

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, Jan. 2

Judge William D. Cramer Jr. retirement party
 • 3 p.m., Grant County Courthouse
 A retirement party will be held for Grant County Circuit Court Judge William D. Cramer Jr. after 23 years of judicial service to Grant and Harney counties.

Saturday, Jan. 4

Republican Party nominating convention for Senate District 30
 • 12:15-4 p.m., Grant County Regional Airport, John Day
 The Oregon Republican Party will hold the Nominating Convention for Senate District 30. The event is open to the public.

Sunday, Jan. 5

Sen. Jeff Merkley town hall
 • 12:30 p.m., Mt. Vernon Community Hall
 U.S. Sen. Jeff Merkley, D-Oregon, will hold a town hall meeting.

Monday, Jan. 6

Grant County Snowballers meeting
 • 6 p.m., John Day Fire Hall
 The snowmobile club meets the first Monday of the month.

Tuesday, Jan. 14

Basic drawing class
 • 5:30-7:30 p.m., Painted Sky Center for the Arts, Canyon City
 The popular basic drawing class by Robert Rex is back, teaching attendees to draw basic shapes, apply shading and much more in this 12-week course.



Attendees at the Oregon State Snowmobile Association conference, held in John Day in 2018, ride at Huddleston Sno-Park.

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Thursday, Jan. 16

Intermediate drawing class
 • 5:30-7:30 p.m., Painted Sky Center of the Arts, Canyon City
 Intermediate students will pursue new subject matters such as composition, design elements, perspective and figure proportions in this 12-week course.

Monday, Jan. 27

John Day Valley Bass Club meeting
 • 7 p.m., The Outpost restaurant, John Day
 The club meeting is held that last Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at The Outpost.

Springer hired as new county planning director

By Rudy Diaz
 Blue Mountain Eagle

A new planning director for Grant County was announced on Dec. 27 after the job had been advertised to county employees.

Shannon Springer received the offer from the county court. Springer immediately accepted the job to become the new county planning director. She has worked in the department since September 2001 with a couple of breaks in between.

"I love being able to help people through the process of developing their property because most people don't do it more than once and need help understanding what the steps are," said Springer. "We have always tried really hard to get people to where they want to be."

The planning director carries out multiple tasks, but the primary job is to review land use applications if somebody would want to build or divide their property or establish a specific use for some of the property. A person would need to submit an application, which would be reviewed by the planning director against a criteria in the land development code.

The planning director also reviews



The Eagle/Rudy Diaz

Shannon Springer accepted the job of Grant County planning director at the Grant County Court meeting Dec. 27.

planning requests and flood development permits, assigns addresses outside of the city limits and oversees building permitting for the entire county.

Springer is currently the assistant director to Hilary McNary, but will start her new 40-hour a week

position on Jan. 4.

"She is highly qualified for the position, and she has been a planning assistant for many years," said Grant County Court Judge Scott Myers. "She is well appreciated by our public. We get comments on our planning office and compliments quite often."

Library to close afternoon of Jan. 15

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The Grant County Library will be closed from 1-5 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 15, for system updates.

Spray School to celebrate building's centennial

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The Stone Building, which has housed the Spray School, will be turning 100 years old.

Superintendent/Principal Larry Johnson invites people to share pictures, stories or anything that

would be of interest to others about the Spray School. Also, a celebration is planned with a reunion event April 26 at 2 p.m. in the school's gymnasium. Johnson extends an invitation to anyone connected to the school — either as past students, past employ-

ees or those who had parents or relatives who attended or worked at the school.

For more information or to send items, contact Johnson at 541-468-2226, ljohnson@spray.k12.or.us or Spray School, 303 Park Ave., Spray, OR 97874.

OBITUARIES

Pearl Shearer

Pearl Shearer, a long time resident of Long Creek, passed away peacefully on Dec. 20, 2019. She was 91 years old.

Pearl was born July 29, 1928, in Sheridan, Wyoming, to Verna Perry and Chris Neff. She was the oldest of three children.

Pearl led a very active life and was full of life. She enjoyed working in her yard and always wanted it to look nice. She loved music and loved to dance. Before her eyesight started to fail, she enjoyed reading and watching TV. She liked football and the Seattle Seahawks.

Pearl loved to watch her two great-grandsons play high school basketball; she was quite a cheerleader for them and rarely ever missed a game. She worked at various businesses in Long Creek but mostly at the Mountain Inn. Pearl is survived by her grandson Glenn Moodenbaugh and wife, Danna; her daughter Carolyn Nelson; a granddaughter Jerry Nodine; a daughter-in-law Gracie Crump; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 54 years, Clarence (Buster) Shearer; her son Eugene Crump; one daughter Chrissy Crump; one brother Butch; and one grandson Eugene Crump Jr.

No services will be held upon request of the deceased.

Lyla Blumebrooks

Lyla Blumebrooks passed away Dec. 23, surrounded by her family and loved ones. Services will be planned at a later date.

Richard Gene Ray

Richard Gene Ray, 94, of Canyon City passed away Nov. 29. Services have been planned for a later date. Arrangements have been entrusted to Driskill Memorial Chapel.

Norma Lemberger

Norma Lemberger, 74, of John Day passed away Dec. 25 at her residence with her family by her side. Arrangements have been entrusted to Driskill Memorial Chapel. To leave condolences, visit driskillmemorialchapel.com.

Fern Newcomb

Fern Newcomb, 88, of John Day died Dec. 23 at home with her family at her side. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home and Cremation Services. Online Condolences can be shared at tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

About Obituaries

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BEO president elected as statewide banking board officer

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Jeff Bailey, president and CEO of Bank of Eastern Oregon, was recently elected as secretary/treasurer of the Community Banks of Oregon Board of Directors.

A native Oregonian, Bailey has spent more than two decades with the Bank of Eastern Oregon. He's also active in the Heppner Chamber of Commerce and Willow Creek Economic Development Group.

Other board officers elected to the CBO, which represents banks headquartered in Oregon, were Ron Green, chair (Oregon Pacific Bank, Florence), and Kenneth D. Trautman Jr., immediate past president (People's Bank of Commerce,

Medford). Also, new four-year directors elected during the Dec. 6 election included Randy Compton, Kate Salyers and Jim Schlotfeldt. Those re-elected to new four-year terms were Trey Maust and Joseph J. Postlewait. Others currently serving on the board are Jarrett Stuchlik and Craig Wanichek.

"Oregon's community banks are fortunate to have this accomplished group of bankers leading the Community Banks of Oregon. Their commitment and passion for community banking will be invaluable to our organization and the communities we serve," said Linda Navarro, president and chief executive officer of CBO and the Oregon Bankers Association.

The Family of Ron Holliday would like to thank everyone for the cards, flowers and the donations to FFA.

A special thanks to our neighbors, Jack & Teresa Southworth & Mat and Jennifer Carter.

Sincerely the Holliday's

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 528 E. Main, St. E., John Day

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Last Week's Temps

John Day	HI/LO
Tuesday	41/23
Wednesday	33/24
Thursday	34/27
Friday	33/24
Saturday	38/30
Sunday	49/30
Monday	42/31

24/7 FORECAST

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ROAD CONDITIONS: 511; TRIPCHECK.COM

NOAA WEATHER RADIO FOR JOHN DAY

162.500 MHZ

WEATHER FORECAST FOR THE WEEK OF JAN. 1 - 7

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Possible snow	Mostly cloudy	Partly sunny	Cloudy	Cloudy	Mostly sunny	Partly cloudy
44	38	48	52	36	42	40
31	35	37	30	12	24	25