



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.

SATURDAY, JULY 8

Cinnabar Mountain Playdays Rodeo

• 8 a.m., Grant County Fairgrounds, John Day
The youth rodeo starts at 9 a.m. Membership is \$30 per person or \$45 per family, and membership is required. Entry fees are \$2 per event or \$10 for the day. For more information, call 541-575-3520 or 541-792-0077, or email cimplaydays@gmail.com.

Potluck and bingo

• 4 p.m., Mt. Vernon Community Center
The Cinnabar Mountain Rendezvous will host bingo and a potluck dinner. Please bring a dish to share. For more information, call Drew at 541-792-0393.

DISTANCE EDUCATION STUDENTS HONORED



Contributed photo

Local graduates of Eastern Oregon University and Blue Mountain Community College's distance education programs were honored at a reception June 6 at the Grant County Regional Airport. In the photo, from left, are Dr. Michael Jaeger, Rhiannon Bauman, Cassie Lemons, Michelle Marraccini, Ersela Dehiya and Katrina Page.

OBITUARIES

Ruth Holmes

Ruth Holmes, 90, passed away Saturday, July 1, at Blue Mountain Care Center in Prairie City. A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, July 7, at the John Day Golf Club. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home and Cremation Services. Online condolences may be shared at tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

Oren 'Jerry' Moore

Oren "Jerry" Moore, 86, passed away on Saturday, July 1, at Blue Mountain Care Center in Prairie City. There will be a private interment with military honors at the Canyon City Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home and Cremation Services. Online condolences may be shared at tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

Elks scholarship winners announced

Blue Mountain Eagle



James Clay Johnson

The John Day Elks Lodge No. 1824 scholarship first-place winner is 2017 Rimrock Christian Academy home school graduate James Clay Johnson, and in second place is Jessica Carter, a 2017 Grant Union High School graduate.

Johnson will receive \$2,000 to be paid out at \$1,000 a year over two years, and Carter will receive \$1,000 to

be paid out at \$500 a year over two years.

Scholarship chairman Connie Wood said there were several applicants for the scholarships, which made the decision difficult for the judges.

"A big thank you goes out to the judges and to each student who took the time to apply," Wood said. "I would like to thank everyone for their help making our lodge part of a great community."



Jessica Carter

Kam Wah Chung park hosts receive state award

Couple share love of museum far and wide

By Angel Carpenter
Blue Mountain Eagle

Kam Wah Chung Museum park hosts Mel and Mary Magers received the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department's 2016 Gen Angdahl Award, which honors outstanding park hosts.

The Magers were one of eight who were nominated by park rangers for the award.

From Cave Creek, Arizona, the Magers have been giving tours of the Kam Wah Chung Museum since 2012 and talking up the site wherever they go.

"Kam Wah Chung is an amazing story," Mary said. "It's a jewel in John Day, and it's amazing the distance people travel to see it."

Last year the museum had 7,645 visitors from 47 countries and all 50 states.

So far this year, they've had 2,337 visitors from 25 countries — including Kazakhstan, Spain, Thailand and The Netherlands — and 30 states.

Mel said he and Mary started their journey as park hosts in 2011.

After a visit to the Oregon Coast, the couple thought they would try being park hosts on the eastern side of the state, where they expected warmer weather, Mel said.

That first summer, they worked at a Ukiah/Dale primitive campsite.

"That was the coldest June I've ever spent. There was



The Eagle/Angel Carpenter

Mel and Mary Magers stand in front of Kam Wah Chung Museum June 22 as they wrap up their annual summer volunteer work in John Day at the interpretive site and museum. The couple was named Oregon's 2016 Outstanding Park Hosts.

snow," Mel said.

In the last six years, the Magers have logged over 3,700 hours of service in six different locations.

"Oregon has so many beautiful state parks and wonderful opportunities," Mary said.

"When you travel through the park systems, you meet a lot of great park hosts," Mel said. "It's through conversations with them that we said, 'Gosh, we could do this.'"

He said his favorite story of Doc Hay, the Chinese doctor who owned Kam Wah Chung in the gold rush days, was when Hay's nephew inquired about a pile of un-

cashed checks.

A trunk was found hidden under Hay's bed with several uncashed checks stashed away.

"When Doc Hay's nephew Bob Wah asked, 'Why didn't you cash these checks?' his uncle replied, 'They needed the money — I didn't.'"

Today, the checks would be worth \$231,000.

Mel said he also enjoys telling about Lung On, Hay's business partner, who spoke English more fluently than his counterpart.

"He (Lung On) had one of the first cars in Grant County and had the first dealership, gas station and repair shop," Mel said.

Tourists visiting from Portland and Salem enjoyed a tour of the museum Friday, June 22.

Ellen Berger of Beaverton said she was fascinated to

learn about Doc Hay.

"His gift, to just be able to touch the pulse and prescribe the (herbal) medicine," she said. "The tour guides were very knowledgeable. It was very interesting."

Don Merritt, who is curator of the museum, said he appreciates the Magers' service.

He said some people visit the museum because they heard the Magers talk about the museum elsewhere.

"They would do a presentation and keep promoting us wherever they go," he said. "They're fantastic and really care about the place, and always go the extra mile to share information with the visitors."

The Magers left for the season the last week of June and plan to return next year.

"When we come back in June, it's like coming home," Mel said.

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Membership in the Cinnabar Mountain Playdays is required. Playdays are open to all children up to the age of 18 as of January first of the current year. MEMBERSHIP DUES MUST BE PAID IN FULL IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE. NO EXCEPTIONS. Daily entry fees must be paid at time of entry. Proof of age is required to compete and must be presented to a Director no later than the second playday attended by the membership holder. Forms of identification that will be accepted to prove date of birth are birth certificate, driver's license or immunization record.

Contestants must compete in at least four (4) Playdays to be eligible for year-end awards.

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FRIDAY	89/52
SATURDAY	91/58
SUNDAY	92/57

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WEATHER FORECAST FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 5-11

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Hot	Chance of thunderstorms	Sunny	Mostly sunny	Sunny	Cloudy	Very hot
98	99	96	97	95	91	99
57	57	57	57	50	56	56