

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-THURSDAY, NOV. 14-15

American Red Cross blood drives

- 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Nov. 14, Grant Union Junior-Senior High School, John Day
- 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 15, Malheur National Forest Office, John Day

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

SATURDAY, NOV. 17

Christmas on the Prairie

- All day, Prairie City

The annual event features a Christmas bazaar, gingerbread house decorating, Santa pictures, hayrides and an ornament hunt for prizes. For more information, call Wanda Winegar at 541-820-3675.

80th anniversary celebration

- 3-5 p.m., St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church

Bishop Liam Cary will be speaking to the congregation in celebration of the 80th anniversary of the church. Confessions will be available with Bishop Cary followed by Mass and a potluck where attendees are asked to bring a main dish, salad or dessert. The bishop will also hold Mass at 9 a.m. Sunday. For more information, call 541-575-1459.

FFA dinner and auction

- 5 p.m., Prairie City Senior Center

The Prairie City FFA Chapter will hold its annual fundraiser with dinner at 5 p.m. and auction at 6 p.m. Proceeds benefit the FFA program for membership dues, travel expenses and community service projects. For more information, call FFA adviser Lindy Cruise at 541-820-3314 at the school.

Rodeo queen coronation

- 5 p.m., Grant County Fairgrounds Pavilion

There will be a coronation dinner and auction to celebrate the new rodeo queen, Courtney Nichols. There will be a tri-tip dinner, no-host bar and live and silent auctions. For more information, contact Mindy Winegar at the Grant County Fairgrounds Office, 541-575-1900.



Santa Claus arrives at the Teen Center in Prairie City via fire truck for Christmas on the Prairie last year. The event is Saturday, Nov. 17, this year.

THURSDAY, NOV. 22

Thanksgiving dinner

- 1 p.m., Prairie City Teen Center

Community members are invited to a free Thanksgiving meal. For more information, call 541-820-3696.

Elks Thanksgiving dinner

- 1-4 p.m., John Day Elks Lodge 1824

Everyone is invited to a free Thanksgiving feast. For more information or home delivery, call 541-575-1824.

FRIDAY, NOV. 23

Black Friday bazaar

- 7 a.m. to 2 p.m., Eve's Sweets and Canyon City Community Center

Eve's Sweets will be hosting the second annual Black Fri-

day bazaar. There will be more than 15 vendors with holiday gifts. For more information, call Michele McManama at 541-620-1296.

FRIDAY, NOV. 30

Cancer research benefit dinner

- 4:30 p.m., John Day Golf Club

There will be a benefit dinner to support gastrointestinal stromal tumor cancer research. There will be two dinner times at 4:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. The cost is \$15 for singles, \$25 for couples and \$7 for ages 7 and under. For more information, call 541-575-0170.

Women's Advent mini-retreat

- 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., John Day United Methodist Church

St. Thomas Episcopal and John Day United Methodist churches will be hosting a mini-retreat focused on the season of Advent. Potluck breakfast begins at 8 a.m. followed by meditation, devotions, crafts and fellowship concluding at 2 p.m. For more information or to RSVP, call 541-575-1326 or email johndayumc@gmail.com.

FRIDAY, DEC. 7

'Christmas 1918' concert

- 7 p.m., John Day United Methodist Church

The Grant County Youth Arts Program and the Juniper Arts Council will present a concert including three choirs, an orchestra, choir chimes, two guitar classes and multiple soloists. Photographs from World War I will be available for viewing before and after the concert. To provide a photocopy and description of the photo or for more information, contact Janine Goodwin at 541-820-4331 or grantcountyap@gmail.com.

SATURDAY, DEC. 8

Timber Truckers Light Parade

- 6 p.m., downtown John Day

The parade theme this year is "Tis the Night Before Christmas." The entry fee is \$10. Winners will be announced at the Elks Lodge following the parade. Registration is from 3-5:30 p.m. at Grant Western. Pre-registration is encouraged. Call Leslie Traylor at 541-620-4032 or 541-575-1862 for more information.

SUNDAY, DEC. 16

Winter bazaar

- 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monument School Gym

The bazaar features homemade decor, beauty products, food and accessories. The cost per table is \$10. For more information or to set up a booth, contact Stacy Robinson-Cox at 541-934-2155.

