

Gun enthusiasts flock to fairgrounds

Almost Spring Bazaar attracts shoppers

By Angel Carpenter
Blue Mountain Eagle

The Strawberry Mountain Gun and Knife Show drew a large crowd last weekend at the Grant County Fairgrounds pavilion.

Next door, at Keerins Hall, shoppers were browsing and buying a variety of crafts, jewelry, lotions, candles, fruit, yard sale items and more.

"It's been a huge success," said fairgrounds manager Mindy Winegar. "The vendors and the community really like coming together at the bazaar and gun show."

Bob Kerr of Canyon City, who was selling ammunition, gun parts and stock working tools, said he was a part of the group that started the gun



Eagle photos/Angel Carpenter

Grant County Fair and Rodeo Queen Trinity Hutchison and Princess Courtney Nichols sell raffle tickets at Saturday's Strawberry Mountain Gun and Knife Show to Jesse Randleas of Canyon City at the pavilion in John Day.

show in 1993.

He said it was originally held as a fundraiser for the Grant County Shooting Sports Club.

"The small gun shows are the best because there is more camaraderie with the people," he said. "You don't have the pressure you do on the west

side."

Charles Baker of Mt. Vernon, a Grant County corrections deputy, found a 1979 Star Model BM 9-mm for his collection.

He said the pistol is modeled after the 1911 .45 Colt Commander.

"I enjoyed it," he said.



Charles Baker of Mt. Vernon shows a '79 Star Model BM 9-mm pistol he bought for his collection. The gun resembles a Colt 1911 Commander .45.

"I'm glad to see that we can still enjoy our constitutional rights."

He added, "It's more of a community event where we can all get together with our families and share stories and ideas — and the burgers are good."

Mara Houck of Canyon



Elsa Spence, left, explains her Perfectly Posh products to Shyannah Carr at Saturday's Almost Spring Bazaar at Keerins Hall in John Day.

City, Grant County deputy district attorney, said this was her first gun show.

"I was interested in seeing what's at a show like this and seeing the guns in person instead of on the internet," she said.

Ken Larson of Bear Valley was selling guns, holsters,

scopes and ammunition.

"— anything gun related," he said. "I try to have something for everybody."

He said he's been to nearly all the local gun and knife shows.

"It's a good way to visit with all the local people and touch base with them," he said.



Eagle file photo

Grant School District No. 3 Superintendent Curt Shelley is leaving for another district, and the school board is asking the public to complete an online survey about qualities they would like to see in Shelley's replacement.

Searching for a superintendent

Community encouraged to complete online survey

By Sean Hart
Blue Mountain Eagle

Grant School District is searching for a replacement for outgoing Superintendent Curt Shelley.

Community members are encouraged to provide feedback to the school board about district strengths, weaknesses and priorities and qualities they would like to see in a superintendent. A survey is available online at www.grantesd.k12.or.us/district-3. The survey will only be available for a short time, so anyone interested should complete it as soon as possible.

"We would like as much participation as possible," board chair Chris Cronin said. "We really want to get a lot of input via that online survey. That's really the best way for people to participate."

Cronin said the survey is short and simple but provides plenty of opportunities for people to describe what they'd like to see.

A special board meeting

will be held at 6 p.m. today, April 11, to discuss the vacancy, superintendent qualifications and salary range, applicant review arrangements and the possible hiring of a search consultant.

"We're going to be hiring a firm — if the board approves that — to help us with the search," Cronin said. "We're looking for the best candidate to replace Mr. Shelley. We've had a lot of stability in our district, and we're looking for a quality person."

Cronin said the goal is to have a new superintendent in place by July 1 when Shelley leaves, but the board is committed to selecting the best person for the job.

"We're committed to doing a thorough job and really want to get the best person for our district at this time," she said.

Shelley, who has accepted a job at another district, said he was pleased the board was considering hiring a firm to help with the search.

"I think it's important to try to find the best candidate to fill the position," he said, adding the district is currently working on multiple items he hoped to see carried out. "I'd like to see this district move forward in a positive manner."

Grubsteak restaurant now offers Asian specials

Chef enjoying out-of-the-box creativity

By Angel Carpenter
Blue Mountain Eagle

The Grubsteak Mining Company restaurant chef Ren Kirkpatrick is now serving Asian specials on Thursdays.

Grubsteak celebrates Grant County's mining history by serving large burgers in gold pans with a steak knife in the center.

The newer Asian offering could be considered a nod to the area's Chinese history as well.

Kirkpatrick has been in the culinary field for over 20 years, making his start in a Chinese restaurant in California as a younger man.

Regular specials at the Grubsteak include steak, shrimp scampi and sourdough bread bowls with salad.

