

The deadline for What's Happening items is 5 p.m. Friday. Call the Eagle, 541-575-0710, or email editor@bmeagle.com. For meetings this week, see our list in the classifieds on Page B9.

**THURSDAY, NOV. 3**

**Cooking class series by Iva Gill**

• 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Prairie City Senior Center, 204 N. McHaley Ave.  
Focusing on cookies, this is the final in a series of three cooking classes held as a fundraiser for the Prairie City Senior Center. There is a \$25 sign up fee. To reserve a place, call Frances Preston at 541-820-4463.

**SUNDAY, NOV. 6**

**Ring Praise concert**

• 6:30 p.m., Community Presbyterian Church, Mt. Vernon.  
The public is invited to attend a handbell and piano concert, sponsored by the Presbytery of Eastern Oregon.

**WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY, NOV. 9-11**

**United Methodist Church Christmas sale**

• 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday  
• 9 a.m. to noon Friday  
• 126 NW Canton St., John Day  
Members of United Methodist Church's "Ye Old Thrift Shop" will hold their annual Christmas sale in the church's fellowship hall. Items such as Christmas decor, ornaments, kitchen items, holiday tins, clothing and much more will be for sale.

**THURSDAY, NOV. 10**

**Red Cross Disaster Action Team meeting**

• 6 p.m., The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, John Day  
A potluck begins at 6 p.m., followed by a meeting. County



Emergency Management Coordinator Ted Williams will speak about the 2017 solar eclipse and answer questions. For more information, contact DAT captain Joan Bowling at 541-575-1248.

**SATURDAY, NOV. 12**

**Mt. Vernon Grange Christmas bazaar**

• 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mt. Vernon Grange  
Holiday shoppers are invited to attend the annual Christmas bazaar. There will be 23 booths, with new and returning vendors. The grange will serve hunter's stew and rolls for \$5. Desserts and drinks will also be available. For more information, call Jean Sagert at 541-575-1007 or Mary Ellen Brooks at 541-932-4540.

**MONDAY, NOV. 14**

**Red Cross blood drive**

• 12:30-6 p.m., The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, John Day  
To make an appointment or for more information, call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org.



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**Norma Rynearson of Prairie City shows Maudean Brown of Mt. Vernon a hand towel she crocheted at a previous Mt. Vernon Grange Christmas bazaar. The event is set for Nov. 12 this year.**

**WEDNESDAY, NOV. 16**

**Red Cross blood drive**

• 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, John Day  
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**FSA**

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vice Agency has succeeded for farmers in Grant County, who deserve access to the kinds of assistance they need to keep their crops, livestock and businesses healthy."

Program Technician Tracy Griffith will lead the office, which focuses on local needs.

"Food, feed or fiber is what our agency deals with," Luschen said.

The agency helps communities with a variety of programs, including disaster recovery such as replanting trees and helping reconstruct livestock fences destroyed in the Canyon Creek Complex fire last year.

"It's going to be awhile

before they have enough trees, so we're going to be working on that program for the next few years," Luschen said.

Through its Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, the agency works with landowners who have streams and rivers going through their property to help enhance the riparian areas by installing fencing and replanting native vegetation, Luschen said.

The office will also assist farmers growing crops typically do not insure, providing financial assistance to producers of non-insurable crops when low yields, loss of inventory or prevented planting occur due to natural disasters, according to the ag department.

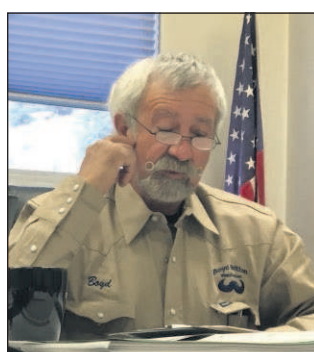
**County solicits proposals for Firewise coordinator**

**Snow-removal contract awarded**

By Rylan Boggs  
Blue Mountain Eagle

As the current contract ends, Grant County will request proposals to coordinate Firewise, an organization that helps communities and property owners reduce fire danger funded by the county's Secure Rural Schools payments.

County Economic Development Coordinator and Firewise liaison Sally Bartlett requested approval from the Grant County Court Oct. 26 to request proposals for the Firewise and Communi-



The Eagle/Rylan Boggs  
**Commissioner Boyd Britton at a Grant County Court meeting Wednesday, Oct. 26.**

ty Wildfire Protection Plan coordinator position. Bartlett said she expected the current coordinator, Irene Jerome, to

submit another bid for the position.

Bartlett requested the coordinator hold the position a minimum of three years. She said this was the minimum amount of time it would take someone to be able to learn and effectively work the position.

Bartlett said Firewise would also be willing to cover the costs of setting up an office space for a new coordinating employee if the county was able to provide the space to house them.

She also asked for the court's approval to move forward on grant applications that would help with water storage reservoirs.

The court approved all of

Bartlett's requests.

In other county court news, Roadmaster Alan Hickerson presented the court with his intent to award a snow-removal contract for Grant County Road 24, Baker County Road 520 and the Granite area for this winter. The court approved Columbia Helicopters' bid of \$104,000 for the contract.