Motivational speaker inspires local students

Blue Mountain Eagle

Motivational speaker and singer Christopher Duffley brought an inspirational message and music to Prairie City and Dayville students in grades 7-12 and staff members, about 100 in all.

Speaking at a Nov. 5 assembly at the Prairie City School gym, 17-year-old Duffley shared how he's faced life's challenges, including being blind and having autism.

At one point during the presentation, he showed students he could make a basket with a little guidance from Prairie City senior basketball player Syd Holman.

"He mixed some comedy with his real life experiences to help our youth understand that you can do whatever you put your mind to," said Superintendent/Principal



Casey Hallgarth.

"I am honored that he would take the time to come to Prairie City School and

speaking his story."

Duffley, who is said to have perfect pitch, also appeared at a Healthy Smiles

Dental Clinic fundraiser the previous night at the Grant County Fairgrounds pavilion in John Day.



Contributed photos

Above, Christopher Duffley sings for his audience Nov. 5 at Prairie City School. At left, students and staff from Prairie City and Dayville schools gather with motivational speaker Christopher Duffley, seated in center on front row bleacher, Nov. 5 at the Prairie City School gym.

Applications for Tree of Giving available at DHS office

Applications due by Friday, Nov. 16

Blue Mountain Eagle

The Tree of Giving Program lends a helping hand to Grant County families, providing children's Christmas gifts, and this year the process for families to sign up has changed slightly.

Instead of mailing out applications, the Oregon Department of Human Services will have the applications available for pick up at their office at 725 W. Main in John Day. Applications are due Nov. 16.

The change is because of the way

cases are assigned, agency officials said. DHS Volunteer Services coordinates with Grant County 4-H and Families First Parent Resource Center to make the program possible.

This year's trees with children's wish list tags will be located at Chester's Thriftway and the Outpost Pub and Grill in John Day, starting on Nov. 23, which is Black Friday.

Smaller Trees of Giving with tags listing single gift items for kids will be located at Radio Shack and Len's Drug store in John Day.

On Friday, Nov. 23, Les Schwab Tire Center in John Day will begin their annual toy drive, and Grant County 4-H clubs will hold fundraising activities

and collect gifts for the program at local Christmas bazaars.

Distribution of gifts is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 20.

In order to be eligible for the program, families and children, 17 and under, must live in Grant County. Children visiting families for the holidays from another location and grandchildren not living with grandparents are not eligible; the program aids local families that live, work and attend school in Grant County.

People who know of someone who may need assistance this holiday season can stop by the DHS office for an application. For more information, call DHS at 541-575-0255.



The Eagle/Angel Carpenter

Grant Union Junior-Senior High School music director Levana James, left, stands with honor band and choir members Alyssa Hoffman (French horn), Will Carpenter (choir bass), Carle Wright (bass clarinet) and Samantha Floyd (trombone). The group traveled to Milton-Freewater for a two-day Oregon Music Educators Association District 6 Honor Band and Choir event that culminated with a concert on Nov. 6.

Four students named to honor band and choir

By Angel Carpenter
Blue Mountain Eagle

Strother for the band, both widely experienced.

Four Grant Union music students traveled with band and choir director Levana James to Milton-Freewater Nov. 5-6 for the Oregon Music Educators Association District 6 Honor Band and Choir event.

Grant Union seniors Carle Wright (bass clarinet) and Alyssa Hoffman (French horn) and junior Samantha Floyd (trombone) were selected for honor band with sophomore Will Carpenter (bass) joining honor choir.

They practiced with student musicians from nine other schools, directed by Steve Peter for the choir and Luke

The event culminated with the students performing in concert at McLoughlin High School the evening of Nov. 6.

"It was good having another bass clarinet to play beside me," Wright said.

"I enjoyed singing with other basses like me — about 20," Carpenter said. "The conductor was great. He really bonded with us and tried to make it fun for us."

Among the five selections for the choir was "Laughing Song," by George Mabry.

"The Washington Post March," by John Philip Sousa, was one of four songs played by the band.

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Grant County Fairgrounds, Keerins Hall
411 NW Bridge St., John Day Oregon
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Available at the door.

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