



The deadline for What's Happening items is 5 p.m. Friday. Call the Eagle, 541-575-0710, or email [editor@bmeagle.com](mailto:editor@bmeagle.com). For meetings this week, see our list in the classifieds.

### WEDNESDAY, AUG. 15

#### 'A Community Touched by Suicide'

• 6-8 p.m., John Day Senior Center

The public forum is sponsored by Community Counseling Solutions and Lines for Life. Refreshments will be provided. For more information, call 541-676-9161.

### WEDNESDAY-SATURDAY, AUG. 15-18

#### Grant County Fair

• 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., Wednesday-Thursday  
• 8 a.m. to midnight, Friday-Saturday  
• Grant County Fairgrounds, John Day

Features of the fair include a live concert by Lonestar on Friday, the parade on Saturday and daily entertainment acts by hypnotists, fiddlers, a comedy act and more. The pavilion is open during the day. Admission to the fair is \$5 per day or \$12 for a week pass; seniors are \$2 per day, and children 5 years old and younger are free. Parking passes cost \$3 per day or \$10 for the week. The carnival will open at 5 p.m. Wednesday, 3 p.m. on Thursday and Friday and noon on Saturday. Passes for the fair and carnival can be purchased at Len's Drug, Radio Shack, Bar WB, Boyer's Store, Duke Warner Realty, Jonna Joe's Hair Care and the fairgrounds. For more information, call the fair office at 541-575-1900 or visit [grantcountyfairgroundsor.com](http://grantcountyfairgroundsor.com).

### SATURDAY, AUG. 18

#### Star program

• 8-10 p.m., John Day Fossil Beds, 9 miles west of Dayville

John Fiedor, retired National Park Service ranger, will host an evening of viewing planets, stars and galaxies at the Thomas Condon Paleontology Center. The outdoor viewing will be preceded by an astronomy program. Clear or cloudy, a program will be presented. There is no cost to attend. For more information, call the Fossil Beds at 541-987-2333.

#### Freestyle bullfighting

• 8 p.m., Grant County Fairgrounds

Bullfighters will face off with nine purebred fighting bulls, supplied by Hamsher Fighting Bulls. A 50/50 raffle and pie auction will be held. Admission to the event is free with fair admittance.

### MONDAY, AUG. 20

#### Regional tourism gathering

• 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Silvie's Valley Ranch

The Eastern Oregon Visitors Association will present a gathering for businesses or those coordinating events or attractions. Chambers of commerce from Grant and Harney counties, as well as the Ontario Chamber of Commerce, will host the meeting. Participants are encouraged to learn how the EOVA and Travel Oregon communicate with potential visitors and share what's happening with their business or event for EOVA to pass on. RSVP by Aug. 15 to the EOVA by email at [eova@eon.com](mailto:eova@eon.com) or by phone at 541-856-3272.



Justin Josey avoids a bull during a bullfight at the Grant County Fair last year. Bullfighting is scheduled for 8 p.m. Saturday.

Eagle file photo



Commercial floats, including Chester's Thriftway and Pioneer Feed, added to last year's colorful Grant County Fair Parade. The parade is at 10 a.m. Saturday this year.

### TUESDAY, AUG. 21

#### Family fun evening

• 6-8 p.m., Grant County Historical Museum, Canyon City

Families are invited for an evening of fun and learning at the museum, with activities to include live history presentations, games and crafts and an ice cream treat. Children must be accompanied by an adult. The cost is \$2 per person, and children 6 years old and younger are free. For more information, call the museum at 541-575-0362.

### MONDAY, AUG. 27

#### Energy efficiency class

• 1:30 p.m., Oregon Trail Electric Co-op office, 400 Patterson Bridge Rd., John Day

OTEC will present a program titled "Energy 101: How to save money by saving energy." The class is designed to help members learn about potential electricity inefficiency in their home and what programs are available to them. Participants can learn about general conservation and also ask specific questions about their unique situations. The class will last approximately an hour, and there is

no charge to attend. Space is limited, and RSVPs are encouraged. For more information contact the OTEC office at 541-575-0161.

### WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 5

#### Nonprofit 'Nuts and Bolts' planning workshop

• 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Grant County Regional Airport

The event, facilitated by the Nonprofit Association of Oregon, is designed to provide rural nonprofit organizations with the tools and knowledge to develop a strategic plan, write grants, put on an event and more. Registration is required, and space is limited to 25. For more information and to register, visit [nonprofitoregon.org/civircm/event/info?reset=1&id=3122](http://nonprofitoregon.org/civircm/event/info?reset=1&id=3122).

### THURSDAY, SEPT. 6

#### Nonprofit resource roundup

• 8:45 a.m. to noon, Grant County Regional Airport

Nonprofit Association of Oregon is offering a no-cost opportunity for nonprofit staff, board and volunteers to connect, meet funders and learn about available resources. Registration is required. To register, visit [nonprofitoregon.org/civircm/event/info?id=3055&reset=1](http://nonprofitoregon.org/civircm/event/info?id=3055&reset=1).

### SATURDAY-SUNDAY, SEPT. 15-16

#### Youth pheasant hunt

• 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., Prairie Wood Products, Prairie City

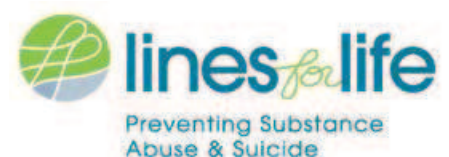
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and partners stock pheasants for special hunts that give youth a head start on regular pheasant seasons. Quail and dove also can be hunted. There is no cost, but each participant must have a license (\$10 for youth 12 and older, free for age 11 and under) to hunt. Youth hunters age 12-17 also need an upland game bird validation (\$4). Each youth must be accompanied by an adult at least 21 years of age to supervise. To register or for more information, call the John Day office at 541-575-1167 or visit [myodfw.com/workshops-and-events](http://myodfw.com/workshops-and-events).

## Public Forum A Community Touched by Suicide

August 15, 2018 • 6:00pm - 8:00pm

John Day Senior Center  
(Refreshments Provided)

- In 2016, the suicide rate per 100,000 youths aged 10-24 was 12.97 in Oregon, compared to 9.6 nationwide. Suicide is the second leading cause of death amongst this age category in Oregon.
- Its not a stretch to state that Grant County has experienced, or is experiencing, a suicide cluster, defined as "multiple suicidal behaviours or suicides that fall within an accelerated time frame, and sometimes within a defined geographical area." In this case, it would specifically be a "point cluster": Point clusters involve suicides that are close in time and/or space. They often occur within institutional settings such as hospitals, prisons, or schools, or within distinct communities." These are more common in smaller, family like communities. Gilliam County experienced this from 2006-2011, when they had one youth suicide per year for 5 years. They were off the charts.
- Grant County in the past 7 months has had at least four completed suicides. Usually there is an average of approximately 1 per year.
- Grant County (combined with Lake and Harney) youth are a full 5 percentage points higher in the contemplating suicide category compared to the rest of the state.
- There have been more suicides in Grant County this year than homicides.
- There were 45,000 suicides in the US in 2016, more than twice the number of homicides.
- Among people ages 15-34, suicide is the 2nd leading cause of death.



**Lines for Life is the agency that will be providing the community forum. They are nationally recognized in their work on suicide prevention. They provide hallmark training taught by certified professionals, assisting schools and communities in identifying at risk individuals and to respond to signs and symptoms.**