

Community HEALTH BEAT



Quality Healthcare Close To Home

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HISTORY

The Blue Mountain Healthcare Foundation is a local nonprofit organization, run by a board of Blue Mountain Hospital District employees, local business owners, and community members who are passionate about healthcare in Grant County. Their mission is to provide financial support for healthcare improvements in Grant County in order to build a brighter future for our community and to keep our friends, family and neighbors close to home for their healthcare needs.

The Healthcare Foundation was founded in 1999, and over the years has provided significant financial support to the Hospital District. Some of the items the Foundation has helped fund include a new ambulance, cardiac monitoring equipment, new hospital beds, updates to the Care Center, a new CT Scanner, and many more pieces of equipment and programs.

GOALS

The Foundation is currently working toward a big goal this year. The hospital is in need of a new nurse call system, and the cost will be in excess of \$100,000. The Healthcare Foundation will be putting all money raised at both their fundraisers as well as any outside donations toward the new call system.

Aside from the main goal this year, the Foundation also has another, much bigger goal that is continuously being worked toward. The goal is to reach \$1 million in the Foundation's Endowment Fund. This will allow for permanent support and additional funding to the Hospital District for years to come. This one may take a few years to reach, but with the continued support of our great community, it can be reached!

FUNDRAISER EVENTS

The Blue Mountain Healthcare Foundation is getting ready for the 12th Annual Fundraiser Golf Scramble on Saturday July 28th at the John Day Golf Club. If you're interested in playing you can pick up an entry at the John Day Golf Club, or at the downstairs lobby at Blue Mountain Hospital. If you want to show your support but aren't able to attend, you can sponsor a hole on the course, or even a team. You can even stop by and join us for the BBQ in the afternoon as soon as the tournament is over if you're not a golfer.

The other big event of the year for the Healthcare Foundation is the Annual Meeting, Dinner & Auction in the Fall. This year the event will be held on Saturday October 20th. More details will be provided as the event gets closer, but being the biggest fundraiser of the year for the Hospital District, you won't want to miss it!

HOW TO HELP

There are many ways to support the Blue Mountain Healthcare Foundation. Donations can be made at any time by bringing/ mailing a check to the hospital, or you can donate online at www.bluemountainhospital.org

You can also support the Foundation by attending both the Golf Scramble & Annual Dinner held each year. If you're not able to attend you can also donate auction items, sponsor the events, or volunteer to help.

If you're interested in making a donation or would like to know more about the Foundation or any of the upcoming events, contact Jena Knowles at 541-575-1311 ext. 2213 or jknowles@bluemountainhospital.org.

By Jena Knowles
Executive Director, Blue Mountain Hospital District Foundation



Blue Mountain
Hospital District

Presents...

**JULY
VISITING SPECIALISTS**

July 9th

Dr. Rushton - Baker Podiatrist
Dr. McLellan - Bend Cardio

July 23rd

Dr. Rushton - Baker Podiatrist
NO Bend Urology in July

THANK YOU!



Thank you to all those who have volunteered and supported the care center in the last year.



Eagle file photo

Eddy Hicks lines up a hit during last year's Whiskey Gulch Gang demolition derby at the Grant County Fairgrounds. The event is July 14 this year.

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, JULY 4

Monument Fourth of July Jubilee

• 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., Monument

Events start with a biscuits and gravy breakfast, followed by a 4-H color run. The parade begins at 10 a.m. Other activities include horseshoes, vendor booths, auctions, family games and a duck race.

Fireworks over the river are at 10 p.m. To register for the color run, call Sahara at 541-934-2532. For more information on events and activities, call Lonnie, 541-934-2696; Heather, 541-934-2690; or Christy, 541-934-2084.



Prairie City Fourth of July celebration

• 7 a.m., Prairie City

Festivities begin with a breakfast at the teen center, and activities include the parade at noon and a horseshoe tournament at 1 p.m., plus a re-dedication of the city's water fountain. A tri-tip barbecue and strawberry shortcake next to city hall will be available during the day. The DeWitt Museum will offer free admission, as well as gold panning for kids. Fireworks begin at dusk at the Oxbow ranch on County Road 60. Entry forms for the parade can be picked up at Roan Outwest, Bar WB, Prairie City City Hall or the Grant County Chamber of Commerce.

Dayville Fourth of July celebration

• 8 a.m., Dayville

A Swap 'til You Drop swap market continues July 4. Other festivities include breakfast at 8 a.m. and the parade at 10 a.m., Jakeburgers, horseshoes, water balloons, a duck race and more. For more information on holiday activities, call Dayville City Hall at 541-987-2188 or email dville@ortelco.net.

Founders Day Celebration

• Noon, Long Creek

The ninth annual Founders Day Celebration features a picnic at the community center near the park. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided, and attendees are asked to bring a salad or dessert. The celebration highlights Long Creek settlers.

Traditions of the Peruvian Aymara

• 3-4:30 p.m., Canyon Mountain Center, 767 E. Main St., John Day

Silvia Calisaya of Peru will teach about cultural and healing traditions, and discuss symbolisms of the Aymara culture and the steps of living a good life. There is no cost, and all are welcome. For more information or to set up a private session, call Sandy Bay at 415-515-6316.

SATURDAY, JULY 7

Wildflower hike

• 9 a.m., Blue Mountain Land Trust office, 116 NW Bridge St., Suite 9, John Day

Blue Mountain Land Trust will host a wildflower hike through Logan Valley, led by Forest Service botanists. Participants will meet at the BMLT office and carpool to the site. Sturdy footwear, sunscreen, water and snacks are recommended. The cost is \$10 and pre-registration can be found at bmlt.org/upcoming-events/2018/7/7/18/wander-wildflowers. For more information, call Marti at 541-620-5754.

MONDAY-FRIDAY, JULY 9-13

Long Creek vacation Bible school

• 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m., Long Creek Seventh-day Adventist Church

Vacation Bible school is open to children ages 3-12. The theme will be "In the wilderness with the Israelites." For more information, call Heather Morris at 509-386-5474 or Vivian Morris at 541-421-3868.

TUESDAY, JULY 10

Nonprofit leadership seminar

• 10-11:30 a.m., OSU Extension classroom

The workshop, "Two Part Harmony: Exploring Shared Leadership Between Board and Staff," is open to all community members involved in nonprofit work, especially board chairs and executive directors. Cause Oregon, a consulting firm under the direction of Kim Ryals, will lead the session. 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 causeoregon.com.

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife public meeting

• 5:30-7 p.m., 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. For more information, call the ODFW office at 541-575-1167.

SATURDAY, JULY 14

Demolition Derby

• 7 p.m., Grant County Fairgrounds arena

Gates will open at 6 p.m. The cost for tickets at the gate is \$12 for adults and \$10 for ages 12 and under; pre-sale tickets are \$2 less. Children under 6 are free. The entry fee is \$50 per car, which includes the driver and one pit crew person; pit passes are \$30 a person. Prizes include \$2,000 for first place, \$1,000 for second place and \$500 for third place. For rules or more information, call 541-575-0329.

SUNDAY, JULY 15

Ritter, Range and Three-Mile schools 43rd reunion

• Noon, Ritter Hot Springs

Students, families and friends are invited to a potluck. Coffee, lemonade, paper plates, silverware and napkins will be furnished. For more information, call Vivian Morris at 541-421-3868.