

SUMMER

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"I think I'm going to have a good staff this year," Ward said. "We're hoping for good weather and good attendance, with everybody out exercising and swimming."

For more information about Gleason Pool, call 541-575-9930.

Summer lunch program

A free USDA lunch program for children through age 18 will be offered at three Grant County locations this year.

In John Day, the lunches will be served near the pool at city park from 12-1 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

A summer reading program will be offered at the John Day site before lunchtime 10:30-

Gleason Pool schedule

10-11 a.m., Mondays-Fridays, in-service, cleaning, private lessons
11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Mondays-Fridays, swim lessons
1-4:30 p.m., Mondays-Fridays, recreational swim
5:00-6:30 p.m., Mondays-Fridays, adult lap swim
6:30-7:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, water aerobics
6:30-8 p.m., Wednesdays, family swim night

John Day-Canyon City residence costs

Recreational swim, \$3; family pass, \$130; individual pass, \$80; lap swim, \$2.50; family swim, \$6; swim lessons, \$40; lap swim punch card, 12 visits, \$25.

Out of District residence costs

Recreational swim, \$4; family pass, \$160; individual pass, \$95; lap swim, \$3; family swim, \$7; swim lessons, \$45; lap swim punch card, 12 visits, \$30.

Pool rentals: \$100 per hour (includes two lifeguards, \$20 per hour for additional lifeguards)

Because out-of-district residents do not pay property taxes that support the Parks and Rec District, they are charged an additional percentage for most programs.

11:30 a.m. (June 21 through July).

Activities will be provided occasionally by OSU Extension's Christal Culley, who is the Grant County Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program education coordinator during lunchtime.

Parks and Rec took on the USDA program a few years ago, and Janean Nodine is the cook.

Besides free lunches for kids, adults 19 and over may purchase a meal for \$2.

Lunches in Prairie City will be 12-1 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays at the city park.

Long Creek lunches will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesdays at the North Fork John Day Watershed Council, with nature activities for preschool through sixth-grade children.

Youth Arts Program

Students ages 7-18 with a creative streak can sign up for



The Eagle/Cheryl Hoefler

Happy, laughing and splashing children enjoy opening day at Gleason Pool Monday in John Day.

the Youth Arts Program, a two-week day camp now in its third year.

Classes include art, band/string instruments, choir and drama and will be held weekdays 1-5 p.m., starting Monday, June 20, and running through July at Dayville School.

Registration forms are due as soon as possible, and will be accepted until the first day of class, as room allows.

The cost is \$100 per student or \$200 for families, with scholarships available.

A People Mover bus will be available to transport the students from John Day to Dayville and back.

Program director Rebecca Bogardus and her assistant Samantha Floyd will teach music, Savannah Martin will teach art and Kathryn Hedrick will teach drama.

Bogardus said if there are enough youths signed up for drama, they may present a full-length play, "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow."

"This program reaches kids who don't have any arts in their schools," she said. "We get to see the kids come alive artistically, and they get to make friends across school lines and take what they've learned to their communities and share it there as well."

For more information, call Bogardus at 541-987-2440 or visit the YAP website studiobogardus.com/summeryap.html.

Junior golf

Grant Union golf coach Ron Lundbom is again offering Grant County Junior Golf at the John Day Golf Club.

The program for boys and girls ages 8 through 18 is held 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays June 28-30 and July 5-7.

Cost is \$25 per person.

Clubs are available, and a team scramble and ice cream party will be held on the final day.

For more information, call Lundbom at 541-575-1850, days, or 541-575-2692 in the evenings.

Cinnabar Mountain Playdays

Young cowboys and cowgirls can compete in the Cinnabar Mountain Playdays Youth Rodeo Series at the Grant County Fairgrounds. Remaining dates are June 25, July 16 and Aug. 20-21.

Entries open at 8 a.m. with rodeos beginning at 9 a.m. — the June 25 event will include a second performance at 3 p.m.

Events include barrel racing, pole bending, goat tying, dummy roping, keyhole race, flag race and figure eight race.

Playdays are open to all children up to age 18, as of Jan. 1 of the current year. Proof of age is required to compete.

Membership dues to participate are \$30 for individuals or \$45 for a family, and there is a \$2 per event or \$10 a day entry fee.

For more information, contact one of the directors: Didgette McCracken, 541-575-3520; Janet Plocharsky, 541-792-0077; Emma Winkelman, 541-620-1199; or Justin Jacobs, 541-620-1014.

Committee Volunteers Needed

Grant County is now recruiting volunteers to serve on active boards and committees.

Obtain an Application to Volunteer from County Court, 201 S. Humbolt, No. 280, Canyon City, OR 97820; (541-575-0059) wrightl@grantcounty-or.gov.

Applications are due by **Friday, July 1st.**

Committees are formal public bodies required to comply with Oregon Public Meetings Law ORS 192.610.

Library Advisory Board: Seven members serve four year terms and meet monthly to promote public awareness and support of library services, receive public input, review and update library materials, and coordinate activities with the Grant County Library Foundation. Membership is limited to one re-appointment.

