

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 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.

SATURDAY, MARCH 24

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. To sign up or for more information, call Ron Dowse at 541-575-4268 or 541-792-0587.

FRIDAY, MARCH 30

Easter egg dyeing

• 11 a.m., John Day Fire Department



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Mahayla Moss of John Day adds to her Easter basket during the egg hunt at Grant Union Junior-Senior High School, sponsored by the John Day Volunteer Fire Department, last year. Easter egg hunts will be held in Mt. Vernon, Dayville and John Day Saturday, March 31.

The John Day Volunteer Fire Department's annual egg hunt will offer egg coloring at 11 a.m., at the John Day Fire Department, to decorate eggs for the following day's Easter egg hunt.

SATURDAY, MARCH 31

Bunny Hop 5K run/walk

• 8 a.m., Dayville
Registration is at 8 a.m. The race starts at 9 a.m. Participants can park at Dayville School for bus transportation to the starting line on South Fork Road. The route will end at Dayville City Park. The cost is \$10 per person. The Buddy Award, \$50 cash, will be given to the winner of the 0- to 13-year-old group who completes the race on their own legs. Most of the proceeds will benefit Cheryl Hubbard's fight against cancer. For more information, call Dayville City Hall at 541-987-2188 or email winkelej@gmail.com.

Easter egg hunts

• 10 a.m., Mt. Vernon City Park
Prior to the Mt. Vernon Volunteer Fire Department's annual hunt, a free community breakfast by Living Word Christian Center will be available at the Mt. Vernon Community Hall from 7-9:30 a.m., and fire truck rides will start at 9 a.m. The fire department is accepting donations for the egg hunt until the day of the event. For more information or to inquire about donations, call the city of Mt. Vernon at 541-932-4688.
• 10:30 a.m., Dayville City Park
Following the Bunny Hop 5K, egg hunts for children in four age divisions will be held. Age divisions range from infant to sixth grade. Parents will also be able to participate in a fun hunt. For more information, call Dayville City Hall at 541-987-2188.
• Noon, Grant Union Junior-Senior High School
The annual John Day Volunteer Fire Department's hunt includes age groups from 0 to 3, 4 to 6, and 7 to 11. Drinks, burgers, hot dogs and chips will be available, and hunters can take a picture with the Easter Bunny.

Kids can enjoy 'Passport to Fun' over spring break

Museum curator, volunteers plan big event for kids

By Angel Carpenter
Blue Mountain Eagle

A "Kids Passport to Fun" event will offer Grant County kids plenty of activities to choose from Monday through Friday, March 26-30, which is spring break for many students.

The event features tours of three museums in John Day and Canyon City, with historical reenactments, as well as fun and educational activities at the Canyon City Community Hall.

The cost is \$2 for the week, and it's geared toward children ages 5-12.

Organizer Peggy Murphy, the curator of the Grant County Historical Museum in Canyon City, said many people are helping her get the activity off the ground.

"I couldn't have possibly done it without all the wonderful volunteers," she said.

OSU Extension Agent Shanna Northway presented Murphy with the passport idea.

Museum tours begin with Kam Wah Chung & Co. Interpretive Center, on Canton Street in John Day, Monday through Friday.

Tours of Grant County Historical Museum, 101 S. Canyon City Blvd. in Canyon City, and the Ranch and Rodeo Museum, 241 E. Main St. in John Day, will be offered Tuesday through Friday.

The John Day-Canyon City Parks and Recreation department is sponsoring activities at the Canyon City Community Hall Monday through Thursday, March 26-29.

Activities include: Lego fun, OSU Extension; candle dipping, South Fork Watershed Council; old-time photo booth, Joelene Floyd; pelt trunk, ODFW; homemade peanut butter with mortar and pestle, Forest Service; and face painting and western games and crafts. There will also be cake and croquet in the Canyon City park.

Activities for ages 5-7 will be held from 9 a.m. to noon, and activities for ages 8-12 are from 1-4 p.m.

The \$2 fee will help pay for child care, crafts and cake and ice cream at Mabel's restaurant.

Murphy, who doesn't officially begin her job as curator



The Grant County Historical Museum in Canyon City.

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until May 1, said she wanted to kick off the museum's season with a fun event.

"Our purpose is to bring people into the museum, so they can learn the history of the area," she said. "I love doing something educational, but it's also interesting and entertaining. We want museums to be a big part of our community."

For more information, contact Murphy at 541-575-0362 or visit the website at grant-countyhistoricalmuseum.org.

Tickets may be picked up at the Grant County Chamber of Commerce, 301 W. Main in John Day, or at the museums, when they open.

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Are you ready for the next step?
Don't forget to apply for a
Silvies Valley Ranch Education Scholarship.

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GRANT SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

2018 ANNUAL MEETING PRESENTATION

JUNIPER ENCROACHMENT AND WATER TALK

Western juniper are a predominant vegetation cover in eastern Oregon and southern Idaho. In the last 140+ years, juniper has increased 10 fold by encroaching into sagebrush ecosystems. This juniper expansion has mostly occurred in semi-arid areas, where small changes in the ecosystem water budget can have large impacts on water availability to forbs and grasses as well as reducing downstream water resources.

Hydrologist Ryan Niemeyer will discuss his doctoral research that focused on "tree-level" and "large-scale" impacts of how juniper alters the ecosystem water budget. He will present some useful resources and tools to help better understand these impacts, including a hydrology website to provide easily accessible information to stakeholders. He has also developed an interactive map where individuals can zoom in to areas of interest to discover potential changes in water resources with shifts in juniper land cover.

For More Information Contact:
Jason Kehrberg, District Manager at 541-575-0135 or jkehrberg@ortelco.net



DETAILS

Tuesday, April 3rd, 2018,
6:00 - 7:30 PM at the Grant
County Regional Airport,
72000 Airport Road, John
Day, OR 97845.

This is a public event and all are invited to attend. Light refreshments will be available.