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USDA Rural Development announced Thursday it awarded a \$40,200 grant to the Grant County Fair for reader boards and a PA system. From left, Judy Krutsinger, Blue Mountain Healthcare Foundation; Mindy Winegar, fair office assistant; Jim Hamsher, Grant County rodeo chair; Sally Bartlett, Grant County Economic Development director; Vicki Walker, USDA Rural Development state director; Mary Weaver, Grant County Fair manager; LaDonn McElligott, USDA Rural Development community program specialist; and Chris Labhart, county commissioner.

Fairgrounds receives \$147,000 in grants

By Sean Hart
Blue Mountain Eagle

The Grant County Fairgrounds will soon solicit bids for three electronic reader boards and a public address system, thanks to grants and local donations.

Fair Manager Mary Weaver said she was thankful for the contributions that will improve the safety of the facility. In five years on the job, she said she has received weather notices with no quick way to warn patrons on the 13-acre grounds. She said a child was also lost on the grounds.

"Safety for all our people and animals on grounds has become a real priority for us at the Grant County Fair," she said. "What a difference a public address system could make in the safety of the many attendees."

Weaver said local donations included \$5,000 from the Grant County Family Heritage Foun-

ation, \$2,500 from Old West Federal Credit Union, \$1,000 from Jack and Merlee Young and \$500 from Bank of Eastern Oregon.

The Ford Family Foundation donated \$51,800, Meyer Memorial Trust \$40,000, Oregon Community Foundation \$15,000 and the latest grant of \$40,200 from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development was announced by the State Director Vicki Walker during a visit to John Day Thursday.

Walker said the department was pleased to help improve the safety of the "longest-running annual county fair in Oregon." She said fairgrounds are important for a variety of community activities in rural areas and the local contributions show "the collaboration and commitment of the folks here" to the facility.

"We're so appreciative of all the organizations that put their time and effort into it," she said.

County to complete Canyon City national hazard mitigation flood plan

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Grant County is stepping up to help complete a national hazard mitigation flood plan for Canyon City.

At the Grant County Court meeting April 20, County Judge Scott Myers said the county and the city of John Day completed a regional plan in 2013, but Canyon City was not included. He said FEMA funding would not be available after a flood without the plan in place.

Myers said Canyon City was working on the plan, but the requirements were overwhelming for a small staff, so the county economic development office will provide assistance to complete it.

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County Judge Scott Myers, left, addresses attendees at the April 20 Grant County Court meeting in which it was announced the county will help complete a national mitigation flood plan for Canyon City.

Development Director Sally Bartlett said she has applied for a \$30,000 grant, with a \$5,000 in-kind match for her time spent working on the plan. With the funding, she said she could hire

a consultant to finish the technical aspects of the plan.

The plan would be an addendum to the northeast Oregon regional plan, Bartlett said, which includes parts of Grant

and other counties. She said the state would still need to approve the final plan, but the governor's office and the Department of State Lands have asked her to help complete the plan. Bartlett said one of the requirements was a letter or resolution in support of the plan from the County Court. She said she is operating with a May 1 deadline.

"We're going to try to do it as quick as we can, but it's just a process now of getting all these pieces approved," she said.

The court unanimously approved a motion authorizing Bartlett to continue with the plan, and Myers said they would formally draft a letter or resolution in support for approval at a future meeting.

Long Creek EMS dinner raises \$6,000

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LONG CREEK — A packed house in Long Creek School's multipurpose room on April 16 showed just how much the community appreciates and supports its local emergency personnel.

Over 150 people turned out for the dinner and auction, which raised over \$6,000 for additional training for volunteers and the purchase of safety equipment for the Long Creek Ambulance Crew and Volunteer Fire Department.

Sherry Craig-Miller, assisted by several local

Long Creek cooks, prepared a tri-tip dinner with all the trimmings, served by Long Creek students.

Bev Johns prepared her noted strawberry bars for the occasion's dessert.

Gift baskets, household and garden items, gift certificates, toys, artwork, a handmade quilt and other treasures were among the items up for bidding in live and silent auctions.

This was the third year for the event, which was hosted by the Long Creek School Booster Club, Long Creek Historical Society and the city of Long Creek.



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Hungry diners fill Long Creek School's multipurpose room on April 16 at the annual fundraiser and appreciation dinner for Long Creek emergency personnel.

