

Juniper Arts Council offers grants to local nonprofits

Grant application training planned Thursday

Blue Mountain Eagle

The Juniper Arts Council is once again partnering with the John and Linda Shelk Foundation to offer small grants to Grant County nonprofits.

After a year off in 2016, the

council is gearing up to once again offer small grants this fall. The 2017 grants will total almost \$3,000.

The grant application is due by 5 p.m. Nov. 2. Grant applications will be reviewed, scored and funds distributed on Nov. 9. The maximum grant awarded will be \$1,000, and grant funds must be spent within one year of receipt.

The council is offering a grant application training from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Sept. 14 in the John Day Fire Hall community room. The trainer

will use the Juniper Arts Council Shelk Community Grant application and budget as a model at the training. All are welcome to attend the training from organizations interested in small grant applications, not just those interested in this grant.

The local grant application will be available after Sept. 14 at Karin Barnish's office at 131 W. Main St. in John Day.

The council began its partnership with the Shelk Foundation in 2014. During the first two grant

cycles, it awarded almost \$12,000 in Shelk Foundation money to Grant County nonprofits. Funding for projects went to the track project at Grant Union Jr./Sr. High School, Strawberry Mountain Outdoor Club, Grant-Harney County CASA, Prairie City Ministerial Association, Cinnabar Mountain Playdays, Grant County Fair, Grant County 4-H Leaders Association, Grant County Library Foundation, Healthy 'N Fit Kids, Mt. Vernon

and Prairie City FFA.

The council is also hosting Kerry Grombacher in concert Sept. 20, as well as a meet and greet with local author Don Jones during all-school reunion tours Sept. 23.

For more information about the Juniper Arts Council, contact President Kris Beal at 541-932-4892.

The council meets at 5:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month in the John Day Fire Hall community room. New members are always welcome.

BRIEFLY

Local woman wins a year's worth of groceries

Denise Seebart of John Day must have thought she found the end of the rainbow when she picked up the phone, recently.

She found out she's the winner of \$400 worth of groceries a month for one year from Chester's Thriftway in John Day after her name was drawn in a Lake Creek Youth Camp fundraiser.

Store owner Bob Thompson partnered with the nonprofit for the big giveaway.

"I was just putting money towards it because I thought it was a nice fundraiser and going to a good cause," Seebart said. "Little did I think I would win."

Seebart ran Golden Heritage Adult Care Home in John Day for 27 years, retiring four years ago.

She said her husband Jack bought a ticket for both her and her daughter.

"I was the lucky one," Denise said.

When asked if she'll share the winnings with her husband, she jokingly said, "Maybe."

Lake Creek Youth Camp, located about 32 miles southeast of John Day, caters to youth groups and families as well as other groups and individuals.

The site includes a main lodge with fireplace and an eating and meeting space, five A-frame bunks, bath houses and an open grassy area. For more information, visit lakecreekcamp.org.

Researcher offers wildfire presentation in John Day

The Blue Mountains Forest Partners collaborative group, in conjunction with the Malheur National Forest, will host a presentation on wildland fire called "Era of Megafires" at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 21, at the Grant County Regional Airport in John Day.

The "Era of Megafires" is a 70-minute, multimedia, traveling presentation hosted by Dr. Paul Hessburg, who has conducted fire and landscape ecology research for more than 27 years.

This presentation is designed to help audiences better understand fire, its natural role in forest health, how management practices over the years have altered this and created conditions that contribute to larger, hotter, more destructive wildfires and how we can better meet this challenge.

Hessburg is a research ecologist with Forest Service Research and Development. He has been studying historical and modern era forests of the inland West for the last 32 years, publishing extensively



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Lake Creek Camp board members Carl and Vicki Heckman of Canyon City, left, and Amber Wright, president of the board, were present Sept. 4 at Chester's Thriftway for a big grocery fundraiser drawing. notforsale

in leading national and international journals. His work documents large changes in forest conditions and how these changes have set the stage for large and severe wildfires or megafires.

This presentation is an outgrowth of his research and his concerns for the future.

