

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.

THURSDAY, JULY 19

Chamber of commerce meeting

• 10:30 a.m., chamber office
The board will meet in the chamber office and adjourn to a no-host luncheon at the Outpost at noon. Guest speakers will be from the Grant County Economic Council, sharing information on the new bike park above Seventh Street Complex, and Kathy Cancilla, discussing a county health survey. For more information, call the chamber at 541-575-0547.

Farmers market meeting

• 5:30 p.m., Outpost restaurant
Anyone interested in being part of the farmers market is welcome to attend.

FRIDAY, JULY 20

Chinatown presentation

• 6-7:30 p.m., Canyon City community hall
Sponsored by Southern Oregon University Laboratory of Anthropology as well as several local businesses, the presentation is titled, "Chinatowns and placer mines — the lives of Chinese gold miners on the Oregon frontier." There is no cost to attend and the event is open to the public.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY, JULY 20-22

John Day District Swim Meet

• Gleason Pool, John Day
The John Day Swim Team will compete with district opponents Prineville, Burns and Lakeview as well as teams from Pendleton, The Dalles and La Grande at Gleason Pool. Competition starts at 7 p.m. Friday and 8 a.m. Saturday and Sunday.

SATURDAY, JULY 21

Gospel concert

• 3 p.m., Long Creek Seventh-day Adventist Friendship Hall
Walla Walla-based group "Ladies Praise" will present a gospel concert. A fellowship meal will be served, and all are welcome.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY, JULY 21-22

Cinnabar Mountain Playdays

• 9 a.m., Grant County Fairgrounds, John Day
Registration for the youth rodeo begins at 8 a.m. Membership for participants is \$30 for a one-time fee, and entry fees are \$10 per day or \$2 per event. The event is free for spectators. Future Playday dates are August 4-5. For more information, call 541-575-3520 or visit Cinnabar Mountain Playdays on Facebook.



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John Day swimmer Brady Dole competes earlier this month at the Lakeview District Meet. The local team will host a tournament July 20-22.

TUESDAY-THURSDAY, JULY 24-26

Beaver dam analog workshop

• Grant County Regional Airport
The three-day workshop focuses on beaver dam analogs and other practices that can maximize the cost benefit of restoration projects. Participants will spend time in the field and visit restoration projects to gain hands-on experience. Spots are limited, and registration is required. The cost for attending is \$60, and scholarships are available. Land owners, land managers and contractors can register at no cost. Details and registration information can be found at beaver.joewheaton.org/2018---john-day-workshop. For more information, contact Elise Delgado at 916-207-1415 or elise.delgado@outlook.com.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 25

Fraud Aware Fair

• 10:30 a.m. to noon, Grant County Fairgrounds Trowbridge Pavilion

Old West Federal Credit Union, in partnership with AARP, will present the event, geared toward teaching residents about financial fraud and how to avoid it. For more information, contact the credit union at 541-575-0264.

Democrats meeting

• 6:30 p.m., Canyon City Community Hall
Grant County Democrats are encouraged to attend. Susan Church, county coordinator for the Jamie McLeod-Skinner congressional campaign, will speak about local efforts. For more information, call 541-542-2633.

SATURDAY, JULY 28

Blue Mountain Healthcare Foundation golf scramble

• 9 a.m., John Day golf course
Teams of four will compete for cash and other prizes. Proceeds go to health care improvements at the Blue Mountain Hospital District. Entries can be picked up in the hospital lobby or at the John Day Golf Club.

Cowboy day celebration

• Prairie City park
In honor of National Day of the Cowboy, a variety of events will take place. A dog costume and talent contest, dog agility exhibition, stick horse and dog costume parade, stick horse rodeo, sack races, ag olympics, barbecue, horseshoe tournament and concert will fill the day's activities. For more information on the ag olympics, call Cinch Anderson at 541-377-2955 or Kori Jo at 541-216-0122. For more information on the costume and talent contest, call 541-932-2727 or 541-575-0262.

Community concert

• 7 p.m., Prairie City Community Hall
Brenn Hill and Andy Nelson will perform. Special guest is Kathy Moss. Tickets are \$20 in advance and are available at Russell's Custom Meats in Canyon City and at Bar WB in Prairie City. Tickets at the door are \$25. For more information, call 541-620-0746.

