



The Eagle/Rudy Diaz

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Grant Chamber helping businesses and sharing the word

By Rudy Diaz
Blue Mountain Eagle

As COVID-19 continues to affect businesses around Grant County, the Grant County Chamber of Commerce continues to do all it can to help during these tough and unsure times.

Office Manager Tammy Bremner said that Facebook has been one of the main ways the chamber has been able to help. They have been sharing posts and updates from businesses in the county. They also shared a document that lists all the restaurants open in the county with numbers and business hours.

"When you know of something that will help, just get the word out and let us know if there is anything we can do here at the chamber," Bremner said.

The chamber also posted a bingo

game on its Facebook page, an idea from Kattie Piazza, owner of House to Home and Sherrie Rininger, owner of Etc., which they saw from the chamber in Sandy, and the community can play the game for a chance to win a \$25 Grant County Greenback gift certificate.

The bingo card includes activities that support local businesses through social media, shopping over the phone, purchasing gift cards and more.

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Bremner said she checks her email everyday and shares information that will be beneficial to local businesses

looking for relief. She shares this info with chamber members through an email blast and added that businesses that are not members can request to receive these messages as well.

"Right now we are not catering just to chamber members," she said. "We'd like to help all of our businesses."

Even with businesses closed, the community can still support many of them by buying gift certificates to redeem later or continue to buy food from them, according to Bremner.

The office may not be open to the public, but the community can call the chamber and let them know if there is any way that they can help.

"My advice would be to help each other as much as we can, shop local, check on your neighbors and if you hear of a way people can help, let people know," Bremner said.

OBITUARIES

James Lynn Johnson

James Lynn Johnson, 85, of Canyon City passed away on March 26 at his residence under the care of his family and Blue Mountain Hospice of John Day. He will be interred at Canyon City Cemetery on Thursday, April 2, and a private family service with military honors will take place the following day. To offer online condolences to his family, visit driskillmemorialchapel.com.

Jerry Coalwell

May 16, 1945 — March 19, 2020

Jerry Coalwell, 74, of John Day, Oregon, died on Thursday, March 19, 2020, at the home of his daughter in Vale, Oregon, after a short battle with cancer. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Jerry was born May 16, 1945, in Prairie City, Oregon, to parents Frank and Betty (Combs) Coalwell. He was raised and educated in Bates, Baker City and Prairie City, where he graduated in 1964.

In 1972, Jerry met Marla Howland in Bates, Oregon. Their first date was to John Day for pizza at midnight. He won her heart with his fast cars and his quiet personality. On Dec. 23, 1974, they were married in Weiser, Idaho. They made their home in Bates, Oregon, for a few years until Jerry transferred to the John Day Mill in 1975.

Jerry loved driving hot rods and buying fast and pretty cars. His favorites were GTOs and 67 Chevys. He enjoyed yard sales and finding treasures. In his younger years he enjoyed running around with Dick Greer and the Combs brothers. Jerry especially loved playing in the hills with family and friends. His favorite place to be was Bates and the surrounding hills. He also enjoyed watching Bailey and Brayden play basketball and was thankful to his travel buddies Jim Mays and Ron Combs for making the trips with him.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Marla Coalwell; parents, Frank Coalwell and Betty Coalwell-Morris; and stepdad Swede Morris.

Jerry is survived by daughter Susan (Todd) Gregory of Vale, Oregon; sons Clinton (Tessa) Coalwell of Mt. Vernon and Terry (LeAnn) Coalwell of John Day, Oregon; sister Diane (Scott) Bogart of Kennewick, Washington; grandchildren Bailey, Austen and Brayden Gregory, Myckee, Torie, Trevyn, Ryan and Levi Coalwell and Walker, Kyle and Melissa Erickson; along with his dog Toby and his cat Squirt; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and in-law relations. He will be missed!