The public is welcome and encouraged to attend this free presentation.

For more information on the Malheur National Forest, visit fs.usda.gov/malheur.

Free parks passes offered for fourth-graders and families

Fourth-graders can print out a paper voucher for free entry into all federal lands by visiting the Every Kid in a Park website at everykidinapark.gov.

The Every Kid in a Park pass allows free entry into all federal parks, forests and recreation areas for a full year. Students and their families can also redeem their paper voucher for a plastic pass at any Forest Service office. The voucher and passes are valid from Sept. 1 to Aug. 31, 2018.

The Forest Service is partnering with schools and educators across Oregon and Washington to plan Every Kid in a Park events in local communities and distribute passes at back-to-school events this fall.

Teachers or adults who engage fourth-graders through a youth-serving organization can print paper passes, and find activities and lesson plans, at www.everykidinapark.gov/get-your-pass/educator.

Candidates may file now for 2018 primary election

Grant County Clerk Brenda Percy will conduct the 2018 primary election by mail May 15, 2018. Candidates may file for office from Sept.

to office at the Nov. 7, 2018, general election.

Local precinct committee person candidates may file for office from Jan. 31, 2018, to 5 p.m. March 6, 2018; these are two-year terms and are elected at the primary. Forms and manuals are available online at sos.oregon.gov/elections.

Forms are also available at the Clerk's Office in the County Courthouse at 201 S. Humbolt St., Canyon City. For more information, call 541-575-1675.

Grant County seeks committee volunteers

Grant County is recruiting volunteers to serve on boards and committees. Applications are available at the Grant County Courthouse, and applications are due Sept. 22.

Applicants are sought for the Extension & 4-H Service District Advisory Council, the Fair Board, the Mental Health Advisory Board, the Planning Commission and the Senior Citizens Advisory Council.

For more information, contact Laurie Wright, 541-575-0059, wrightl@grant-county-or.gov.

Blue Mountain Hospital installs new advanced CT scanner

The radiology department at Blue Mountain Hospital recently upgraded to a new 80-slice computed tomography machine.

This new machine acquires more information in less time,

We're gonna need a bigger thermometer!



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It was a little warm directly in the sun at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 2, at Eddie Smith's residence in Prairie City.

is safer for patients and is comparable to machines in larger hospitals in Bend and Boise, according to a hospital press release.

Patients who visit out-of-town specialists can also request their scan order get sent to John Day to avoid another trip out of town.

Computed tomography can be used to visualize nearly all parts of the body and is used to diagnose disease or injury as well as to plan medi-

cal, surgical or radiation treatment. CT scanning is often the best method for detecting many different cancers since the images allow a doctor to confirm the presence of a tumor and determine its size and location.

CT is fast, painless, non-invasive and accurate, but is particularly well suited to quickly examine people who may have internal injuries from car accidents or other types of trauma.

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If you are an Oregon resident and would like to speak with someone about training opportunities and eligibility requirements, please stop by the Training & Employment office at 530 E. Main STE 5 in John Day or give us a call at (541) 575-0251.

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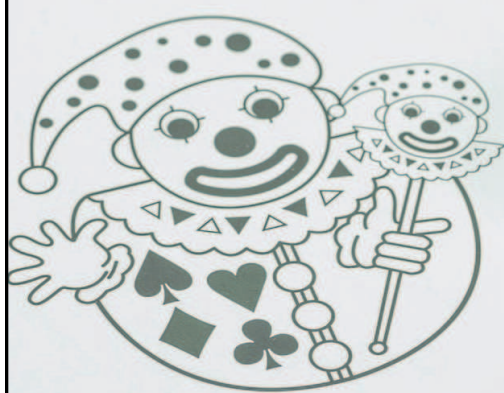
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The City of John Day is seeking candidates to fill a vacancy on the John Day City Council.

One candidate to be appointed for a 15-month term to run September 26, 2017 through December 31, 2018. Primary residence has to be within the city limits of John Day to apply. Interested candidates can pick up an application at City Hall or download it at www.cityofjohnday.com under "Latest News".

Applications are due by noon on September 22.

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