### JOURNEY CALENDAR

#### **AUGUST** 6 Rabbit Wilde

in concert Diamond Hitch Mule Ranch, Kimberly 541-934-2140 mulesacrossamerica.com 10-13 Grant County Fair

John Day 541-575-1900

Grant County Fairgrounds,

grantcountyfairgrounds.

### 12-14 Two-man Best Ball Golf

John Day Golf Course 541-575-0170 13 The Brother's 5K

### Run/Walk John Day

541-620-1822 13 Sammy Kershaw in

Grant County Fairgrounds, John Day

541-575-1900

14 Cow Kids Rodeo

Grant County Fairgrounds, John Day 541-620-0596

20-21 Cinnabar Mountain Playdays Grant County Fairgrounds,

John Day 541-575-3520, 541-792-

0077 cmplaydays@gmail.com

28 Blue Mountain **Healthcare Foundation Benefit Scramble** 

John Day Golf Course 541-575-0170

### **SEPTEMBER 5 Cross-country Golf**

Scramble John Day Golf Course

541-575-0170 10 Grant County Regional Airport Fly-in

John Day 541-575-1151

### 17 Hilton Half and Family Fun Run

Prairie City to John Day hiltonhalf.blogspot.com 23-25 Three-man/Last **Chance Golf Scramble** John Day Golf Course 541-575-0170

### **OCTOBER**

1 Ghost Town Blues **Band in concert** 

Diamond Hitch Mule Ranch

541-934-2140 mulesacrossamerica.com

1-2 Rally for the Cure **Ladies Golf Scramble** 

John Day Golf Course

541-575-0170 15 Farmers Market Harvest Festival

SW Brent St., John Day 831-596-0656 johndayfarmersmarket. com



Peaceful and still, the deep blue water of Bates Pond is a refreshing sight while meandering the trail that encircles the pond and others throughout Bates State Park.

### **Bates State Park**

### Recreational respite also offers a trip back in time

By Cheryl Hoefler Blue Mountain Eagle

When it comes to sparkling outdoor gems in our Bates State Park, nestled in ties. the Blue Mountains of eastern Grant County.

In addition to spectacular scenery and recreational respite, this peaceful park near Austin Junction offers visitors a step back in time to the history of the once-thriving lumber town of Bates. During a weekend — or longer — stay, you'll feel as if you are really "away from it all," yet the park offers plenty in the

area, few can compare to way of comfortable ameni-

Bates State Park, in the shadow of Dixie Butte, offers an abundance of weekend enjoyment right within its 131-acre boundaries — three miles of trails to trek, wildlife to view and solitude to savor. Two tranquil creeks — Bridge and Clear — flow nearby the park, whose majestic centerpiece, Bates Pond, remains from the town's lumber mill.

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The Eagle/Cheryl Hoefler

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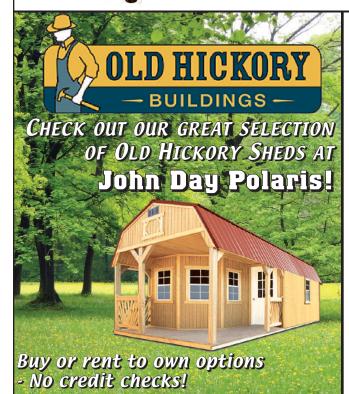
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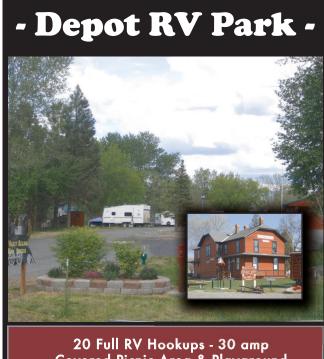
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