

# New logo from chamber approved by board

Completed design will be unveiled to public at future event

**By Rudy Diaz**  
Blue Mountain Eagle

The new Grant County Chamber of Commerce logo has been completed. The chamber worked with Joni Kabana of Joni Kabana Photography in Grant County and Dardi Troen of Ditroën on creating a logo that captures Grant County and the various cities in the county. “It’s been an honor to be involved in this project,” Kabana said. “We came up with a process trying to come up something that spoke to



The Eagle/Rudy Diaz  
**Dardi Troen of Ditroën.**



The Eagle/Rudy Diaz  
**Joni Kabana of Joni Kabana Photography.**

Kabana said, as the team started thinking of a design, they were looking into iconic places or images in the county

to use for the logo, but they wanted to make sure the logo could stand alone as well as mesh with a variety of environments such as different cities. The team used studies, hiked, drove and took pictures around Grant County to get an idea of a color scheme for the logo and how to approach the design. “Along with that, because the logo is simple, we wanted to make sure we could also incorporate all the unique beauty and character in Grant County,” Troen said. To adopt the design to a different city or area, the logo, when on a banner, can be modified with the image behind the logo being

changed to an image unique to the location. Other items the logo can be used on are for coffee mugs, T-shirts, pins, letterheads and more. Troen said that the design team wanted to capture the multiple ways people see Grant County so they used paintings provided by local artists to fill the background of the logo to show other ways for incorporating the logo. “When we started we didn’t know where we were going to land, but hats off to our stakeholder team because they let us know what we needed,” Troen said. “Having the banner option that would allow all the personalized to

be depicted in a cohesive way is really exciting for me.” The chamber board approved the new branding and logo for the Grant County Chamber of Commerce. The chamber plans to hold an event in the future where the logo will be revealed to the public. “I think this will be beneficial for the whole county because we will have a symbol that people can identify when they think of Grant County,” chamber board member Jerry Franklin said during a meeting in June 18. “So if each individual community uses that symbol in their own way, at least it’s going to be identifiable to the community as a whole.”



The Eagle/Rudy Diaz  
**The Grant County Chamber of Commerce met in person and online during their meeting on Aug. 20.**

## Grant County Chamber adopts program for business enhancement

**By Rudy Diaz**  
Blue Mountain Eagle

Business owners in Grant County looking for funding to help enhance the curb appeal of their business have another option coming soon. The Grant County Chamber of Commerce Business Enhancement Grant Program was adopted on Aug. 20 by the chamber board. The budget line for the program is \$20,000, and people can apply for up to \$2,500 for a project. “The (program) was created specifically for business and commercial building enhancement to improve the curb appeal,” said Chamber Vice President Taci Philbrook. The program will not be used for operations, funding for infrastruc-

ture costs or any direct expenses unrelated with the projects. The program will allow a commercial building owner or business owner to apply for a grant as long as they can match the funds. The application process is five pages long and will require a very detailed overview as to what the project will cover. Such items like repair of roofing for a commercial business building, insulation, window painting repairs, door painting and repairs, general store front rehab, restoration projects, signs, lighting and more are eligible for the grant. “The chamber really feels that the businesses in Grant County could use a leg up, and that’s why this was created,” Philbrook said. The application will be reviewed

by a committee of three chamber board members who are not on the transient room tax board. Applicants can get three grants within a five-year period. Philbrook said the grant is exclusive for chamber members, which will help encourage people to join the chamber. Minor changes were then presented by board members that addressed clarifications of word choices and verbiage. “With those changes, I would like to know if the committee would like to start moving forward on implementing this because there are some businesses in dire need,” said Chamber President Sherrie Rininger. The chamber made a motion to adopt the program after minor revisions are made with the application.

## Chamber President Rininger focused on tourism and businesses

**By Rudy Diaz**  
Blue Mountain Eagle

Grant County Chamber of Commerce installed a new president who is continuing the work of tourism in the county. Sherrie Rininger, who was installed during the July 16 Chamber meeting, said she is excited for the opportunity to visit people and business owners around the county. “I want to go out to Long Creek, Kimberly and the outer realms of the county to find out if the chamber can do something to help bring people to your town,” Rininger said. She said her goal is to see the chamber thrive, help as many businesses as possible and enhance tourism in the county. Rininger added that tourism has not been easy with the pandemic, but she wants to make sure when people walk into the chamber office, people feel at home and are taken care of. “That’s what happens now, but I want that to continue,” Rininger said. “I looked at some of the writing in the log books and it’s always in there of how helpful and friendly we are.” An important item Rininger would like to see people realize is that, while the chamber office is in John Day, they are here to serve the entire county. “If a business in Prairie City needs help, we’ll be there with a grant,” Rininger said. “If a place in Long



The Eagle/Rudy Diaz  
**Sherrie Rininger was installed as president for the Grant County Chamber of Commerce July 16.**

Creek needs fixing up, we’ll be there with a grant. Although some people think our grants are not very big, most people are very thankful for what we can do for them.” Rininger said she believes that Grant County has one of the better chambers in supporting the county, events, businesses and advertising for them. Rininger said she has a lot of passion in the chamber and would like people to know she is available to talk with regarding ideas, solutions, requests and more. “Please feel free to reach out to me,” Rininger said. “I will listen and I will take it into consideration. No matter how big or small it is, they’ll have my ears.”