Now, in addition to orange chicken, which has been a standard on the menu, Kirkpatrick is rotating in specials such as beef broccoli — a customer favorite — moo goo gai pan, Szechuan beef, Kung Pao chicken, Taiwanese stir fry and cashew chicken.

A soba noodle bowl is another offering, as well as Asian-themed soups, such as egg flower, hot and sour and Chinese corn.

He said using fresh noodles, rice, meat and vegetables is important to his cooking.

"It's all made to order, so it's not sitting around," he said.

He can make the orders spicy or mild, and vegetarian and vegan options are also available, he said. He's willing to prepare the Asian meals upon request on other days of the week, with a reservation.



Eagle photos/Angel Carpenter

Chef Ren Kirkpatrick prepares an Asian dinner at the Grubsteak Mining Company restaurant in John Day. Various Asian specials are featured at the restaurant on Thursdays.



Ren Kirkpatrick tops a Szechuan chicken dish with toasted sesame seeds, one of the new Asian dishes.

Kirkpatrick said he noticed Asian food was a niche that needed filled in the community, and when he pitched the idea to Grubsteak owner Carol Thompson, she was open to it.

Since he began offering the Asian specials a couple



Ren Kirkpatrick shows his freshly made Szechuan chicken dish at the Grubsteak in John Day.

months ago, Kirkpatrick has seen an uptick in business.

"I'm having a blast, and people are coming in from all over, Long Creek, Monument, Burns and Seneca," he said. "The people are awesome."

He said he's found the flexibility to offer something new

refreshing, since he began working at the Grubsteak last summer.

"We have a pretty diverse menu," he said. "I enjoy the opportunity to create — to showcase an idea that is not in the box."

| | |
|---|---|
| ELTRUM HISTORIC THEATER | |
| 1809 First Street • Baker City • (541) 523-5439 | |
| BARGAIN MATINEE IN (J) Adults \$7 | |
| ALL FILMS \$6 ON TIGHTWAD TUESDAY | |
| MOVIE SCHEDULE APRIL 13-19 | |
| RAMPAGE (PG-13) | Primatologist shares a bond with a gorilla who he's cared for since birth, but a genetic experiment transforms this gentle ape into a raging monster. |
| FRI & SAT (4:10) 7:10 9:35 | |
| FRI-SUN (4:10) 7:10 | |
| MON-THURS 7:10 | |
| I CAN ONLY IMAGINE (PG) | The inspiring true story behind MercyMe's beloved, chart topping song that is a reminder of the power of forgiveness. |
| FRI & SAT (4:00) 7:00 9:30 | |
| SUNDAY (4:00) 7:00 | |
| MON-THURS 7:00 | |
| A QUIET PLACE (PG-13) | A family is forced to live in silence while hiding from creatures that hunt by sound. |
| FRI & SAT (4:20) 7:20 9:40 | |
| SUNDAY (4:20) 7:20 | |
| MON-THURS 7:20 | |
| \$9 Adult, \$7 Senior (60+), Youth (12-17) | |

Attention Grant County Veterans:



Did you know Grant County Veterans Services Officer is available to assist YOU in applying for all VA benefits you may be entitled to?

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

Katee Hoffman

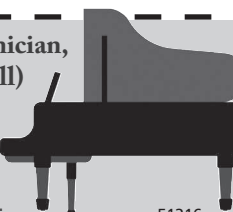
10am-4pm Monday-Friday • 541-620-8057
530 E. Main, Ste. 5, John Day, OR 97601

\$15.00 PIANO TUNING DISCOUNT COUPON

This coupon entitles any New Eastern or Central Oregon customer to \$15.00 off my standard tuning fee of \$125.00. Coupon must be clipped from newspaper and used during 2018 to be valid.

David Seacord, Expert Piano Technician, Prairie City OR • 505-603-0565 (cell)

"Since 1977, many thousands of pianos beautifully tuned". Including for pop stars Stevie Wonder, Ray Charles, McCoy Tyner, the Grateful Dead, Bruce Hornsby; and classical greats Loren Hollender, Roslyn Tureck and Leonard Pennario. Training credits include: Steinway, Yamaha, Baldwin, Kimball & The PTG.



51216

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH - APRIL 2018

ENGAGING NEW VOICES

Help is available for victims of sexual assault in Grant County.

If you or someone you know has been a victim of sexual assault, please call:

Heart of Grant County
541-620-1342

Grant County Victim Assistance Program
541-575-4026

Remember: sex without consent = sexual assault

This project was supported by Grant No. 2015-WR-AX-0008 awarded by the Office on Violence Against Women, U.S. Department of Justice. The opinions, findings, conclusions, and recommendations expressed in this publication/program/exhibition are those of the author(s) and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women. In accordance with Federal Law and U.S. Department of Justice policy, this organization is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, disability, religion, sex, or age.

Designed by the Blue Mountain Eagle