those decisions as to where your donation dollars will go. We always appreciate your support and will continue to do those things that will be beneficial for your businesses and also support the citizens of our great county as well. If you are interested in becoming involved with the chamber in any capacity, give us a call or stop by the office.

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President

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