

## Two area students win Elks scholarships

Prairie City and Dayville students awarded

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Blue Mountain Eagle



Amaya Zwegardt



Skylar Powell

JOHN DAY — Prairie City senior Amaya Zwegardt and Dayville senior Skylar Powell were awarded this year's John Day Elks Lodge scholarships.

First-place winner Zwegardt will receive a \$2,000 scholarship, paid out at \$1,000 a year, and second-place winner Powell will receive \$1,000 with \$500 a year.

"We had several applications and outstanding stu-

dents from most of our high schools in Grant County," said scholarship chairman Connie Wood. "I was very pleased with the way the students dressed and handled themselves. We have some great young people in Grant County."

Wood expressed appreciation for this year's judges Vera Shoberg, Carl Lino and Mitch Saul.

"We appreciate each of you very much," she said.

## Student musicians awarded for excellence

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JOHN DAY — Two Grant Union student musicians were awarded for their dedication in the program during the year-end District Concert.

Director Mary Ann Vidourek presented senior Devon Vargas with the 2016 National Choral Award, and percussionist Ricky Weickum, a senior, the John Philip Sousa Band Award.



The Grant Union 7-12 choir sings "YMCA."



Grant Union music director Mary Ann Vidourek presents percussionist Ricky Weickum, a senior, with the John Philip Sousa Band Award as well as a desk set during the May 24 District Concert held at the school in John Day.



Grant Union choir member senior Devon Vargas receives the 2016 National Choral Award from director Mary Ann Vidourek at the May 25 District Concert.

## Local college graduates honored

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JOHN DAY — Five local graduates were honored at a reception hosted by the College

Advisory Committee on June 1 at Grant County Regional Airport.

The students are Catrina Gabbard, Julianne Hanson and

Kim Neault, who earned associate of arts Oregon transfer degrees from Blue Mountain Community College; and Jennifer Garinger and Chely Carpen-

ter, who both majored in physical activity and health through Eastern Oregon University.

All completed their degrees as online students in Grant County while working with advisors through the Grant County Center in John Day.

BMCC's graduation is 7 p.m. Friday, June 10, and EOU's commencement is 10 a.m. Saturday, June 11.

For more information about EOU and BMCC's local online degree programs, call Ashley Armichard at 541-575-1550 or Chris Cronin at 541-575-2168.

## Bentz's career cruising along

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LA GRANDE — Career plans are cruising along for one recent Grant Union Junior-Senior High School graduate.

Rachel Bentz, a 2012 Grant Union graduate, will join the technical stage staff of Royal Caribbean Cruises, following her graduation from Eastern Oregon University in La Grande this month.

Bentz anticipates starting her new job in July, aboard a ship stationed in Shanghai, China.

A theater student at both GU and EOU, Bentz has been involved with numerous EOU shows in various capacities in-



Rachel Bentz

cluding stage manager for the collaborative production of "King Lear" with the La Grande

Shakespeare Company, which opened last February.

She is excited about her new position and the locales she will visit, such as Japan and Thailand.

"I'm really looking forward to exploring the port cities we visit, as well as the opportunity to work with the latest in theatre technology," Bentz said.

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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### Grant County Chamber Monthly Newsletter

Well, if you like a variety of weather, we have certainly had our fair share of surprises this year. Having been raised in Michigan and moving to Prairie City from Southern Nevada in 1974, I can honestly say that we live in one of the greatest areas of the West.

Our first planning meeting to begin organizing for the 2017 solar eclipse was very well attended with folks from communities across the county, several agencies representing law enforcement, forest service, emergency management, businesses, elected officials and many residents wanting to get involved with this major undertaking. The Chamber President, Jerry Franklin, welcomed the group and encouraged them to seek out other groups and friends to get involved. A slide presentation was given by Tammy Bremner, who is the Chamber office manager and will be heading up the event. She identified a number of problems and challenges that the county could encounter with the anticipated influx of thousands of visitors from around the world. There was good interaction with the group and several good ideas and suggestions were discussed. Our next planning meeting will be held at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, July 6, 2016 at the Canyon City Community Hall. We expect to see more new faces and updates from various leaders and volunteers who have already started organizing events in their communities to keep the visitors entertained while they are in the area. We are encouraging everyone to call or stop in and provide the Chamber with information on any homes, cabins, extra bedrooms, lots or acreage that could be rented out. We will create a master list and will be able to provide locations and contact information for you and our visitors.

Our next Chamber meeting will be on Thursday, June 16, the business meeting being at the Chamber of Commerce office at 11 a.m. and the lunch meeting being at the Outpost at 12 p.m. The public is invited to both meetings. Our guest speaker will be Mark Howell, Fire Prevention Officer of the Blue Mountain Ranger District. He will be speaking about the Red Flag Fire Weather Program. Our second speaker will be Christy Sweet, Curator for the Kam Wa Chung Museum. She will share some information about the museum and the number of visitors that have been coming to John Day from around the world to visit this unique attraction. See you there!

Jerry Franklin, President

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Starting point of this project is the Junction of State Hwy. 395 and County Road 20, and will proceed east, ending at the Junction of County Road 20 and State Highway 7, by July 1st.  
(It is estimated we will chip seal approximately five miles a day).  
A pilot car will be utilized for the duration. A bike shuttle will not be available. Be prepared for possible loose rock, and some delays.  
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