Extension & 4-H Service District Advisory Council: Eleven members serve three year terms and meet semi-annually to provide guidance and assistance to local OSU Extension staff in planning, developing, and evaluating balanced educational programs directed to high priority needs of county residents. Membership is limited to one re-appointment.

Southeast Regional Alliance: Provides a forum for local government agencies and the private sector to discuss, understand and coordinate long range transportation issues affecting the southeast Oregon region including Grant, Harney and Malheur counties. The alliance acts as the Area Commission on Transportation and reviews the process for determining transportation infrastructure and capital investments in the southeast region, recommends priorities, and advises Oregon Transportation Commission on state and regional policies affecting the region's transportation system. Five members, plus one alternate, serve three year terms as Grant County's representatives. Daytime meetings are held monthly, or as needed, at locations rotating among the three counties.

WEEKEND

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John Day, Mt. Vernon, Dayville, Monument and Long Creek. This year's theme is "Bridges of Grant County." The event includes door prizes and a no-host dinner at 5 p.m. at the Outpost restaurant in John Day. Call 541-575-0547.

Ninth annual Family Fun Day — Saturday, June 18

The free, popular summer kick-off event for families will be from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at John Day City Park. Features include arts, crafts and activity booths, some at a minimal cost; a kids' bike helmet exchange; \$1 hamburgers and hot dogs; and free sno-cones. Enjoy all-day fun on a

waterslide bounce house, Gaga ball and a dunk tank, for just \$5 a person or \$20 per family. Purchase presale wristbands at Families First Parent Resource Center, 401 S. Canyon Blvd. Nearby Gleason Pool will also be open from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., free of charge. Anyone interested in volunteering or hosting a booth can call Families First at 541-575-1006.

Horse fun day — Sunday, June 19

This event at the Grant County Fairgrounds in John Day is open to all ages and benefits the Grant County Rodeo. Registration is at 11 a.m. and the activities start at 1 p.m. Events include polebending, keyhole, barrels and flag race, plus a 50/50 raffle. The cost is \$5 per event or \$20 for the day. There will be one more date on Sunday,

July 17. Call 541-620-2043.

Della Mae in concert — Sunday, June 19

What could be more relaxing than a live outdoor concert on an almost-summer night? The multi-talented female combo Della Mae of Nashville brings their rootsy style of original music live at 7:30 p.m. at the Diamond Hitch Mule Ranch near Kimberly. The group's breakthrough album, "This World Oft Can Be," was nominated for a Grammy in 2013. Tickets are \$20 a person, and camping is \$15. Concessions are available. Two more concerts are planned for Aug. 6 and Oct. 1. The Diamond Hitch is on State Route 19, 2 miles south of Kimberly between mileposts 107 and 108. Call 541-934-2140. Learn more about the band at dellamae.com.

POLICY

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Mike Strong, who has a student in high school and one in grade school, said he was concerned how the testing would be enforced fairly.

When Grant Union Junior-Senior High School Principal Ryan Gerry explained one of the options was to test all the athletes at the beginning of the season and then move to random testing, Strong said he could agree with that.

Strong also said sports may be the only positive point in some students' lives and questioned whether taking that

away was always in their best interest.

Dean of Students and Athletic Director Jason Miller said the policy being considered would punish students with a nine-week suspension from participating in athletic contests for their first offense, which could be reduced to four and a half weeks if the student chose to pursue a drug-intervention program. He said the second offense could carry an 18-week game suspension, and after the third violation, they could be kicked off the team.

Gerry said the students would not be suspended academically, nor would the district provide the drug-testing information to law enforcement

agencies. He said the athletes would be required to practice with the team if they wanted to be reinstated after their game suspension, and the testing would be conducted in athletes in grades nine through 12.

According to a U.S. Department of Education study, Gerry said, fewer substance abuse problems were reported in schools with random drug testing, and the testing did not affect sports participation rates.

Before making the motion to develop the policy, Williams said he appreciated hearing the arguments of those opposed to testing. He said, however, students had the right not to participate in sports and did not have the right to do illegal drugs.

Board member Amy Stiner said it was a difficult issue because she believed parents should parent their children and schools should educate. She also said the funds required to implement testing — Superintendent Curt Shelley said Burns pays somewhere between \$1,400 and \$1,800 annually — could be used to pay club sports coaches or to offer more programs. Stiner said she was not sure how she would vote on the policy once developed but voted to develop it.

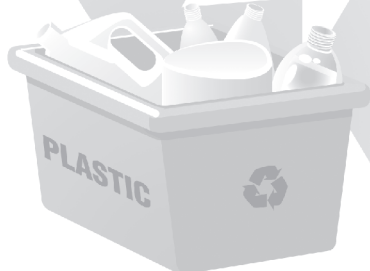
After the meeting, Shelley said the district would pay for the drug-intervention program for students who tested positive, unless it would be covered by their insurance.

Clark's Disposal

is relocating all recycle depots and will be closing all drop sites as of July 1st.

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