

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, MARCH 14

Lenten luncheon

• 11:30 a.m., Redeemer Lutheran Church, 627 Hillcrest Road, John Day
A soup and bread lunch will be served, followed by a service. All are welcome to attend. For more information, call the church at 541-575-2348.

Pre-festival concert

• 7 p.m., Grant Union old gym
The high school band and choir will present their latest repertoire.

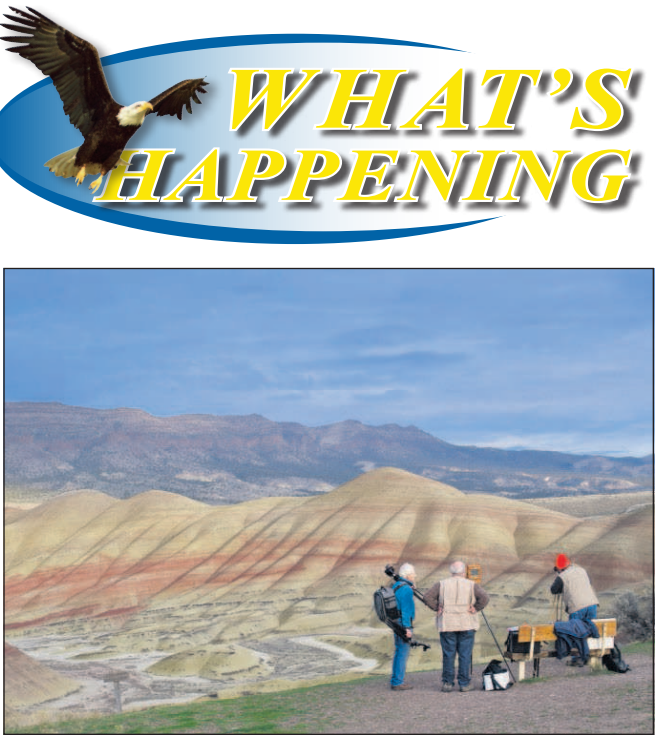
SATURDAY, MARCH 17

Pie auction and cake walks

• 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Grant County Library, 507 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day
The annual pie auction starts at noon, with cake walks for kids and adults both. Lunch will be available: hot dogs for \$2, hot dogs with chili for \$3 or chili and cornbread with honey butter for \$2.50. Proceeds benefit the Grant County Library. For more information, call the library at 541-575-1992.

Clay pigeon shoot

• 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Kimberly Rock Products pit, mile marker 9 on Highway 402
Events include jackpots, Annie Oakley and more, plus men's, women's and children's competitions. The cost is \$3 per shoot. For more information, call 541-934-2143.



Visitors enjoy the Painted Hills at the John Day Fossil Beds National Monument. An open house for a draft accessibility plan at the park will take place March 22.

MONDAY, MARCH 19

Essay winners recognition

• 6:30 p.m., Alec Gay Hall, John Day
The American Legion Auxiliary Ellis Tracy Unit No. 77

will recognize the local 2018 winners of the Americanism essay contest. A potluck dinner will be held, with meat being furnished. All are welcome. For more information, call 541-575-0766.

TUESDAY, MARCH 20

Genealogical society luncheon

• 12 p.m., Outpost restaurant, John Day
The Grant County Genealogical Society's no-host luncheon will feature speaker Leslie Nodine, sharing information on the Stubblefield family. All are welcome.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21

Lenten luncheon

• 11:30 a.m., Seventh-day Adventist Church, 110 NW Valley View Drive, John Day
A soup and bread lunch will be served, followed by a service. All are welcome to attend. For more information, call the church at 541-575-1216.

THURSDAY, MARCH 22

Fossil Beds accessibility plan open house

• 11 a.m., John Day Senior Center, 142 NE Dayton St.
The National Park Service is inviting community members to comment on a draft Accessibility Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan for the John Day Fossil Beds National Monument. During the public open house, a brief presentation will describe the planning process and general park accessibility, followed by the opportunity for public questions and comments. People who are unable to attend the meeting may submit comments at the project planning website, parkplanning.nps.gov. Comments will be accepted until April 30. For more information, call 541-987-2333, ext. 1214.

BRIEFLY

Open Campus offers community learning classes

Oregon State University Extension's Open Campus Grant County is offering community learning classes. Smart phone training will take place from 5:30-7 p.m. March 15 for iPhones and March 20 and March 22 for Android phones; the cost is \$10 per class, instructed by Chris Gibson. Nancy Nickel is teaching free public speaking classes from 5:30-7 p.m. each Thursday in April. The classes take place at the Grant County Extension Classroom, 116 NW Bridge St., Ste. 1,

John Day. Accommodations for disabilities may be made by contacting Didgette McCracken, 541-575-1911, didgette.mccracken@oregonstate.edu.

Donations being accepted for Mt. Vernon Easter egg hunt

The Mt. Vernon Volunteer Fire Department is now accepting donations for the annual Easter egg hunt. Call Mt. Vernon City Hall for more information at 541-932-4688.