**3ABN**  
Three Angels Broadcasting Network  
24/7 Inspirational Christian Broadcasting  
**Tune into KSPL 98.1 FM**  
For more information, call 541 620-0340

**Prairie Baptist Church**  
238 N. McHaley St., Prairie City  
541-820-3696  
www.prairie-baptist-church.com  
**Pastor David Hoeffner**  
**Pastor Keith DeHart**  
Sunday School (all ages) ..... 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship.. 10:30 a.m.  
Awana (Oct.-Apr.) ..... 3:00 p.m.  
Youth Group ..... 5:30 p.m.

**St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church**  
Corner of S Canyon Blvd and SW 2nd  
**Mon. - Fri. Mass - 12:05 pm**  
**Saturday Mass - 5:00 pm**  
**Sunday Mass - 9:00 am**  
**Holy Days Mass: Noon & 6 pm**  
Confession: Saturday 4:00-4:45 pm  
Anytime by appointment  
541-974-8638  
**St. Anne**  
Monument -  
2nd & 4th Sundays at 12:30 pm  
**Office Hours**  
Monday - Friday 9 am - 12 Noon

**John Day Valley Mennonite Church**  
**Meeting every Sunday at Mt. Vernon Grange Hall**  
Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship..... 10:50 a.m.  
**Pastor Leland Smucker**  
**Everyone Welcome • 541-932-2861**



**New Life Bible Church**  
**2 Corinthians 5:17**  
Every Sunday in the L.C. Community Center  
(Corner of Second & Allen)  
Contact Paster Ed Studtmann at 541-421-3888 • Begins at 4:00pm

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday School..... 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship.. 10:50 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship.. 10:50 a.m.  
No Mid-week Services  
**Pastor Jesse Gosnell**  
300 W. Main, John Day  
541-575-1355



**JOHN DAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Sunday Worship • 9AM  
(541) 575-1326  
johndayUMC@gmail.com  
126 NW Canton, John Day  
Food Pantry Friday 3-4PM  
**Like us on Facebook!**

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 am  
Sunday Worship ..... 11 am  
Fox Community Church..... 3 pm  
Sunday Evening Bible Talk..... 6 pm  
Saturday Men’s Study ..... 6 pm  
**Full Gospel- Come Grow With Us**  
541-575-1202 Church  
311 NE Dayton St, John Day  
Pastor Al Altnow



**Cornerstone Christian Fellowship**  
139 N.E. DAYTON STREET, JOHN DAY  
**541-575-2180**  
Sunday Worship Service 10 am  
Sunday Youth Group 3 pm  
Thursday Celebrate Recovery 6 pm  
Pastor Levi Manitsas  
cornerstonejohnday@gmail.com  
ccfjd.org

**Redeemer Lutheran Church**  
**Come Worship with us at**  
627 SE Hillcrest, John Day  
1st Sunday Worship/Communion ..... 10am  
3rd Sunday Worship/Communion/Potluck... 4:30pm  
2nd, 4th & 5th Sunday Worship..... 10am  
Wednesday Evening Bible Study ..... 6pm  
For information: 541-575-2348

**CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**  
Sunday School ..... 9:30 am  
Sunday Worship Service..... 10:45 am  
Sunday Evening Service ..... 6:00 pm  
Children & Teen Activities  
SMALL GROUPS CALL FOR MORE INFO  
Weekdays: Sonshine Christian School  
**Pastor Randy Johnson**  
521 E. Main • John Day • 541-575-1895  
www.johndaynazarene.com

**Seventh-Day Adventist Church**  
SATURDAY SERVICES  
**JOHN DAY**  
110 Valley View Dr.  
541-575-1216  
Head Elder ..... 541-575-2914  
Bible Classes (all ages)..... 9:30 am  
Worship ..... 11 am  
**LONG CREEK**  
E. Main Street  
541-421-3033  
Head Elder ..... 421-3468  
Bible Classes (all ages)..... 2 pm  
Worship ..... 3 pm

**MT. VERNON PRESBYTERIAN Community Church**  
**SUNDAY SERVICE ..... 9 am**  
**541-932-4800**  
**EVERYONE WELCOME**

**St. Thomas Episocopal Church**  
Join us on Facebook  
live Sunday 10am  
**Like us on Facebook!**



**Living Word Christian Center**  
59357 Hwy 26 Mt. Vernon  
**Celebration of Worship**  
Sundays 5:30pm  
Youth: 0-6th Grade  
**Midweek Service**  
Thursdays 6:30pm  
Youth: 0-6th Grade  
**Jr./Sr. High Youth Connection**  
Wednesdays at 6:30pm  
**Overcomer’s Outreach**  
Mondays at 6pm at **lwcc**  
A Christ-Centered, 12-Step Recovery Support Group  
**Pastor Sharon Miller**  
541-932-4910  
www.livingwordcc.com