

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, NOV. 29

Democrats meeting

• 6:30 p.m., Canyon City Community Hall
Topics of discussion will include efforts to protect access to health care in rural Oregon through passage of state Ballot Measure 101. Local Democrats are encouraged to attend. For more information, call 541-542-2633.

FRIDAY, DEC. 1

Carrie Young Memorial dinner and auction

• 5 p.m., John Day Elks Lodge
The annual by-donation spaghetti dinner, which includes silent and live auctions, supports local senior citizens in Grant County. Proceeds go toward the purchase of gifts and everyday living items. To donate or for more information, contact Lucie Immoos at 541-620-2098.

SATURDAY, DEC. 2

Keerins Hall Christmas bazaar

• 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Grant County Fairgrounds, John Day
The fairgrounds bazaar will feature vendors offering an array of crafts and other goods.

Blue Mountain Hospital Auxiliary bazaar

• 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Grant County Fairgrounds pavilion, John Day
The Auxiliary's annual holiday bazaar offers mostly handcrafted items, with soup and pie available as well. Santa will be available for photos, and Hope4Paws: Grant County is sponsoring a pet photo session with Santa Paws from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Pets should be on a leash or in a carrier. Bring a camera for pictures with Santa.



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Lucie Immoos stands for a photo in the Elks Lodge before last year's Carrie Young Memorial dinner and auction. The event raising money for Grant County seniors is scheduled for Dec. 1 this year.

TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY, DEC. 5-6

Spay and neuter clinic

• John Day River Veterinary Center, 59989 Highway 26, west of John Day
Dogs will be seen on Tuesday and cats on Wednesday. Call 541-932-4428 for more information.

FRIDAY, DEC. 8

A classic Christmas concert

• 7 p.m., United Methodist Church, 126 NW Canton St., John Day

The Youth Arts Program is presenting a free concert, sponsored by the Juniper Arts Council. Music will be performed by three choirs (junior, intermediate and show), a string trio and two guitar groups. The ensembles include children and adults, and Christmas songs will be part of the concert.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY, DEC. 8-9

Christmas in Mt. Vernon

• 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mt. Vernon
Several businesses in Mt. Vernon have teamed up to present an annual holiday shopping feast. Participating locations include Shiny Thimble Quilt Studio, Shiny Thimble Quilts, Maudean Brown's home, Patricia Ross's art studio and the Silver Spur. Watch for the red and green balloons. For more information, call Patricia at 541-932-4856.

SATURDAY, DEC. 9

Timber Truckers Light Parade

• 6 p.m., downtown John Day
This year's theme is "A Hometown Christmas." Winners of the awards and cash drawings will be announced at the Elks Lodge immediately following the parade. The entry fee is \$10. Registration is from 3-5:30 p.m. at Grant Western Lumber Co., where the parade will begin. The route will lead through town and turns left on the Third Street extension to the Elks Lodge. For more information, call Brenda at 541-429-0551 or Leslie at 541-620-4032.

THURSDAY, DEC. 14

Light Up a Life

• 6 p.m., Valley View Assisted Living, 112 Valley View Drive, John Day

All are welcome to the candlelight remembrance, which honors loved ones who have died. The service, organized by Blue Mountain Hospice, includes readings, music and refreshments. Donations are accepted at the door and help provide end of life care for hospice patients. For more information, call Blue Mountain Hospice at 541-575-1648 or email ross@bluemountainhospital.org.

FRIDAY, DEC. 15

A snowman Christmas party

• 2:30 p.m., Blue Mountain Care Center, Prairie City
The care center will host an afternoon of festivities for residents, their families, and anyone else who wants to attend. Snack food, non-alcoholic drinks, Santa and live music will be provided. RSVP by Dec. 12 by calling the care center at 541-820-3341.



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Holiday Showcase dancers kick off Christmas season

Dancers perform Nov. 30, Dec. 1 at Grant Union

By Angel Carpenter
Blue Mountain Eagle

The 21st annual Dance Holiday Showcase is a tradition as fun as presents under the Christmas tree.

This year's dancers, ages 4-18, will perform at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 30, and Friday, Dec. 1, at the Grant Union Junior-Senior High School old gym. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. Admission is \$7 and a can of food, and children under 6 get in free.

Showcase coordinator Kattie Piazza said she expects this year's dance performances to be just as special as years past.

Featuring dance styles ranging from lyrical to jazz to hip-hop, the showcase is presented by the Grant Union Gold varsity dance team, coached by Piazza, along with dancers from the Body Fitness and Dance studio.

The event is the high school team's biggest fundraiser of the year. Piazza said the funds help the team purchase costumes and pay for hotel stays when they travel to competitions.

The nonperishable food collected will go to food



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German exchange student Dana Schajor performs at last year's Holiday Showcase.

banks in Grant County.

"Because we're asking for something, we like to give something back, especially during the holidays," Piazza said.

Dancers will perform in groups as well as solo and duet performances.

There were 400 attending over the two days of performances last year. Piazza said the showcase is a fun holiday staple.

"The event itself is so special — to incorporate so many age groups, listen to holiday music, see the dancers in their sparkly costumes and the kids out there giving it their all," she said. "It's a great kickoff to the holiday season."

**SATURDAY
DECEMBER 2ND
9AM - 4PM**

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Saturday, December 2nd, 9AM - 4PM
Grant County Fairgrounds Pavilion

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