Hickerson also requested funds to purchase a new toolbox and fuel tank for the department's new 2016 F-450 flatbed truck, which the court approved.

The court also approved a request from the Grant County Human Resources Manager Laurie Wright for new personnel file folders.

**HUNT**

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it does not reach areas without ample blood flow, such as the skeleton.

Daniel has had five vertebrae fused in his spine. He has had three hip reconstructions. He has plates in his knees and ankles. He's had surgeries on his wrists and hands. He suffers hearing and vision impairment.

Yet, as he aimed his rifle at the bull, he was just another boy accomplishing a dream of hunting elk with his father.

"He's always enjoyed hunting and fishing and outdoors stuff. It's less restrictive for him," his father, Mike, said. "We can do this, and it's something we can do together."

Daniel said hunting is "lots of fun." He said he's shot a turkey and a few deer back in Michigan, but this was his first chance to bag an elk.

The hunt was made possible by the Outdoor Dream Founda-

tion, a nonprofit organization that helps children diagnosed with life-threatening illnesses experience their hunting or fishing dreams. From there, a variety of other organizations and people volunteered to help make it happen.

Daniel's hunt was sponsored by the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, and Gale Wall and Tim Unterwegner from the local chapter got on board as the camp cooks. Wall said Gordon Conroy of Broken Horn Outfitters also sponsored and helped. Several guides — Sam McDaniel of John Day, Mark Crawford of Mt. Vernon and Mike Robertson of Sandy — stepped up as well. Wall said, when landowners were asked, all were happy to help, including Ken Brooks, Mike Kilpatrick, Jerry Updegrave, Allan Mullin and Amy Kreger.

"It's a really neat organization that takes these kids on these hunts fulfilling these dreams that they've had," Wall said. "It was my pleasure to help. It's pretty amazing the

foundation's offering this opportunity for these kids. It's pretty special."

Mike said everyone involved made the experience even more enjoyable. Daniel had to pull double duty as not only the hunter but also the technology adviser, helping some of the older guys use their computers, but he said he enjoyed the experience.

"These guys have been amazing to him," Mike said. "It's overwhelming. They've been very accommodating. If we needed it, they made it happen."

Even before they saw the elk, the Boschs said experiencing the Eastern Oregon countryside was a treat in itself. Daniel said "just the different surroundings, the hills" were amazing.

But the scenery was secondary as Daniel aimed at the five-by-four bull and prepared to pull the trigger.

When the shot rang out and appeared to be true, the hunting party believed Daniel had killed his first bull. When they went to track the animal, however, the group was unable to find him. They searched for hours and continued searching the next day to no avail.

Daniel continued hunting the rest of the week and saw more elk but never got another shot — until some of the volunteers brought out a variety of different guns for him to shoot for fun.

Daniel wanted to thank everyone who helped make his dream hunt a reality. Although he didn't bag an elk, he said he'd never forget the experience.

**PALMER**

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committee was registered as of Monday in the Grant County sheriff race: Todd McKinley for Sheriff. That committee, created June 21, has reported \$10,101.35 in contributions, including \$500 from Kelly, and \$7,483.98 in expenditures as of Monday.

Kelly filed a similar complaint against the Committee to Recall Boyd Britton Aug. 5.

Secretary of State Communications Director Molly Woon said in an email both complaints are still being investigated.

Palmer was the treasurer of the Re-Elect Glenn E. Palmer for Grant County Sheriff committee, which was created in 2008, but the committee was discontinued in 2012, according to ORESTAR. The Glenn E. Palmer Legal Expense Trust Fund has been reporting contributions and expenditures as required. The fund, approved by the Oregon Government Ethics Commission April 12, was created after the state Department of Justice opened an investigation into allegations against Palmer, which is ongoing.

Trustee Jodie L. Fleck submitted an amended quarterly statement Aug. 15 for the second quarter, from April through June, correcting two errors. Fleck said in the statement a \$100 donation from a fictional character, John Galt, should not have been included in the original statement as it constituted an anonymous donation. The original statement also inadvertently failed to aggregate donations from Bradley Miller, she said. The amended second-quarter statement shows a total of \$20,450.15 in donations, including the Galt donation, and \$5,268.93 in expenses. Submitted by Fleck Oct. 11, the third-quarter statement, from July through September, shows \$1,569 in donations and \$390.59 in expenses, including the \$100 Galt donation that was donated by the trust to Grant County CASA, which can accept anonymous donations.

Thank you to those who helped make our October 2016 yard sale a success. We appreciate everyone who donated, purchased, helped set-up, helped cleanup, loaned tables and displays, priced items, and staffed the sale. The funds raised help keep the Grant County Genealogical Society Library and Research Center open for Genealogical Research.

Grant County Genealogical Society

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**\* Call 541-575-1631 for an appointment \***

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**St. Thomas Episcopal Church**

will celebrate its 140th anniversary in Canyon City on Nov. 6 at 10:00am with the new bishop. Potluck to follow, all members and friends are invited.

139 S. Washington, Canyon City 541-620-1436