

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.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 20

Kerry Grombacher concert

• 7 p.m., John Day United Methodist Church
The Juniper Arts Council is bringing Kerry Grombacher back to Grant County for an encore concert. Kerry, a modern-day troubadour, is a singer/songwriter whose songs are rooted in the Western landscape. The concert is free and open to the public. The JAC will accept donations for its scholarship fund. For more information call JAC President Kris Beal at 541-932-4892.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 21

'Era of Megafires' presentation

• 6:30 p.m., Grant County Regional Airbase, John Day
Blue Mountain Forest Partners collaborative group, in conjunction with the Malheur National Forest, will host a presentation given 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 to better meet this challenge. There is no cost, and the public is invited to attend.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 23

John Day Farmer's Market

• 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. - SW Brent St., John Day.
Crafts, baked goods, produce, kids activities, entertainment, information booths. For more information, call 541-792-0958 or email johndayfarmersmarket@gmail.com.

Local author meet and greet

• 11 a.m. to noon, Grant Union Jr./Sr. High School library
The Juniper Arts Council will host a meet and greet with local author D. L. Jones (Don Jones.) Don, who taught history at Grant Union for 26 years, has penned his novel about Carlos Quintana, a Civil War veteran. Don will talk about himself, writing historical fiction and his book. There will be a question and answer



Eagle file photo

Nine-year-old Riley Gregg looks out the window of Frank Stinnett's Cessna 172 XP during the annual Fly-In at the Grant County Regional Airport last year. The fly-in is scheduled for Sept. 30 this year.

period and Don's book will be for sale. The meet and greet is in conjunction with the all school reunion school tours of Grant Union. Tours will be offered at 10, noon and 1 p.m. Please meet in the foyer in front of the old gym to start the tour. For more information contact JAC President Kris Beal at 541-932-4892.

Chili feed, pie auction and cake walk

• 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Grant County Library
Fun for all ages is offered at the library during its annual celebration. For more information, call the library at 541-575-1992.

Grant Union all-class grand reunion

• 6 p.m., John Day Elks Lodge
Graduates from all Grant Union classes are invited to attend. If advance payment has not been made, the cost at the door is \$10 and does not cover food. A no-host bar will be available, and live music will be provided by Frank Carlson. For more

information, contact Leslie Traylor at 541-620-4032.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 26

Entrepreneurs meeting

• 10 a.m., Outpost Restaurant, John Day
Local entrepreneurs and startups are encouraged to attend. For more information, email David at david@envme.com.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 27

Health Care for All Oregon program

• 6:30 p.m., Canyon City Community Hall, 129 S. Washington St.

The program will focus on the quality, accessibility and affordability of healthcare, and achieving a universal, single-payer health care system for Oregonians. The guest speakers are Bill Whitaker and Anna Maria Dill, members of Health Care for All Oregon. A short video will be shown, followed by questions and discussion about health care concerns and a legislative update. The showing is sponsored by the Grant County Democrats, Oregon Rural Action and Blue Sage Ecumenical Council. The free program is open to public.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 30

Fly-in and breakfast

• 7-11:30 a.m., Grant County Regional Airport
Grant County Air Search will sponsor free airplane rides for children in grades 1-12 at the annual fly-in. Parental escorts are allowed, and required for children under 12. Breakfast will be catered by the Snaffle Bit, and the cost is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children. A "The Star-Spangled Banner" flyover and candy drop will also be featured, and aircraft will be on display as available. For more information, contact airport manager Haley Walker at 541-575-1151.

Color Me Free Fun Run and Walk

• 9 a.m., John Day Industrial Park
Heart of Grant County's fourth annual run and walk to kick off Domestic Violence Awareness Month benefits the organization's services and support for survivors. Participants receive white T-shirts that paint throwers color during the event. Registration begins at 9 a.m. and costs \$20 per person or \$40 per family. Free hot dogs and water will be available. The event starts at 10 a.m. For more information, call 541-575-4335.