JULY 30-AUG. 10

Youth Arts Program camp

The YAP day camp for youth ages 7-18 will end with a public performance at 5 p.m., Aug. 10. To register, visit studiobogardus.com/yap. For more information, email grantcountyyap@gmail.com, or visit the YAP's Facebook page.

New Prairie City celebration honors Western lifestyle

National Day of the Cowboy is Saturday, July 28

By Angel Carpenter
Blue Mountain Eagle

Tipping hats to cowboy culture and pioneer heritage, folks will gather in Prairie City on Saturday, July 28, to celebrate National Day of the Cowboy.

All are invited to enjoy games for children and adults in the park, a barbecue and a concert at 7 p.m. at the Prairie City Community Hall, featuring singer-songwriter Brenn Hill and cowboy poet-humorist Andy Nelson with special guest cowboy poet Kathy Moss.

Organizers are Wanda

Winegar of Prairie City and Moss of Canyon City.

"I think it's important to preserve what we're about in Grant County," Winegar said.

"This event is to bring in community fun, games for all ages and participation for community," Moss added.

She said it was Prairie City resident Judy Jacobs who first shared the idea of a stick-horse rodeo.

Moss said they are expecting a big showing at the event, not only from locals, but also people from Baker City, Lakeview and northern California.

The activities start with a kids parade at 10:30 a.m. with all the youths traveling from the post office on Main Street to Front Street and ending at the Prairie City park.



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Singer-songwriter Brenn Hill will perform at 7 p.m. Saturday, July 28, at the Prairie City Community Hall.

Moss said she wants to give an opportunity to the residents at Blue Mountain Care Center, across the street from the post office, to see the parade.

Children of all ages can participate in a stick-horse rodeo at 11 a.m. at the park,

which starts with a grand entry.

To sign up for the rodeo, children are asked to contribute one can of food per event. The donations will be given to local food banks.

There will be stick-horse events and "bull riding" on stick-bulls with three divisions: 4 and under, 5-6 and 7 and up.

Kids earn points in bull riding for how hard they buck coming out of the chute, going into a spin, trying to take the clowns and their dismount.

There will be buckle prizes, and then the stick animals will be auctioned off by the Grant Union FFA.

Also at 11 a.m. in the park, youths can compete in a dog costume and talent/agility contest organized by pet rescue organizations Hope 4 Paws (John Day) and Herd You Needed a Home (Bend). FFA members will have an ag olympics, challenging neighboring chapters in skills such as dummy

roping and more. There will also be sack races. These events are free.

Winegar said there will be lots of prizes for the kids, including Wrangler bandannas, drinking cups, caps and more.

Youths can preregister for all events at Bar WB and Roan Coffee in Prairie City, Russell's Custom Meats in Canyon City or the Grant County Chamber of Commerce in John Day, or sign up at the park.

Adults can play jackpot horseshoes near city hall at 1 p.m., and there will be a game of corn hole in the park.

The Prairie City FFA will host a barbecue at 5 p.m. in the park.

At the concert, Hill will sing about the heart of the West, embodying the spirit of the cowboy with a clear voice and contemporary sound.

Among the Utah resident's 12 recordings are songs such as "Riding Job," "How you Heal" and "Wyoming Wind."

Nelson will bring smiles to

the audience, adding humor and personal insights with his poetry.

Moss will share her brand of cowboy poetry as well, capturing the lifestyle of the American West.

She was winner of the 2017 Keeper of the West People's Choice buckle in Kamloops, Canada, and the People's Choice award at the 2018 Columbia River Cowboy Gathering in Kennewick, Washington.

Presale tickets for the concert are available at Russell's Custom Meats and Bar WB. Presale tickets cost \$20, and tickets cost \$25 at the door.

National Day of the Cowboy was started in 2005 to celebrate the contributions of the cowboy.

For more information, call Winegar at 541-820-3675 or email Moss at akmoss12@gmail.com.

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1st Annual Fraud Aware Fair

Old West Federal Credit Union and AARP are teaming up to host this inaugural fraud awareness event.

Financial fraud is growing fast: fraud targeting older Americans is estimated to be over \$36 billion a year.

An estimated 1 in 18 seniors fall prey to these criminal acts.

Come to our Fraud Aware Fair to learn how you can help protect yourself and your loved ones from financial harm.

Wednesday, July 25 • 10:30 to noon
Trowbridge Pavilion, Grant County Fairgrounds
411 NW Bridge Street, John Day

Snacks will be provided