

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, OCT. 18

Ballot measure 12-69 dispatch tax forum

• 6 p.m., John Day Senior Center
The Chamber of Commerce will host a forum to present information regarding ballot measure 12-69, the 911 local option tax appearing on this November's ballot. A panel representing cities/county, law enforcement and EMS will be present, as well as representatives from the city of John Day and the 911 dispatch center to address questions. The public is welcome. For more information, call the chamber office at 541-575-0547.

SATURDAY, OCT. 21

Ladies night

• 6-8 p.m., Java Jungle, downtown John Day
Local ladies are welcome to participate. A variety of vendors, food and information will be available. For more information, call Java Jungle at 541-575-2224.

Farmers Market Harvest Festival

• 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., SW Brent St., John Day.
In addition to the usual offerings, a cider press will be available. Bring apples and your own container to make apple cider. For more information, call 541-792-0958 or email johndayfarmersmarket@gmail.com.

MONDAY, OCT. 23

Poet Laureate Elizabeth Woody presentation

• 7 p.m., John Day United Methodist Church, 126 NW Canton
Oregon's poet laureate will tell her stories and poetry in her own voice and style. The Juniper Arts Council and John Day



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A bounty of fresh, local produce fills a booth at a previous Farmers Market Harvest Festival. The event is set for Oct. 21 this year.

United Methodist Church host the free event, and the doors open at 6:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCT. 24

Entrepreneurs meeting

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

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 25

Democrats meeting

• 6:30 p.m., Canyon City Community Hall
Topics will include the Get America Covered campaign and the highway cleanup. Local Democrats are encouraged to attend. For more information, call 541-542-2633.

THURSDAY, OCT. 26

Oregon Stewardship Tour forum

• 7-8:30 p.m., John Day Fire Hall, 316 S. Canyon Blvd.
The Oregon Stewardship Tour, presented by Citizens' Climate Lobby, will hold an open discussion and a presentation titled "Protecting Oregon's Climate with Market-Based Solutions." The Citizens' Climate Lobby invites anyone who has an interest in climate change and its effects to attend. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, visit oregon-tour.org.

SATURDAY, OCT. 28

AARP Driver's Safety class

• 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., John Day Senior Center
The class is open to all ages and is a nationally recognized defensive driving course. Participants may qualify for an insurance discount. The cost is \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for nonmembers. Sign up at the John Day Senior Center or call Ron Dowse at 541-575-4268 or 541-792-0587.

Mckalee's Halloween fun run/walk

• 10 a.m., Canyon City city park
Proceeds will benefit the March of Dimes Foundation. Registration will start at 9 a.m., and the cost to enter is \$35, which includes a T-shirt, or \$15 without a T-shirt. Participants are encouraged to wear costumes. For more information, call Cody Jo Madden at 541-620-2955 or find the event on Facebook under "Mckalee's Run/Walk. March of Dimes Fundraiser."

Monument school board searches for new interim superintendent

By Angel Carpenter
Blue Mountain Eagle



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Monument's school board is seeking a new interim superintendent.

Monument School District board members are on the search for a new interim superintendent.

The board met last week to discuss options to replace interim superintendent Ron Friehe, who came from Springfield and left a few weeks after the start of the school year.

Friehe's resignation was accepted by the school board Sept. 25. Board vice chairwoman Maria Thomas said the job has been posted, and they hope to find a qualified candidate.

They are also considering another avenue to fill the position.

"We're going to reach out to our local schools and see about sharing a superinten-

dent for now," she said, to possibly fill in for the rest of the year. "We're playing it by ear."

Thomas had no comment as to why Friehe suddenly resigned.

The district's regular school board meeting is still set for 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19, in Monument.

Monument School had 47 K-12 students enrolled at the start of the school year.

Poet laureate to visit John Day

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Elizabeth Woody

Oregon Poet Laureate Elizabeth A. Woody will share selections from her poetry and stories, beginning at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 23, at John Day United Methodist Church. An informal reception will follow the reading, giving the community an opportunity to visit with her. Admission is free.

Woody has published three books of poetry. She also writes short fiction and essays and is a visual artist. She received the American

Book Award in 1990, the William Stafford Memorial Award for Poetry and was a finalist for the Oregon Book Awards in 1995.

In March 2016, Elizabeth was appointed Oregon's eighth poet laureate by Gov. Kate Brown, the first Native American to be so named. Woody is an enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes of Warm

Springs, of Yakama Nation descent, and is "born for" the Tódičh'íinii (Bitter Water clan) of the Navajo Nation. Her paternal grandfather's clan is Mą'ii deeshgizhíinii (Coyote Pass - Jemez clan).

She leads writing workshops, lectures and has served on multidisciplinary art fellowship jury panels for several foundations and arts organizations nationally.

This event is hosted by the Juniper Arts Council and John Day United Methodist Church and funded, in part, by the Oregon Cultural Trust.

Buckaroo Festival garners 'incredible' support

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The Sept. 23 Buckaroo Festival & Harvest Auction raised \$17,000 in donations to benefit the Monument Senior Center.

Organizer Judy Harris said the event, which included a dinner of salmon and elk steaks, was a success.

"We want to give a thank you to everyone that helped," she said. "There were a lot of hands that put it together."

The fundraiser brought in \$4,000 more than the previous year.

Winner of the quilt raffle was Tami Porter of California and Wendi Ihrig of Dayville won the rifle raffle.

"We were very pleased this year — it was just incredible," Harris said. "A lot of people from throughout the state came and supported us."

Grand Marshal Tom Campbell holds a lamp he received at the Sept. 23 Buckaroo Festival & Harvest Auction in Monument. Betty Richards and Donna Campbell were also honored with the grand marshal title. Organizer Judy Harris said the event raised a total of \$17,000, which will benefit the Monument Senior Center.

Burning with permit is now allowed

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The Grant County Fire Defense District announced the burn ban has been lifted, and burning in barrels and small piles is allowed from 6-10 a.m.

The change was effective as of Monday. For questions or to obtain a burn permit

county residents can contact their local agencies.

Grant County Fire Defense District Chief Ron Smith said, although the Oregon Department of Forestry closed the fire season as of midnight Tuesday morning, residents should use caution.

"Just a reminder, we're

supposed to be warm over the next three or four days, and the lighter fuels, such as grasses, will burn very easily, so make sure to take all proper precautions," Smith said. "Always check with your local jurisdictions for permits and further information on restrictions for your area."

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