For those who would like to make a donation in memory of Jerry, the family suggests the Ronald McDonald house and St. Jude Children's Hospital through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home and Cremation Services, PO Box 543 Halfway, OR 97834. Online condolences can be shared at tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.



About Obituaries

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Local students earn academic honors

Local students have earned academic honors at higher education institutions. Cassandra Hire of John Day was named to the dean's list for fall term at Central Oregon Community College with a GPA at or above 3.6.

Faythe Schafer was named to the vice president's list for winter term at Blue Mountain Community College with a GPA between 3.5 and 3.74. Rebecca Batease of Canyon City was named to the dean's list for fall term at Marist College.

Art association scholarship deadline is May 12

The Grant County Art Association is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to a student pursuing an art related field of study and who will be in their freshman or sophomore year of college for the school year 2020-2021. Contact Eloise Boren, 541-388-4698 or eloiseboren@icloud.com, for an application. Submit photos or scans of three pieces of the student's original artwork, a personal statement, a letter of endorsement and a completed form to eloiseboren@icloud.com. The art association will select and notify the winner and school. The deadline is May 12. Details and instructions are on the application.

The Grant County Art Association meets the second Wednesday of each month. People interested in joining should contact Eloise at 541-987-2138 or Mary at 541-575-0911.



The Eagle/Steven Mitchell

Liz Aleman, volunteer with Painted Sky Center for the Arts, accepted the grant award Feb. 27. The grant money will go toward the purchase of a sound system.

Oregon Cultural Trust grant money awarded to Prairie School District and two local nonprofits

By Steven Mitchell
Blue Mountain Eagle

Three nonprofit organizations promoting art and culture in Grant County were awarded Oregon Cultural Trust grant funding from the Juniper Arts Council Feb. 27 at a dessert reception held at the Grant School District 3 meeting room in Canyon City.

Arts council treasurer Karen Bantish presented checks for \$4,689.94 to Liz Aleman with Painted Sky Center for the Arts for an audio system that will allow the center to host poetry slams and other performances, Adele Cerny and John Day Fossil Beds National Monument Superintendent Patrick Gamman for another outdoor piano concert at Cant Ranch and Wendy Burrell

from Prairie City School District for a stage performance of "Johnny Appleseed."

Aleman, a volunteer, accepted the grant on behalf of Painted Sky Center for the Arts and thanked the council.

Aleman said the center would be able to put on performances and offer poetry slams and other activities with the funding.

Cerny and Gamman organized a classical concert with pianist Hunter Noack with the nonprofit organization In a Landscape.

Noack performed his concert "Classical Music in the Wild, an outdoor classical music concert series."

Cerny said the concert sold out last year, and many of the attendees were from John Day and the surrounding areas.

"The idea of having a classical

concert dovetailed with what we do out at the James Cant Ranch," said Gamman.

Gamman said the ranch has a rich history of arts and culture, and the concert keeps with the tradition.

Like last year, 100 free tickets will be set aside for Grant County residents; otherwise, tickets will be \$25 at the door.

The date will be announced after April 15 on inalandscape.org.

Burrell, with Prairie City School District, accepted the grant money for the stage performance of "Johnny Appleseed."

The funds will go to the Missoula Theatre, a traveling production company that gives production classes to children. The children will rehearse the production of "Johnny Appleseed" for a performance in the fall.

Last Week's Temps

John Day	HI/LO
Tuesday	41/31
Wednesday	37/27
Thursday.....	46/29
Friday.....	48/32
Saturday.....	51/37
Sunday.....	55/40
Monday.....	54/37

24/7 FORECAST

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NOAA WEATHER RADIO FOR JOHN DAY

162.500 MHZ

WEATHER FORECAST FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 1 - 7

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Possible snow	Partly sunny	Slight chance of snow	Chance of snow	Chance of rain and snow	Chance of rain and snow	Cloudy
38	42	44	47	48	48	55
24	26	27	33	32	26	30