

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.

### THURSDAY, NOV. 16

#### 4-H international education night

• 6-8 p.m., OSU Extension classroom, 116 NW Bridge St., back entrance

A night of cultural activities, food creation and a movie is planned, centered around local international exchange student and hosting opportunities. For more information, call the OSU Extension office at 541-575-1911.

### SATURDAY, NOV. 18

#### Christmas on the Prairie

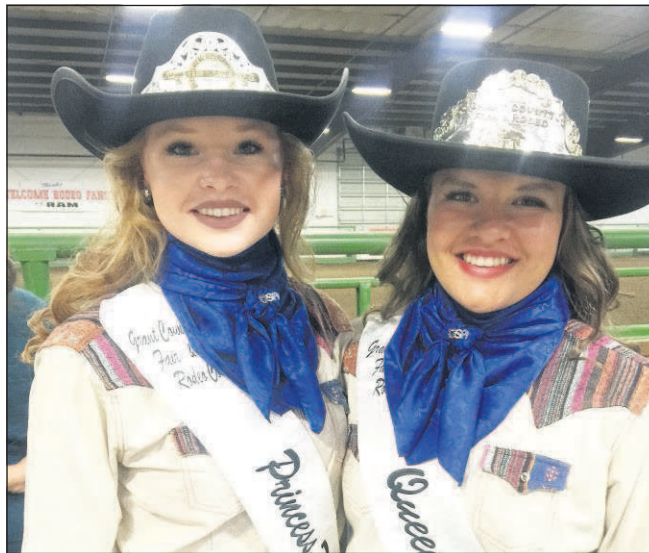
• Downtown Prairie City

The theme for this year's holiday event is "A Vintage Christmas." Activities include an ornament hunt, gingerbread house building and other children's crafts, bazaars, merchant sales, vintage camp trailer tours, open mic night at Hotel Prairie, FFA auction, art exhibit and tree auction and photos with Santa and the elves. Santa Paws will be available from 9-10 a.m. for photos with pets. Maps will be available showing where and when each event is taking place. For more information, call 541-820-3675, read the article below or see the ad on Page A9.

#### American Legion Auxiliary Christmas bazaar

• 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Prairie City High School gym

The annual bazaar will feature local vendors with various items for sale. For more information, call 541-820-3692.



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Grant County Fair and Rodeo Queen Jessica Carter, right, and Princess Trinity Hutchison at the NPRA Finals Rodeo in Prineville.

### SUNDAY, NOV. 19

#### 2018 queen coronation

• 5 p.m., Grant County Fairgrounds pavilion

The public is invited to a festive evening with a tri-tip dinner, no-host bar, live and silent auctions and a dessert auction. 2017 Queen Jessica Carter will pass the crown to 2018 Queen Trinity Hutchison. The cost to attend is \$15 each or two for \$25. Tickets can be purchased at the fair office or online at grantcounty-fairgrounds.com. For more information, call the fair office at 541-575-1900.

### THURSDAY, NOV. 23

#### Community Thanksgiving dinner

• 1 p.m., The Teen Center, 145 W. Front St., Prairie City

The Prairie Baptist Church will host a community Thanksgiving dinner. Everything will be provided for diners. For more information, call the church at 541-820-3696.

#### Community Thanksgiving dinner

• 1-4 p.m., John Day Elks Lodge, 140 NE Dayton St.

A free holiday meal with all the trimmings will be offered. Contributions of side dishes and desserts are welcome. The lounge will be open for pool, shuffleboard, card games and football on big screen TVs. Home deliveries are available for those who cannot make it to the lodge. Call the lodge in advance to make arrangements. Volunteers are also needed to help cook, set up, clean up and deliver meals. For more information, call the lodge at 541-575-1824.



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Three-year-old Blake Jacobs asks Santa for play clothes at the Teen Center during last year's Christmas on the Prairie in Prairie City.

## Christmas on the Prairie

### 20th annual event set Saturday

By Angel Carpenter  
Blue Mountain Eagle

Christmas on the Prairie, set for Saturday, is a citywide tradition in Prairie City that's been going strong for 20 years. This year's event will feature the popular Ornament Hunt, with a drawing for a prize basket that includes gifts from each of the town's merchants.

People can find ornaments at local businesses, the American Legion Auxiliary bazaar at the school, post office and DeWitt Museum and Sumpter Valley Railway Depot.

DeWitt, which is open for free that day, will also have a children's art exhibit and an auction of decorated trees to benefit the museum.

Photos with pets, by donation, will be available from 9-10 a.m. at the Teen Center, at 145 W. Front St., benefiting the nonprofit Hope 4 Paws.

The famous gingerbread houses for children, also at the Teen Center, are available for "construction" from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., or until supplies run out.

This will be the fifth year Anna and Tom Smith have provided the handmade gingerbread houses. They started with 100 five years ago, and this year they'll offer 135.

The "labor" of love starts in August, when they buy the ingredients. Then it takes one week for Tom to make the dough, and one week for Anna to roll it out and bake it. Their daughter Rose from Portland also helps bag up candy used to decorate the houses.



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There were gingerbread houses galore at the Prairie City Teen Center during last year's Christmas on the Prairie. Here, AmeriCorps volunteer Abby Luu of Albuquerque, New Mexico, helps Emma Charette, while Kaitlyn Charette and her mom, Amy, work on her creation.

## Scarecrows decorated Dayville streets

By Angel Carpenter  
Blue Mountain Eagle

The city of Dayville held its fifth annual Scarecrow Contest, sprucing up the town with 16 creative entries. "It's always fun to have these 'new residents' join us for a month or so," said city recorder Ruthie Moore.

This year, the scarecrows were up for three weeks, beginning with the town's Oct. 3 Fall Festival potluck.

Lyndee Billar of The Fish House Inn had the top-placing creation, a hunter/fisherman.

Dayville teacher Carrie Sullivan and her third- through fifth-grade students won second place.

Voted for the most creative scarecrow was Connie Moore for a horse, which had a skull for a head with reflector eyes.

Rachael Tobin won the potluck award for her rodeo scarecrow.

Winners received candy scarecrow necklaces, with a small container of caramel dip for the head, Cracker Jacks for the body and miniature candy legs and pepperoni sticks for the arms.

"They definitely liven up our town, and people get a kick out of it," Moore said.

To see more of the scarecrows entered in the contest, visit the Friends of Dayville Facebook page.



Rachael Tobin stands with an NFR rodeo scarecrow she created for Dayville's scarecrow contest, winning the potluck award.



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The scarecrow by Grayson Schmadeka and his mother, Tiffnie, was a crow.



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Lyndee Billar of The Fish House Inn won the Dayville scarecrow contest with this friendly looking hunter/fisher.

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Hello Grant County,  
  
We just finished our Installation Dinner, which was a great success! The Elks Club prepared a delicious dinner, and the cupcakes from Kim from Eve's Sweets were wonderful! Thank you to all who attended and a special thanks to those businesses who donated items for our silent auction and raffle. A very special thanks to our master of ceremonies Jack Southworth and guest speakers Ted Ferrioli and Nick Green.

We welcome Sally Knowles and Elaine Livran as new Directors to the Chamber Board and thank Scotta Callister for agreeing to serve another term. I am looking forward to serving as Chamber President for the next year. We have great plans for the upcoming year, and we will keep you posted.

Due to the holidays and just having had our annual meeting, we will not have a meeting this week. Our next meeting will be December 21st. Don't forget - "The best road trip across Oregon goes through Grant County to John Day where the high desert meets the mountains!"

Have a safe and very happy Thanksgiving,  
Bruce Ward  
President, Grant County Chamber of Commerce

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