

Hospice fundraiser draws a crowd

By Rylan Boggs
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Strutters, striders, straddlers and strollers walked, ran, pedaled and pushed their way to the Blue Mountain Hospital on Saturday morning.

Participants had four options: a 1.5-mile walk from the Seventh Street Park, a 4-mile walk from Dog Creek, a 6-mile run from Pine Creek or a 13-mile bike ride from Prairie City. Start times were staggered so everyone met back at the hospital around the same time.

Prizes were awarded for youngest and oldest participants, largest family and largest business. All proceeds from the event went to Blue Mountain Home Health & Hospice.

"Sometimes people think hospice is just a sad thing," Blue Mountain Home Health and Hospice director Sylvia Dowdy-Ross said. "So it's nice to get everybody out and do some physical activity and do it in remembrance of somebody and just make it a community activity."

Susan Garner and John LaLiberte walk regularly but enjoyed the organized event.

"It's so much fun, and it's good to challenge yourself," Garner said. "We walk every day but not fast like this."



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Drs. Raffaella Betza, left, and Janessa Sickler run during the Strut, Stride, Straddle and Stroll Saturday, May 6. The event was expected to raise \$1,000-2,000 for Blue Mountain Home Health & Hospice.

The two walked the four mile stretch in about an hour with their dogs, Hank and Toby.

"I used to run when I was younger, so it's nice to be in a race for a good cause," La-

Liberte said. "It's fun to get out in the morning and get a good walk in."

Hospice volunteer Sherri Dowdy said the event was one of two fundraisers the hospice program hosts, and

she expected the event to raise \$1,000-2,000.

"We're just really pushing people to get out and do healthy things," Dowdy said. "That's one of the reasons we do this."

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Prescribed burns planned on Malheur National Forest

Malheur National Forest fire managers continue to evaluate conditions for opportunities to conduct spring prescribed burning across the forest as part of the hazardous fuels reduction program. A variety of projects are planned in each of the three ranger districts. Follow "2017 Malheur NF Prescribed Fire" on Inciweb online at <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5139/> for updates.

Program available for wildfire damage to livestock fences

Lightning fires damaged permanent fencing in Baker and Grant counties on private, BLM and U.S. Forest Service allotments in 2016. Private landowners and permittees in these affected areas may be eligible for assistance under the Emergency Conservation

Program administered by the Baker-Grant County Farm Service Agency Office. Restoring permanent livestock fences is the only practice that may be eligible. Producers who have suffered a loss from this natural disaster may contact the Baker-Grant County FSA Office at 541-523-7121, ext. 2, and request assistance until May 31.

Seven locals named to EOU dean's list

Eastern Oregon University named 509 students to the dean's list for the 2017 winter term. Qualifying students achieve and maintain a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale while completing a minimum of 12 hours of graded coursework for the duration of the term.

Local students earning the honor include Jamie Waltenburg, Dayville; Hannah Brandsma, Michael Luttrell and Mikayla Luttrell, John Day; Carmen Vaughan, Long Creek; Skye Manderscheid, Mt. Vernon; and Amy Black, Prairie City.

Quinton named to UO dean's list

University of Oregon freshman Dawson Quinton of Canyon City made the dean's list for winter term with a 3.85 GPA. He is enrolled in the Robert D. Clark Honors College as an economics major. To qualify, a student must be an admitted undergraduate and complete at least 15 credits for the term with a grade point average of at least 3.75, and at least 12 of the credits must be taken for letter grades.

Grant Union greenhouse open in May

The Grant Union greenhouse will be open from 9:30-11:30 a.m. and from 1-3 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays during the month of May. The annual Mother's Day sale will be from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 12-13, also including a yard sale.

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Grant County Sheriff's Office Deputy Brandon Hutchison stands for a photo on Tuesday, April 18. "My father has worked in law enforcement for years and years, it's something I've always had a great respect for," Hutchison said.

Hutchison graduates from academy

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Grant County Sheriff's Office Deputy Brandon Hutchison graduated from the Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training's 16-week basic police class in April.

During the academy he received training in survival skills, firearms, emergency vehicle operations, ethics, cultural diversity, problem solving, community policing, elder abuse, drug recognition, and dozens of other subjects.

"It's a pretty wide variety of training that you get," Hutchison said.

He lived in Kentucky and worked in the outdoor industry for nine years but had been interested in law enforcement for years. When he moved back to Grant County with his family, the sheriff's department was hiring. After a few ride-alongs, he interviewed and got the job.

His father, Tom Hutchison, works as an Oregon State Trooper.

"My father has worked

in law enforcement for years and years, it's something I've always had a great respect for," he said.

As a deputy he will be performing a variety of duties including paper service, search and rescue, traffic violations and more. Despite growing up with a father in law enforcement, Hutchison said he was surprised by the volume of calls and how much goes on in the county.

"I honestly didn't realize how busy you stay," he said. "Growing up in such a small community, I always assumed things were pretty quiet, but we do stay very busy."

Hutchison said he was still working on getting his feet under him and processing the weeks of training at the police academy. For now he's focusing on the basics but expressed interest in the variety of specialized training programs, such as K-9 and drug enforcement, available to deputies.

"Being a new deputy, all of that sounds interesting," he said.



The Oregon Youth Authority is hiring temporary and permanent part-time Group Life Coordinator positions at the Eastern Oregon Youth Correctional Facility in Burns, Oregon. For specific qualifications and the application process, visit <http://www.oregon.gov/jobs> and reference job number OYA16-EOYCF. For questions, please call 541-573-3133.

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