

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.

**THURSDAY, SEPT. 20**

**Fall Festival**

• 12-3 p.m., John Day Fossil Beds National Monument  
Activities at the Cant Ranch event will include games, a cider press, a hay auction at 2 p.m. and a scavenger hunt. For more information, contact Michelle Ordway at 541-987-2333 or [joda\\_interpretation@nps.gov](mailto:joda_interpretation@nps.gov).

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 22**

**Canyon City Challenge 5K Poker fun run**

• 8 a.m., Canyon City Park  
Participants can register at the event or pick up a form at the Grant County Chamber of Commerce. The cost is \$20 per person, with children under 10 years old free. Poker cards will be drawn at five locations and the holder of the best hand at the end wins a prize. Proceeds from the activity benefit family-friendly events and help expand the Canyon City park facilities.

**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 [johndayfarmersmarket@gmail.com](mailto:johndayfarmersmarket@gmail.com).

**Color Me Free Fun Run and Walk**

• 9 a.m., John Day Industrial Park  
Heart of Grant County's fifth annual run and walk to kick off Domestic Violence Awareness Month benefits the organization's services and support for survivors. Participants receive white T-shirts that paint throwers color during the event. Registration begins at 9 a.m. and costs \$20 per person or \$40 per family. The event starts at 10 a.m. For more information, call 541-575-4335.

**Driver safety class**

• 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., John Day Senior Center  
The AARP class is a nationally recognized defensive driving course that may qualify for insurance discounts. The class is open to all ages. The cost is \$15 for AARP members or \$20 for nonmembers. Sign up at the senior center or call Ron Dowse at 541-575-4268 or 541-792-0181.

**Monument Buckaroo Festival & Fall Harvest Auction**

• Noon, Monument  
The third annual celebration benefiting Monument Senior Center begins with 4-H food booths in the park at noon. Live music, horseshoes and games in the park start at 1 p.m., along with a silent auction at the senior center. The live auction begins at 3 p.m. in the park. A salmon and elk dinner takes place from 5-7 p.m. at the senior center for \$15, \$25 for couples or \$7.50 for children 6-12 years old, and kids under 6 eat for free. Grand marshals are Bill and Mary Ella Neal. For more information, contact Judy Harris at 541-934-2244.



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**Darrin Dailey plays his guitar and sings during a previous Monument Buckaroo Festival & Fall Harvest Auction. The event is scheduled for Sept. 22 this year.**

**TUESDAY, SEPT. 25**

**Graham McCosker cancer fundraiser**

• 5 p.m., Grant County Fairgrounds pavilion  
A concert by Brenn Hill and Andy Nelson, a taco bar dinner by Squeeze-In Restaurant and a silent auction will benefit 4-year-old Graham McCosker, who is receiving chemotherapy treatments for cancer in Portland. A no-host bar will be provided by Spitfire Cocktails.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 26**

**Town hall meeting**

• 7 p.m., Canyon City Community Hall



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**Tavin Desadier in the junior division goat flanking event at a Cinnabar Mountain Playdays rodeo earlier this year. An awards banquet will be held Sept. 30.**

Jamie McLeod-Skinner, the Democratic candidate for Oregon's Second Congressional District, will discuss rural healthcare, education, jobs, economic development, and public land management. For more information, call 541-921-7386.

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 29**

**Harvest sale**

• 5:30 p.m., Dayville Community Church  
The harvest sale begins with a chili feed at 5:30 p.m. An auction takes place at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call Cindy Inscore, 541-987-2383.

**SUNDAY, SEPT. 30**

**Cinnabar Mountain Playdays awards banquet**

• 2 p.m., Mt. Vernon Community Hall  
The awards banquet for the youth rodeo series will feature a taco bar, and attendees are asked to bring a side dish.

**FRIDAY, OCT. 5**

**First Friday**

• 6-9 p.m., downtown John Day  
This month's event features the "Great Pumpkin Hunt." Downtown businesses will hide pumpkins for participants to count. People who correctly count them can enter to win a prize. Refreshments will be available.

**PALMER**

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incurred defending against The Oregonian lawsuit, according to court documents.

The \$14,000 payment will come out of the sheriff's office's communications equipment budget — the same budget line item the county court agreed to use to pay \$28,000 to The Oregonian after a judge awarded the newspaper attorney fees as the prevailing party in its lawsuit against the sheriff's office because the

lawsuit prompted the disclosure of public records.

Raschio said the \$14,000 figure approximated the legal costs incurred by DeFord, whom the county court agreed was working under Palmer and shouldn't be held accountable for the lawsuit.

John Day resident Jim Spell reacted to the court's announcement, stating the sheriff had disobeyed the state's public records law and had not acted as an adult in the matter.

"We bailed him out," Spell said.

Raschio said he was uncomfortable seeing DeFord's legal costs continue to climb if the case continued.

Another reason for settling was that the case was dividing the community and needed to be resolved, Raschio said. The community needs to regain its faith in law enforcement, he said.

Spell agreed it was important for the community to understand that the two settlements saved the county money and that the county needed to stand up for DeFord. He also said he hoped the sheriff

had learned from this experience. If Palmer wasn't an elected official, he could have been fired for what he did, Spell said.

Grant County Judge Scott Myers said he had a long discussion with Palmer and believes everyone "learned a lesson." Myers also agreed with Raschio that settling the case saved the county money in the long run.

Raschio said he also had a discussion with the sheriff. If a similar situation occurs in the future and Palmer encounters an "aggressive reporter,"

he was advised to discuss the matter with the county counsel, Raschio said.

Jim Sproul also commented on the settlement

announcement, calling it the "right thing" to do. He said he was glad the case was over and that it should have concluded long ago.

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**Katee Hoffman**

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*Wednesday, September 26th at the John Day Elks Lodge 1824*

*Social Hour - 5:00 PM- 6:00 PM*  
*Dinner - 6:00 PM*  
*Program to Follow*

*Guest Speakers*  
*Colby Marshall,*  
*Silvies Valley Ranch*

*Everyone welcome -*  
*Bring a spouse or friend*

*Choice of Tri-Tip or Chicken Breast Dinner will be provided by the Chamber*

*Please RSVP your dinner choice and number of guests by September 21st.*

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