**Grant County Sherriff's Office Deputy Brandon** Hutchison stands for a photo on Tuesday, April 18.

"My father has worked in law enforcement for years

Hutchison graduates

and years, it's something I've always had a great

respect for," Hutchison said.

By Rylan Boggs

Blue Mountain Eagle

Office Deputy Brandon Hutchison graduated from

the Oregon Department of

Public Safety Standards and

Training's 16-week basic po-

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.

ety of training that you get,"

and worked in the outdoor

industry for nine years but

had been interested in law en-

forcement for years. When he

moved back to Grant County

with his family, the sheriff's

department was hiring. After

a few ride-alongs, he inter-

son, works as an Oregon

His father, Tom Hutchi-

viewed and got the job.

"It's a pretty wide vari-

He lived in Kentucky

During the academy he

lice class in April.

Hutchison said.

Grant County Sheriff's

from academy

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in law enforcement for years

and years, it's something I've

always had a great respect

performing a variety of du-

ties including paper service,

search and rescue, traffic vi-

olations 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.

ize 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

still working on getting his

feet under him and process-

ing the weeks of training at

the police academy. For now

he's focusing on the basics

but expressed interest in the

variety of specialized train-

ing programs, such as K-9

and drug enforcement, avail-

of that sounds interesting,"

"Being a new deputy, all

Hutchison said he was

busy.'

"I honestly didn't real-

As a deputy he will be

for," he said.

# Hospice fundraiser draws a crowd

By Rylan Boggs Blue Mountain Eagle

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.'



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," LaLiberte 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.'

#### BRIEFLY

#### **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.

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#### **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

house 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

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he said.

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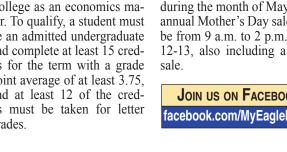
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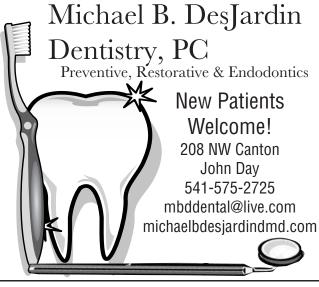


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# **Notice Grant County Taxpayers**

The third installment of the 2016-17

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the Grant County Courthouse in Canyon City, or the

payment may be mailed and postmarked no later than

May 15th, 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

575-0107 or 575-0189.

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