

The deadline for What's Happening items is 5 p.m. Friday. Call the Eagle, 541-575-0710, or email editor@bmeagle.com. For recurring meetings, see our list in the classifieds on Page A17.



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A cappella group — from left, Olivia, Miranda, Molly and Jess — sings "Zion Melody," each taking turns at lead vocals, at last year's talent search.

WEDNESDAY-SATURDAY, AUG. 10-13

Grant County Fair

- 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday
 - 8 a.m. to 12 a.m. Friday and Saturday
 - Grant County Fairgrounds, John Day
- For more information, visit grantcountyfairgrounds.com.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 10

Grant County Talent Search Contest

- 6 p.m., Grant County Fairgrounds
- The annual county fair talent show featuring three age divisions is scheduled for the first day of the fair. In the adult and youth divisions, first and second places win \$100 and \$50, respectively. In the child division, prizes are \$50 and \$25. First-place winners in each division are eligible to represent Grant County at the Oregon State Fair Aug. 28. Entry forms are available at grantcountyfairgrounds.com.

FRIDAY, AUG. 12

Freestyle bullfighting

- 7 p.m., Grant County Fairgrounds
- Free with admission to the fair is a new event this year: freestyle bullfighting, where competitors face off against bulls without harming them.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY, AUG. 12-14

Two-man best ball golf tournament

- John Day Golf Course
- Call 541-575-0170 for more information.

SATURDAY, AUG. 13

The Brother's 5K Run/Walk

- 8:30 a.m., Seventh Street Complex, John Day
- All proceeds from the event benefit the Taner Gilliam and AJ Dickens Scholarship Foundation. For more information, contact Megan Workman, 541-620-1822.

Farmers Market

- 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Southwest Brent Street, John Day
- Weekly features include vendors offering a variety of locally grown produce, homemade food and handmade crafts, plants and more. This week features entertainment from the Monument Violin Players. The markets continue every Saturday through mid-October. Call 831-596-0656, email johndayfarmersmarket@gmail.com or visit johndayfarmersmarket.com.

Grant County Fair Parade

- 10 a.m., John Day
- The parade begins at 10 a.m., with registration from 8-9 a.m. The route begins at Grant Union Junior-Senior High School traveling north on Highway 395, until it veers northeast on Southeast Dayton Street, and then turns west on Highway 26 to the unpaved area near NAPA Auto Parts.

Bats! program

- 6:30-8:30 p.m., Fossil Beds monument Clarno Unit
- Ecologist Tom Rodhouse and Ranger Shelley Buranek will speak about bat ecology, the importance of bats and the park service's role in preserving bats, followed by a short, easy hike to watch for bats as they emerge from their daytime resting places. Bring a flashlight, a jacket and appropriate footwear. The Clarno Unit is on Highway 218, about 15 miles west of Fossil.

Sammy Kershaw in concert

- 8:30 p.m., Grant County Fairgrounds, John Day
- Country music star Sammy Kershaw will perform in the grandstands. Briana Renea will open the show starting at 7:30 p.m. Gates open at 6 p.m. Pre-sale tickets cost \$55 for VIP seating, \$40 for bleacher seating, \$30 for grandstand seating and \$20 for standing only. For more information, contact the fair office, 541-575-1900.

SUNDAY, AUG. 14

Cow Kids Rodeo

- 10 a.m., Grant County Fairgrounds
- The annual rodeo event for youths up to age 16. Events among three age categories include calf and steer riding, dummy and breakaway roping, wolly bullies, pole bending, barrels, goat tail undecorating, goat tail tying, goat tying and stickhorse race. For more information, contact Simmie Wadel, 541-620-0596.

MONDAY, AUG. 15

Medicare 101 class

- 10 a.m. to noon, John Day Senior Center
- This free class will explain Medicare. To reserve a seat, call 800-722-4134 or email shiba.oregon@oregon.gov.

THURSDAY, AUG. 18

Building Your Budget class

- Noon to 2 p.m., John Day
- Community Connection of Northeast Oregon will host a free budgeting class at the Department of Human Services office, 725 W. Main ST., John Day. R.S.V.P. to Housing Manager Debbie Votaw by Aug. 16, 1-800-838-3186.