Church Services In Grant County

GRACE CHAPEL
Evangelical Methodist
154 E. Williams St.,
Prairie City • 541-820-4437
gracechpl@ortelco.net
Pastor Michael Harvey
Early Worship 8:45 a.m.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Prayer 8 a.m.
THURSDAY
Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

Seventh-Day Adventist Church
SATURDAY SERVICES
JOHN DAY
110 Valley View Dr. - 541-575-1216
Head Elder.....541-575-2914
Bible Classes (all ages).....9:30 am
Worship.....11 am
LONG CREEK
E. Main Street - 541-421-3033
Head Elder.....421-3468
Bible Classes (all ages).....2 pm
Worship.....3 pm
Tune into
3 ANGELS BROADCASTING
KSPL 98.1 FM
Blue Mountain Cable, Channel 2
Antenna; Digital Channel 15
& UHF Channel 8

Cornerstone Christian Fellowship
139 N.E. DAYTON STREET, JOHN DAY
541-575-2180
Sunday Worship Service
10 am
Pastor Levi Manitsas
cornerstonejohnday@gmail.com

John Day Valley Mennonite Church
Meeting every Sunday
at Mt. Vernon Grange Hall
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship.....10:50 a.m.
Pastor Leland Smucker
Everyone Welcome • 541-575-5507

St. Thomas Episcopal Church
Morning Prayer.....10 am
(1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays)
Eucharist & Sunday School.....10 am
(2nd & 4th Sundays)
139 S. Washington,
Canyon City
541-620-1436

New Life Bible Church
2 Corinthians 5:17
Every Sunday in the L.C.
Community Center
(Corner of Second & Allen)
Begins at 4:10pm
Contact Pastor Ed Stuttmann at
541-421-3888

MT. VERNON PRESBYTERIAN Community Church
SUNDAY SERVICE.....9 am
SUNDAY SCHOOL.....9 am
541-932-4800
EVERYONE WELCOME

Prairie Baptist Church
238 N. McHaley St.
Prairie City
Pastor David Hoeffner
541-820-3696
www.prairie-baptist-church.com
Sunday School for all ages 9:00 am
Sunday morning worship 10:30 am
Awana (Oct.-Apr.) 3:00 pm
Youth Group 5:30 pm

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KJV Independent
Fundamental • Premillennial
Terence K. Crabb, Pastor
A Bible-believing Church
"He that hath the Son hath life..." 1 John 5:12
Sunday School 9:45 am • Sunday Preaching 11:00 am
Junior Church 11:00 am • Sunday Evenings 3:30 pm
Wednesday Bible Study & Master Club 7:00 pm
Saturday Men's Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm
108 S. Washington Street, Canyon City
541-575-2688 or 541-575-0844

JOHN DAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Sunday Worship • 9AM
(541) 575-1326
johndayUMC@gmail.com
126 NW Canton, John Day
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St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church
Corner of S Canyon Blvd and SW 2nd
Mon. - Fri. Mass - 12:05 pm
Saturday Mass - 5:00 pm
Sunday Mass - 9:00 am

Confession: Saturday 3:30-4:30 pm
Anytime by appointment 541-575-1459
St. Anne
Monument - Sunday at 12:30 pm
St. Katherine
Dale
1st & 3rd Sundays at 2:30 pm
Office Hours
Monday - Friday 9 am - 12 Noon

Living Word Christian Center
Hwy 26 Mt. Vernon
Celebration of Worship
Sundays 5:30pm
Kids Classes 0-6th grade
Midweek Bible Study
Thursdays 6:30pm
Kids 0-6th grade
YOUTH GROUP
Fridays 6:30pm
Jr Hi & Sr Hi 7th-12th
PASTOR SHARON MILLER
541-932-4910
www.livingwordcc.com

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
Sunday School.....9:30 am
Sunday Worship Service.....10:45 am
Sunday Evening Service.....6:00 pm
Children & Teen Activities
SMALL GROUPS CALL FOR MORE INFO
Weekdays: Sunshine Christian School
521 E. Main • John Day • 541-575-1895
www.johndaynazarene.com

Historic Remnant Church
Preparing for Jesus to come
Meets Saturday at Mt. Vernon Grange Sabbath School.....9:30 am
Church Services.....11:00 am
541-620-0340

Redeemer Lutheran Church
Come Worship with us at
627 SE Hillcrest, John Day
1st & 3rd Sunday Worship
& Communion10 am
2nd, 4th & 5th Sunday Worship10 am
Wednesday Evening Bible Study.....6 pm
For information: 541-575-2348

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School.....10 am
Church.....11 am
Afternoon Service.....1 pm
No Mid-week Services
Pastor Ray Isenberger
300 W. Main, John Day
541-575-1355

Strawberry Mountain CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
Calvary Chapel Outreach Fellowship
Sunday Services10 am
Seneca Outreach.....2 pm
Midweek Services also available
170 SE Dayton, John Day
2nd & Ave. D, Seneca
541-620-0976

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Sunday School.....9:45 am
Sunday Worship.....11 am
Sunday Evening Bible talk.....6:30 pm
Saturday Men's Study.....7 pm
Full Gospel-Come Grow With Us
541-575-1202 Church
311 NE Dayton St, John Day
Pastor Al Altnow
www.fccjohnday.com