



The La Grande-based Wasteland Kings perform for the crowd at Saturday's Summer Fest 2018.

Summer Fest brings music to John Day park

By Angel Carpenter
Blue Mountain Eagle

Well over 100 people turned out for Summer Fest 2018 Saturday at the John Day city park.

The evening featured food and drinks and music by the La Grande-based band Wasteland Kings.

John Day-Canyon City Parks & Recreation Department organized a similar event last year, which office manager Kimberly Ward called a huge success.

"People are always requesting music in the park," she said. "It's a great time for people to come out and enjoy the park on a nice summer night with food, drinks and music."

Ward said the Portland-based band Sunbathe will perform Saturday, July 7, at the John Day city park for another Summer Fest event set for 5-9 p.m.

Sunbathe, led by songwriter Maggie May Morris, describes themselves as a catchy, fuzzed-out pop band.

"We're hoping even more come out on Saturday," Ward said, adding they plan for another music in the park event in August.



Michaela Wolf of the Little Canyon Food Cart serves up vanilla ice cream cones June 30 at Summer Fest 2018 at the John Day city park. Other vendors included 1188 Brewing Co. and Spitfire Cocktails.



A large crowd enjoyed the June 30 Summer Fest 2018, organized by the John Day-Canyon City Parks & Recreation Department. Food, drinks, yard games and music from the band Wasteland Kings made for an enjoyable evening.

RALLYING FOR IMMIGRANT FAMILIES



People gather at a 'Reunite Immigrant Families Now!' demonstration June 30 in John Day as part of a day of protests across the country focusing on how immigrant families are treated.

Sen. Merkley town hall set for July 6

U.S. Sen. Jeff Merkley, D-Oregon, will hold a town hall at 4 p.m. Friday, July 6, at the John Day Senior Center. He will update constituents on his work in Washington, D.C., answer their questions and invite their suggestions about how to tackle the challenges facing Oregon and America.

"In our 'We the People' democracy, town hall meetings are an essential tool for me to hear from Oregonians and represent their interests back in D.C.," Merkley said. "I invite everyone in these counties to come and discuss what we need to do to strengthen our state and our nation."

ODFW meeting discusses proposed big game regulation changes

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife will hold its annual public meeting from 5:30-7 p.m. July 10 at the Mt. Vernon Community Center.

During the meeting, district staff will present changes to the Big Game Hunting Regulations and 2019 deer and elk tag numbers as well as give updates on deer and elk numbers in the district. Staff will also be taking questions and hearing concerns from the public during the meeting.

BRIEFLY

In March, ODFW conducted its annual big game survey flights and observed a normal mule deer fawn ratio in the Murderers Creek Unit but a lower than expected fawn ratio in the Northside and Desolation units. Elk calf ratios were a little lower than expected across all units (Murderers Creek, Northside and Desolation); however, they were still within normal range. Bighorn sheep numbers in the McClellan and Aldrich herds remain stable with normal lamb production. ODFW will conduct its annual pronghorn and mountain goat surveys later this summer.

Public comment about big game regulations will be taken at these meetings, or comments can be sent to odfw.commission@state.or.us. The final 2019 Big Game Hunting Regulations will be adopted at the Sept. 14 commission meeting in Bandon. For more information about the proposed changes, visit <https://bit.ly/2MgspK1>.

ODF implements fire restrictions

Oregon Department of Forestry Central Oregon District officials have implemented a regulated-use closure. Some of the restrictions include: Except on highways and county roads, motor vehicle travelers are required to carry a shovel and a gallon of water or one 2.5-pound or larger fire extinguisher; smoking is prohibited except in vehicles on

improved roads; open fires are prohibited; chain saw and use and mowing of dried grass is prohibited between 1-8 p.m.; and vehicle use is only permitted on improved roads. Fireworks are prohibited. For a full list of restrictions, visit oregon.gov/odf/fire/pages/restrictions.aspx.

Planning commission to consider marijuana regulations

The Grant County Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing at 5:30 p.m. July 19 at the John Day Fire Hall regarding an amendment to the land development code to add time, place and manner regulations related to marijuana businesses. Interested parties may speak.

Written comments must be received in the Planning Department Office, 201 S. Humbolt St., Suite 170, Canyon City, by noon July 19 to be included in the record of the public hearing. Failure to raise an issue at the hearing or by letter, or failure to provide sufficient specificity to afford the decision maker an opportunity to respond to the issue, precludes a local or Land Use Board of Appeals appeal.

Copies of the amendment will be available for public review at the Grant County Planning Department at least seven days prior to said hearing.

CORRECTION

Last week's article about Grant Union's softball legacy incorrectly stated that softball head coach DeAnna Nash had retired. Nash is not retired, but teaches and coaches in Cambridge, Idaho.

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TIME FOR A TUNE-UP FOR GRANT COUNTY NONPROFITS

JOHN DAY, OR. JUNE 25, 2018 -- Grant County Economic Development is pleased to bring a seminar on nonprofit leadership to John Day on July 10th, from 10am to 11:30am, at the OSU Extension Classroom.

The workshop, entitled "Two Part Harmony: Exploring Shared Leadership Between Board and Staff", is open to all community members involved in nonprofit work, but especially board chairs and executive directors.

Cause Oregon, a consulting firm under the direction of Kim Ryals, will lead the session. Kim is a veteran of the nonprofit industry with twenty years experience assisting people with their passions. She bills herself as "a mechanic who specializes in nonprofit fabulousness".

"The relationship between board and staff sets the stage for a nonprofit's success", said Ryals. "Making your way towards meeting your mission requires this relationship is a healthy one...where clear lines of authority, accountability and process keep respective roles distinct - but complementary and supportive."

Topics Ryals will cover include:

- Roles and responsibilities of board members and staff
- Elements of a high-functioning board-staff partnership
- The special link between Board Chair and Executives

Participants will find the session fast-paced and interactive, and will leave with practical tools for increasing the strength and effectiveness of this two-part leadership platform. "If attendees aren't careful, they may even have some fun", added Ryals.

Fees for attending are \$35 per person. Registration includes the seminar, light refreshments and networking afterward. Seating is limited and can be reserved by calling Ryals at 541-605-8877 or visiting www.causeoregon.com

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OBITUARIES

Betty Jane Sheedy

Betty Jane Sheedy, 95, passed away Monday, June 25, at her daughter's residence in Canyon City.

No services are planned at this time. To offer condolences to her family, visit driskillmemorialchapel.com.

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LAST WEEK'S TEMPS

JOHN DAY	H/I/O
TUESDAY	78/46
WEDNESDAY	87/48
THURSDAY	74/53
FRIDAY	76/48
SATURDAY	83/51
SUNDAY	82/57

24/7 FORECAST

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ROAD CONDITIONS: 511; TRIPCHECK.COM

NOAA WEATHER RADIO FOR JOHN DAY

162.500 MHz

WEATHER FORECAST FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 4-10

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Partly sunny	Sunny	Mostly cloudy	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny
87	92	89	81	86	89	95
56	58	55	52	47	52	52