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Monument's Sophie Pettit lets out a victorious yell after winning the 1A girls 100-meter dash Friday at the OSAA Track and Field State Championships at Hayward Field in Eugene.



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## Forest plan revision will be followed by travel management planning

Beverlin encourages public to submit concerns about road closures

By Rylan Boggs  
Blue Mountain Eagle

The Malheur National Forest will wait until its forest plan revision is complete before moving on to the required travel management plan.

Malheur National Forest Supervisor Steve Beverlin gave an update on the Malheur forest's travel plan to

the Grant County Court and members of the public May 10.

While the Forest Service hopes to complete its forest plan revision by the end of June, the travel management plan for the Malheur is expected to begin in the spring of 2018, after the forest plan is complete. Beverlin said, in the version of the forest plan currently being revised,

the Forest Service removed portions about "designated routes," opting to address those issues more appropriately in the travel management plan.

Beverlin said a federal rule finalized in 2005 required all national forests to undertake travel management planning, but the Malheur is one of few that has not yet done so.

A travel plan centers

around three parts, he said. The first part — the only one completed on the Malheur — is an analysis of what is needed to administer and maintain the road system. The second part of the plan identifies what trails, roads and areas can be used by motorized vehicles. The third part of the plan identifies what routes can be used for over-the-snow travel.

Beverlin said the public

would be able to submit feedback on the travel plan during comment periods.

The feedback process often includes public meetings where people can voice concerns and gather information about the project.

For each plan and project, a scoping period takes place where the Forest Service can identify important issues and incorporate feedback into a

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The Eagle/Rylan Boggs  
Malheur National Forest Supervisor Steve Beverlin presents information about the Malheur's upcoming travel management plan during a Wednesday, May 10, Grant County Court meeting.

## Quilters display colors, patterns and memories

By Angel Carpenter  
Blue Mountain Eagle

Visitors from near and far admired the workmanship shown in 101 quilts on display in John Day at the 17th annual

Grant County Quilt Show.

The exhibition is presented by the Grant County Piecemakers Quilting Guild with a lot of volunteer help, said guild president Karen Hinton.

She noted several volunteers who are not guild members also assisted with the show, including Ferguson Surveying staff, which set up the display frames.

Guild member Dotty Parsons said she heard people saying it's a top-notch quilt show.

"The variety was awesome," she added. "I've heard some nice feedback."

"It is really nice to see how the quilters come together," Hinton said.

And it's all for a good cause.

Along with the quilt displays, art vendors had booths with fabric and other sewing items, jewelry and more for sale.

The guild uses proceeds from the show to further their work in the community, including giving quilts for babies born at Blue Mountain Hospital and for victims

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## HIGH DESERT OYSTERS

Local residents began the feed to raise money for the golf course

By Rylan Boggs  
Blue Mountain Eagle

Hundreds flocked to Seneca to enjoy fresh oysters last weekend.

The annual Seneca Oyster Feed is a local tradition, though most are not quite sure when it began. Organizers Andrea Combs and Mindy Walker said it was either 26 or 27. Pete Walker, who's helped with the fundraiser every year, said it might be less.

"Everybody argues over that," Pete Walker said. "I think it's 23 or 24. There's a few old timers around here who could tell you exactly, but I don't know."

According to the Eagle archives, the first oysters were hauled into town in 1992.

Pete Walker transported this year's oysters from the Oregon coast.

"You can't get fresh oysters over here, and our guys drive over on Thursday, pick them up and bring them back on Friday so



Eagle photos/Rylan Boggs  
Brady Long prepares oysters at the Seneca Oyster Feed Saturday, May 20.



Wendy Ballou batters oysters at the Seneca Oyster Feed Saturday, May 20.

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Andrea Combs and Mindy Walker helped organize this year's event.

Local residents began the feed to raise money for the golf course. Mindy Walker said they usually

raise \$2,000-5,000 for the golf course and city park. During the fundraiser, softball and golf tournaments were held with participants from all over the area.

Along with all-you-can-eat oysters, attendees had land-based options, and 1188 Brewing provided a beer garden.

There was also a raffle silent auction and 50-50 drawing that handed out over \$1,000 in prizes.

