

WHAT'S HAPPENING



Eagle file photo
Grant Union actors Madeline McManus, left, as a zombie and Coryn Thompson as Dr. Frankenstein were in the fall play 'Pumpkin Stuffers' at the school. The theatrical production 'The Snow Show' is planned for Jan. 16.

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, Jan. 15

Auditions for 'Steel Magnolias'
 • 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Painted Sky Center for the Arts, Canyon City
 Come with a 3-5 minute monologue memorized or be prepared to read from "Steel Magnolias." Roles for ages 19-60-ish females available.

Thursday, Jan. 16

Intermediate drawing class
 • 5:30-7:30 p.m., Painted Sky Center for 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.
'The Snow Show' theatrical production
 • 6:30 p.m., Grant Union Junior-Senior High School
 Donations will be accepted. For more information, call 541-575-1799.

Friday, Jan. 17

Ellis Tracy American Legion Auxiliary meeting
 • 2 p.m., Grant County Chamber of Commerce, John Day
 All members are encouraged to attend. For more information, call 541-575-0076.
Knitting Night with Jessica Moore
 • 6-8 p.m., Painted Sky Center for the Arts, Canyon City
 Meet new people, share tips and learn tricks. Bring your own project.

Saturday, Jan. 18

Auditions for 'Steel Magnolias'
 • 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Painted Sky Center for the Arts, Canyon City
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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.



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From 25 years ago: Sherm Gentis checks out the huge boulders that crashed down onto South Fork Road, south of Dayville, this week. The slide occurred on a curve in an area managed by the Bureau of Land Management. The BLM sent crews to clear the road.

OUT OF THE PAST

10 Years Ago

Bars Kick the Habit
 Local bars held the last call New Year's Eve — for smoking that is. Oregon's latest expansion of smoke-free work place laws took effect New Year's Day. The law, Senate Bill 571, prohibits smoking in bars and bowling centers. It also forces smokers to stay 10 feet from doors, windows and ventilation intakes of businesses. Local business operations had different operators with different takes on how the smoking ban would affect them. Roger Tavern, owner of the Wagon Wheel Tavern in Mt. Vernon, said he believes the smoking ban will cost the bar money and isn't fair to business owners.
 "It's going to close this bar," Taverner said. "I don't have the population to pick through. At least 75 percent of my customers smoke, and they're just going to stay home now." He said his patrons don't want to drink and then smoke "they want to smoke and drink at the same time."
 "It's a stupid law. There's no kids in here. There's no one under 21 in here. Everyone comes in by choice. If someone works in a bar, its by choice. They weren't drafted. Its taking our rights away."
 However businesses that have both

bar and restaurant expect to break even or increase business because of the ban. Grubsteak Mining Co. General Manager Chris Beil said he thinks the bar and restaurant will see opposite shifts in business as the ban begins. "Obviously I think (the ban) will hurt the bar at first, but I think it will help the restaurant," Beil said. "Sometimes we have a problem with smoke from the bar floating up front to the restaurant. Hopefully, a lot of the people who didn't come here to eat because of the smoke will come now."
 Beil also said he believes that bar patrons who stay away because of the ban will gradually return. "I think the downturn will be fairly large until people get used to it," Beil said. "I think that by summer, everything will be back to normal. I hope it slowly comes back that way."
 Kim Randleas, operating director for the Outpost Pizza, Pub and Grill, said she thinks business there will stay the same or grow in the new year. The Outpost has been a non-smoking restaurant and bar since its opening.
 "We didn't allow smoking because our bar adjoins the meeting and banquet rooms, and people seem to prefer a non-smoking environment in those," Randleas said. "I think that

now that you can't smoke at any bars, people who wouldn't come in before will now. It will be based on the level of service you get, not on whether or not you can smoke inside."

75 Years Ago

Old Year Ended And New Year Begun With Brisk War Bond Buying

Mrs. Bertha Dixon, county war finance chairman, states that Grant County still has money left for bond purchasing following the sixth war loan drive. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Deist and daughter Barbara of Prairie City, and Ralph Anderson of Seneca were the first to purchase bonds in the new year 1945. Mr. Deist left the money at the theatre on the night of Dec. 31, stating, "The last thing I wish to do this year is purchase bonds for our boys overseas," and, as Sunday and Monday were holidays, these bonds were made out on Jan. 2, 1945, so he was not only the last person in the old year to purchase bonds but the first in the new year also. Mr. Anderson left the money at the theatre on Thursday, Dec. 28. He said, "I wish to be the first in the new year to purchase a bond." His bond also was made out on Jan. 2, states Mrs. Dixon.

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