OUT OF THE PAST

**10 years ago
Sept. 19, 2007**

A dream fulfilled, an elk come true

He proudly says he got him at No-Telling-Creek down yonder Mystery Mountain.

After near misses in New Mexico and Grant County, Grant Union High School freshman Stuart Mosier's life-long dream of bagging a big elk came true on Sept. 3 when

he dropped a six-point from 496 yards away.

"I can't even remember what I was thinking when I held my gun up there, I was so nervous," said Mosier. "My dream has been fulfilled. It was an awesome experience."

The dream began when Mosier, diagnosed with renal failure at the age of 7, became the 2006 Make a Hunt Happen recipient.

Founded in 2004 by Church

on the Hill, each year MHH grants one child with a physical disability or life-threatening illness the opportunity to pursue a big-game animal of his or her choice.

MHH is inspired by Proverbs 13:12 of the Bible, which says: "Hope deferred makes a heart sick, but when dreams come true, there is life and joy."

Coming home empty-handed from the first two trips, MHH guide Phil Wirth stayed

true to the program's promise of sticking with each kid until they get their dream animal. The third trip turned out to be a charm.

"I had a feeling we'd get something this time," said Mosier. And that he did, on the third day of the expedition, which according to Mosier, was no coincidence.

"Well, 33 is my lucky number, and the day I shot the bull, September 3rd, was the three-year anniversary of my transplant," he said. "Plus I got him on our third hunt."

The morning hunt unsuccessful on Sept. 3, Mosier had almost decided to pack it in for the day when MHH guide Rick Robinson of McMinnville, who had been spotting for the expedition, informed him that he'd seen a trophy-size elk earlier that morning. Robinson estimated the bull might en-

ter through the timber into the open meadow directly below their ground-blind later that evening.

Mosier, who had been practicing hitting targets of up to 400-yards in days prior, decided to wait it out with Wirth, his mom, Brenda, and Wirth's kids, Matt, William and Nicole.

As the cloudless hot summer day turned into a cool evening, a herd of elk came through the patchy timber. Mosier, spotting the big bull at about 400 yards away, picked up his Benelli, took aim and fired too high, scattering the elk.

"At first I thought I had hit him," said Mosier with a smile. "But Phil told me to keep my eye on two trees in the distance because he had run off, but Phil said he would come back out."

Wirth was right. The six-point bull took off through the

meadow in a dead sprint and Mosier took aim again, this time at 496 yards, and didn't miss.

"That was a difficult shot even for hunters who have been at it for more than 30 years," said Wirth. "I'm proud of the way Stuart held it together. He focused and did it all himself."

It took the team until 10:30 p.m. to take care of the bull and get it back to camp — a little late, considering Mosier had to be at school the next morning.

In all, Mosier said the best part of finally getting his dream elk was spending time with his mom and the Wirths. Next year, he hopes to draw a tag and get another one.

And in the end, while Mosier fulfilled his dream, he also taught Wirth sometimes it is more important to have hope than it is to have your hope fulfilled.

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PUBLIC EVENT AND CONVERSATION

ERA OF MEGAFIRES

HOW DO YOU WANT YOUR FIRE?
HOW DO YOU WANT YOUR SMOKE?

Research Ecologist, Paul Hessburg, Presents a Multi-Media Event Created by North 40 Productions

Thursday, Sept. 21, 2017
6:30 p.m.
Grant County Regional Airport, John Day, Ore.

Megafires, wildfires over 100,000 acres, and the destruction caused by them is a serious and growing issue to our region. Our communities, homes, businesses, and our very way of life are threatened.

Let's start having the conversations we need to have to protect our homes, forests, and livelihoods. Join us for a multi-media presentation on fire and what we can do to make it work for us.

Heart of Grant County's 4th Annual
COLOR ME FREE
FUN RUN & WALK

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

SATURDAY - SEPT 30
JOHN DAY INDUSTRIAL PARK

Registration - 9 am Start - 10 am \$20 Person/\$40 Family

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