

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.

## SATURDAY, SEPT. 1

### Farmers market

• 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Southwest Brent Street, John Day  
The market features a variety of locally grown produce, homemade food and handmade crafts, plants, food and recipe samples, information booths and entertainment. For more information, call 541-575-0547 or 229-869-2136, or email johnday-farmersmarket@gmail.com.

## 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 and host an event. Registration is required, and space is limited to 25. For more information and to register, visit nonprofitoregon.org/civircrm/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/civircrm/event/info?id=3055&reset=1.

## FRIDAY, SEPT. 7

### First Friday

• 6-9 p.m., downtown John Day  
Businesses will be spotlighting Grant County artists, and lo-



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Visitors and vendors mingle at a previous John Day Farmers Market. The event is scheduled again for Saturday.

cal artists' work will be on display and available for purchase. Those who participate in the "art walk" by visiting all the businesses will be entered in a drawing for a gift bag.

## THURSDAY, SEPT. 13

### House District 60 coffee hour

• 9 a.m., Dayville Cafe, 212 Franklin St., Dayville  
• 2 p.m., Timbers Bistro, 742 W. Main St., John Day  
State Rep. Lynn Findley will discuss issues of importance among residents in House District 60. For more information, visit oregonlegislature.gov/findley.

## FRIDAY-SATURDAY, SEPT. 14-15

### Poetry reading and workshop

• 7-8:30 p.m. Friday  
• 9-11:30 a.m. Saturday  
• Harney County Library, 80 West D St., Burns  
Oregon's Poet Laureate, Kim Stafford, will host a poetry reading and discussion on Friday, Sept. 14, and conduct a poetry workshop on Saturday, Sept. 15. The reading is free and open to the public. The poetry workshop has limited seating, and pre-registration is required. There is no charge for the workshop. For more information, call Kate Marsh at 541-573-7204 or 360-301-2236.

## 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. The event is open to youth who have passed hunter education. 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.

## Rural Skill Builder class planned

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A Rural Skill Builder training will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Sept. 21 at the Old Lincoln Junior High School, 550 N. Court St., in Burns. Building new and advanced skills gives those who work on behalf of rural places the tools needed to be effective leaders. This one-day event is for rural leaders and community builders from across Grant, Harney, Lake and Malheur counties and beyond, and will give attendees an opportunity to revitalize

their community-building efforts, share their work and learn the skills to be a savvy leader in complex situations. Session topics include emerging rural economies; bringing out the best in people at their worst; working across differences; and a funders panel with a rural community perspective. The cost is \$40; students are free. Lunch will be provided. Online registration closes Sept. 14: <http://contacc/2o03bKY>. The Eastern Oregon Rural Skill Builder training is sponsored by the Ford Institute for Community Building.

## Fundraiser organized for Curt Pereira

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Kerry Quimby-Zenich has organized a fundraiser for Curt Pereira of John Day, who is receiving hospice care for terminal brain cancer. Quimby-Zenich said she has established ac-

counts at Chester's Thriftway, Subway, the Squeeze-In Restaurant and the Outpost. For more information, contact her at 4oregonz@gmail.com. Send words of comfort to the Pereira family at P.O. Box 324, John Day, OR 97845.

## SMART reading program looking for volunteers

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SMART — Start Making A Reader Today — is kicking off its 27th year of providing shared reading time and books to kids in Oregon with a campaign to find local volunteers who want to give just one hour a week to read with prekindergarten through third-grade students at schools across Grant County.

Over 95 percent of

students who participate in SMART show improvement in measures of literacy development, vocabulary and reading enjoyment. With the help of 20 volunteers, SMART plans to serve more than 40 children in Grant County this year.

Volunteers are sought in Long Creek, Dayville and Prairie City.

To learn more, call 541-797-7726 or visit [getSMARToregon.org](http://getSMARToregon.org).



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The YAP show choir performs at last year's Christmas concert in John Day, including, from left, Emily Finley, Janine Goodwin, Joelene Floyd, Katrine Bogardus, Katie Fitch, Rachel Carpenter and Kathy Sherwood with Rebecca Bogardus conducting.

## Youth Arts Program fall classes begin soon

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Fall music classes for young and old will be offered in Canyon City through the Youth Arts Program.

Janine Goodwin, director of YAP, will lead choirs and an orchestra, and Rose Coombs will direct a new choir chimes group.

Goodwin said choir chimes are like hand bells but easier to use and are a fun way to learn to read music.

The fall program, which has been running for four years now, will culminate with a concert Dec. 7.

Orchestra practice for string and woodwind instrument players of all ages will be 6:30-8 p.m. on Mondays, starting Sept. 10. Participants must have a least one year of experience and know how to read music.

Choir and choir chimes practices will be on Tuesday afternoons and evenings, starting Sept. 11, including junior choir (ages 4-8), intermediate choir (ages 9-12), showcase choir (ages 13-adult), guitar classes for kids and choir chimes for all ages.

All rehearsals take place at the Humbolt Elementary

School's music room.

Registration is required, and tuition fees apply to children's choirs and guitar. Other ensembles have a music fee. For more information or to register, call 541-377-0527 or visit <https://grantcountyyap.wixsite.com/grantcountyyap>.

Early-bird tuition is \$60 per child or \$100 per family for junior choir (ages 4-8

and ages 9-12) and Guitar 1. After Sept. 5, the cost is \$75 per child and \$120 per family.

Participants in orchestra, showcase choir and choir chimes will have a smaller music fee.

"Scholarships are available," Goodwin said. "We don't want anyone to be turned away for inability to pay."

### What a Nice Fair!

Let's give all the people who helped with the fair a big thank you. The management, fair board, rodeo committee, 4-H and FFA, the Heritage Building, and the sponsors — without them our fair would not be as nice. If you see Judy Krutzing or Mary Weaver, thank them for hours of writing letters to get funds to remodel the kitchen at the Trowbridge Pavilion and the new sound system at the fairgrounds. Also, a special thank you to Hamsher Fighting Bulls for donating proceeds from the bull fight to go toward the remodeling of Keerins Hall. Thanks again to all volunteers. Without you, we would not have a fair. I hope I have not forgotten anyone. Thanks again!

Sincerely, Austene Trowbridge Hendrix

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