SATURDAY, AUG. 20

Spaghetti feed and silent auction

- 5:30-7:30 p.m., John Day Senior Center
- The proceeds from this by-donation event will benefit the Greater John Day Ministerial Association to help Grant County people in need.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY, AUG. 20-21

Cinnabar Mountain Playdays

- 9 a.m., Grant County Fairgrounds
- The final days of the summer youth rodeo event series. Entries open at 8 a.m., and the rodeo starts at 9 a.m. For more information, email cmlaydays@gmail.com, or call Didgette McCracken, 541-575-3520, Janet Plocharsky, 541-792-0077, or Emma Winkelman, 541-620-1199.

OUT OF THE PAST

A look back on news from Grant County over the past 100 years, pulled from past issues.

Aug. 10, 1916

Grant County Journal 100 years ago

A few days ago, we heard a Sumpter resident pay Prairie City on returning from a trip to that place, one of the highest compliments possible. "I spent a day about the lobby of the hotel and on the streets and conversed with many of the business men and others of the town. Not once did I hear an expression of other than praise for the town. All were enthusiastic over Prairie City, its bright future and their confidence in the growth of the town. Not once did I meet a person with a grievance or a tale of woe. No one had a story to tell of the rascality of his neighbor." What a difference is the spirit of stranger encounters in Sumpter. Prairie City is a place that is improving, a community that is advancing. It is this spirit of boosting-confidence in the future of the place that is the real foundation of that growth. — Sumpter American



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From the Aug. 8, 1991, edition of the Blue Mountain Eagle: The East-West Shrine All-Star football game, which will be played this weekend in Baker city, will feature three local representatives. Aaron Pryor, No. 55 (left), will be representing Grant Union High School while Kenrik Lynch, No. 1 (right), will be representing Prairie City High School, as will Kirk Marks (center) who will be an assistant coach for the East's team. The Prospectors were able to advance to last year's State AA Football Championships, only to lose to Vale, and Prairie City advanced to last year's State 8-Man Football Championships, only to lose to Camas Valley. Marks was the head coach for the Prairie City team last year.

**Aug. 8, 1941
Blue Mountain Eagle
75 years ago**

It's Here. The danger fire month of the year. August, dog days, hot, murky, sticky, dry and everything out of doors is inflammable and almost combustible.

And so there lies ahead of us a month of super-caution, be careful, be cautious, vigilant, and do your sparking in the car. One spark in the grass and bingo goes the prairie fires. The countryside has never been the fire menace that it is now. A wayward spark and the country would be a furnace of fire.

Robbins Farm Equipment

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Oregon Department of Transportation
CHIP SEAL ON U.S. HWY. 26

Beginning August 15, Tidewater Contractors, Inc., working for the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) will be chip sealing a 30-mile section of U.S. 26 (John Day Hwy.) in eastern Oregon between the junction of OR Hwy. 19 (mile post 124.17) and Mt. Vernon (mile post 154.36). A short section of U.S. 395 in Mt. Vernon will also receive a chip seal application beginning at the junction of U.S. 26 and extending north three-tenths of a mile. The chip seal work is expected to take about three weeks to complete. The work is expected to start at the junction of OR 19 and continue east.

TRAFFIC IMPACTS: Travelers can expect up to 20-minute delays, reduced speeds, day and nighttime flaggers, loose rock on the roadway, and pilot cars directing single lane traffic through the work zones. Some loose rock may be on the roadway through mid-September. Construction activities can be expected Monday through Saturday. Work zone pilot cars will be equipped with bike racks to help transport bicycle riders through the construction area, upon request. Please drive slowly and minimize all distractions.

To accommodate the pavement resurfacing work through Mt. Vernon and Dayville, parking on the highway will not be allowed for about a day while the chip seal operation is being constructed in town. Notices will be posted in the area prior to the no parking restriction.

REQUEST TO RANCHERS: To prevent chip rock adhesion problems due to animal waste on the roadway, ODOT is asking ranchers to keep all cattle and other livestock out of the work zone area during the project. Animals can be driven on highway sections after the chip seal has been applied.

More information: Tom Strandberg, ODOT Public Information Officer, 541-963-1330, email thomas.m.strandberg@odot.state.or.us

ODOT staff appreciates your support for this project that will help preserve and extend the useful life of the highway surface.

THANK YOU!

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