Riggs brings rock-infused country music to Madden Center April 20

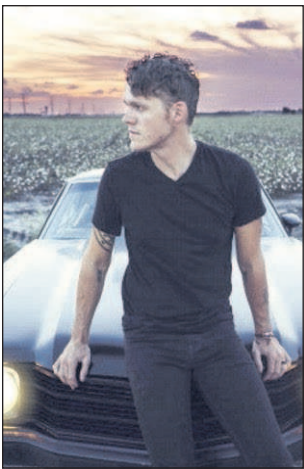
By Angel Carpenter
Blue Mountain Eagle

Singer-songwriter Sam Riggs of Texas will take the stage at the Madden Brothers Performing Arts Center on Friday, April 20, bringing his own style of country music with a rock-infused sound and sense of daring.

To add to the excitement, Riggs is giving away an Epiphone guitar and a private lesson to be awarded before his performance on April 20. To sign up for the drawing, visit the Madden Brothers website at maddenbrothers.us.

Doors open at 6 p.m. with the concert starting at 7:30 p.m. at the events center located at 116 Bridge St. in John Day.

Joe Madden said he and his brother Jesse, owners of the performing arts center, were impressed with Riggs after hearing some of his songs on XM Radio, including "Second-Hand Smoke." "We're excited about him coming. He puts on a really good show," Joe Madden said. "The people we talked to said he is extremely good live, and brings a lot of his



Contributed photo

Musician Sam Riggs will perform April 20 at the Madden Brothers Performing Arts Center.

own equipment, to make it a better show."

Joe added, Riggs is an up-and-coming artist.

"He's getting a big name himself," Joe said.

General admission is \$25, and seated tickets are \$30. Admission for children ages 7-12 is \$15, and children 6 and under are admitted free.

To buy tickets, visit the Madden Brothers website or call 800-504-4849.

Sam Riggs' music video "One More Chance to Stay"

can also be viewed at the website.

His musical influences include Garth Brooks, Foo Fighters, George Jones and Blink-182.

His latest album, "Breathless," released in 2016, debuted at No. 12 on the Billboard Country Albums chart. To date, he's racked up more than 2.2 million streams on Spotify and over 600,000 views on YouTube.

Opening for Riggs is Tylor & The Train Robbers, a band from Idaho known for their blend of gritty Americana and outlaw honky tonk.

Lead singer Tylor Ketchum grew up in Helix, Oregon, and his younger brother Jason Bushman plays bass and sings backup. Flip Perkins is on drums and Johnny Pisano is on guitar.

Their latest album "Gravel," released in May of 2017, is a compilation of 10 original songs written by Ketchum.

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MOVIE SCHEDULE MARCH 16-22

TOMB RAIDER (PG-13)

Lara Croft must push herself beyond her limits when she finds herself on the island where her father disappeared.

FRI & SAT (4:00) 7:00 9:35

SUNDAY (4:00) 7:00

MON-THURS 7:00

DEATH WISH (R)

A trauma surgeon (Bruce Willis) embarks on a mission for justice after an attack on his family

FRI & SAT (4:20) 7:20 9:45

SUNDAY (4:20) 7:20

MON-THURS 7:20

A WRINKLE IN TIME (PG)

Disney. After the disappearance of her scientist father, three peculiar beings send Meg to space to find him.

FRI & SAT (4:10) 7:10 9:40

SUNDAY (4:10) 7:10

MON-THURS 7:10

\$9 Adult, \$7 Senior (60+), Youth



Eagle file photo

Dr. Raffaella Betza, left, and Dr. Janessa Sickler run during the Strut, Stride, Straddle and Stroll last year. Sickler is overseeing a free, weekly walking program in John Day.

Lace up for health: ‘Walk with a Doc’

Blue Mountain Eagle

Locals can keep their own pace while joining a local doctor in a weekly walking program in John Day.

Dr. Janessa Sickler of Strawberry Wilderness Community Clinic is the lead physician overseeing "Walk with a Doc."

Walks are held at 9-10 a.m. on Saturdays, free, at the Grant Union Junior-Senior High School gym in

the colder months, December through March. During the warmer months, April to November, walks will be held at the Seventh Street Complex.

The fitness program is for anyone interested in creating a healthier lifestyle by including an hour of walking in their week.

According to the American Heart Association, walking has the lowest dropout rate of any physical

activity, and is low impact and easier on the joints than running.

The program was started in Columbus, Ohio, in April of 2005 by Dr. David Sabgir and has now expanded throughout the country.

No special gear is needed, and there are no special rules. Just wear a pair of comfortable shoes and walk alone, with friends, a partner, family or with a group — whatever you prefer.

ATTENTION GRANT COUNTY VETERANS:

Did you know a service-connected disabled veteran is entitled to FREE use of Oregon State Parks?

See your Grant County Veteran Services Officer today for more information, located at Grant County Courthouse.

Call 541-620-8057 for an appointment

Katée Hoffman

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