

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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 A17.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 8

Solar eclipse planning meeting

• 4 p.m., Canyon City Community Hall
The Grant County Chamber of Commerce will hold an informational meeting on the August 2017 solar eclipse. Residents can hear about the planning process and ask questions. For more information, call Tammy Bremner at the chamber office at 541-575-0547.

SATURDAY, FEB. 11

Daddy Daughter Dance

• 6:30-9:30 p.m., Grant County Fairgrounds pavilion, John Day

The John Day-Canyon City Parks and Recreation is sponsoring a "Night to Glow" Daddy Daughter Dance. The dance is for girls in grades kindergarten through eighth grade and their fathers or father figures. The cost is \$25 for in-district residents and \$30 for those out of district and includes a photograph. Pre-registration forms are available at the Parks and Rec website, jdccparksandrec.weebly.com, Facebook page and office at 845 1/2 Bridge St. in John Day. For more information, call the office at 541-575-0110.

WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY, FEB. 15-16

Grant Union presents 'Young Sherlock'

• 7 p.m., Grant Union Junior-Senior High School stage
The Grant Union drama club will perform "Young Sherlock" on stage at the school. Admission is \$4 for adults and \$2 for students.



File photo
Mike Carr and his daughter, Clara, enjoy time together out on the dance floor at the Daddy Daughter Dance in 2015.

Dayville running smoothly with new mayor

Slower pace appeals to Bogardus

By Rylan Boggs
Blue Mountain Eagle

Newly elected Dayville Mayor Peter Bogardus is happy to help his community.

He works full-time as a teacher and track coach at Dayville School. He has taught math, world history, French, drafting and personal finance and has coached all events for the school's track team with the help of one other coach.

He moved to Dayville for his first full-time teaching job and, like many, found he preferred the slower pace to the busy city.

"I went to a school with 2,000 kids, and to be in a building with six teachers total, K-12, it's different," Bogardus said. "I like it."

Before being elected mayor, he had served on the city council.

"The community is pretty small," he said. "Everybody needs to do something to chip in."

He looks forward to helping out with events like the city's Fourth of July celebration and the Bunny Hop 5K, for which Bogardus plans to don a bunny suit.

Bogardus, 34, is mar-

ried and has four children he loves playing with when not at city hall, the school or coaching track.

Unsurprisingly, he loves both reading and running, doing most of the latter during track season because he doesn't enjoy running alone.

He's drawn to fiction and fantasy when reading outside of school, especially titles such as *Ender's Game* and the 14-book *Wheel of Time* series by Robert Jordan.

Bogardus was elected in November and said, so far, things are running smoothly. The city recently completed a water line extension and repair projects as well as a wastewater treatment facility upgrade.

"The future of the town looks good," Bogardus said. "The city doesn't seem to be shrinking."

The city has been fiscally responsible but has the lowest net tax collected in the county with just \$7,869 expected during the 2016-17 fiscal year. Bogardus doesn't see any large projects approaching for the city but admits it will have to improve its revenue stream in the future.

He said Dayville is an attractive place to live but would need to grow to accommodate more people.

"There's always more people who want to live here than there are places (to live) and jobs," he said.



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Dayville Mayor Peter Bogardus sits for a photo in the Dayville City Hall Thursday, Jan. 26. The city hall was the city's jail until it was converted and moved across town, Bogardus said.

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Primozic looking forward to being back on council

By Rylan Boggs
Blue Mountain Eagle

Re-elected City Councilman Frank Primoizic is looking forward to serving the community by moving along key projects.

Primoizic served one term as a city councilor, took a one-term hiatus and is now beginning his second term as a city councilor. Primoizic volunteers at the Dewitt Museum in Prairie City and wants to help with projects like the new sewer system and other water projects.

He was born in Wise River, Montana, and moved to Prairie City in 2004.

Primoizic started volunteering at the Depot Museum in 2005 because his family was involved with the museum.

"The railroad opened up the John Day Valley to the 20th century," Primoizic said.

Ranchers and farmers utilized the railroad to quickly and efficiently transport animals and crops.

He enjoys learning about the history of the railroad, which reminded him of his hometown of in Montana.

A roughly 100-person town in southwest Montana, Wise River had a similar railroad to that of the John Day Valley.

"Coming to Prairie City was kind of like coming to the big time for me," Primoizic said. He has also lived in Denver and New Mexico.



The Eagle/Rylan Boggs
Prairie City City Council member Frank Primoizic

His one-term hiatus from serving on the city council was a result of a DUII accident right before elections.

He crashed into two Prairie City businesses in September of 2010.

"I'm sorry for what I did," Primoizic said following the incident. "I plan on living my life differently."

Prairie City Mayor Jim Hamsher spoke positively about Primoizic.

He was not worried Primoizic's past would affect his service to the city and had complete faith in him.

"I think he's a very knowledgeable council member and very active in the council," Hamsher said. "Overall, he's a very good thinker."

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The second installment of the 2016-2017 property tax is due Wednesday, February 15, 2017 by 5 p.m.

Payments may be made at the tax collector's office at the Grant County Courthouse in Canyon City, or the payment may be mailed and POSTMARKED no later than February 15, 2017. Please remember that delinquent taxes accrue interest at the rate of 16% per year.

If you have any questions, please call the Tax Office at 541-575-0107 or 541-575-0189.
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