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three months of age, died. The Centers for Disease Control said pertussis symptoms begin with a runny nose, sneezing, low-grade fever and mild cough. The cough gradually becomes more severe, and after a week or two, the second stage of the illness begins. That stage is often characterized by violent coughing spasms ending with a gasp or "whoop" as the patient tries to get air. Sometimes the bursts of coughing results in vomiting. This stage of the illness may persist for up to 10 weeks. The health department said the best way to protect yourself and your family from the disease is to get vaccinated. Pertussis is a required immunization in Oregon schools, but the disease is making a comeback. In 2012, the number of reported cases in Oregon reached the highest annual count since 1953.

FIRE

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just a mile south of Dayville, burned about 65 acres. But the storm sparked fires elsewhere, too. One was touched off by lightning Sunday night, south of Mount Vernon. The Harper Creek Complex fire was burning an estimated 321 acres on private land on June 30, according to Shilo Burton, public affairs specialist for the U.S. Forest Service in John Day. Roughly 10 residences had been threatened, most along Harper Creek itself. The blaze has been confirmed as lightning-caused and Burton said dozers had cleared a line around the entire fire. The Hog Creek Fire burned roughly 30 acres and the Luce Creek Fire grew to 25 acres, and were considered to be part of the larger fire complex, but had been nearly extinguished by Tuesday. But that's not all.



Submitted photo by Meredith Thomas
Meredith Thomas took this photo Sunday by Dayville looking towards Aldrich Mountain. She said one of many strikes she captured started a fire she reported.

The Jones Canyon Fire, at 400 acres, continued to expand about 12 miles northeast of Monument. It was burning through grass, brush and juniper in the old Monument Complex. Evacuations in the area were coordinated by the Grant County Sheriff's Office.

In addition, the Smith Hollow Fire, at 21 acres, burned in grass and brush near Fossil. Some sparks were even closer to city centers. Lightening started about four or five small fires near the city of John Day, near Antelope Lane. They burned about 20 acres of private property near numerous structures, and fire crews worked to contain them quickly due to the value of

surrounding property. Additionally, the north slope of the Aldrich Mountain Range had four fires reported June 29 in the former Thorn Fire area, the largest of which grew to roughly 11 acres. The Sunday thunderstorm knocked out power overnight to more than 500 homes, mostly in the Dayville and Mount Vernon area, with some in John Day. Firefighters will continue to battle the fires and the heat itself. The fire danger rating across the Malheur National Forest is high. Public use restrictions are in effect on public and private lands and utmost precautions are urged during Fourth Of July celebrations.

FOURTH

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- 11:30 a.m. – Horseshoe Tournament
- Noon – Pie-eating contest and pie-in-the-face toss
- 12:30 p.m. – Baked goods auction
- 1 p.m. – Duck races
- 1:30 p.m. – Scavenger hunt
- 10-11 p.m. – Stargazing, Dayville football field
- Sunday, July 5**
- 8 a.m. – Dayville Dash 5K Walk/Run, starts on South Fork Road
- For more information, call Dayville City Hall, 541-987-2188.
- Monument – "Fourth of July Jubilee"**
- 7 a.m. – Top road challenge 5K and 10K
- 9 a.m. – Three-on-three basketball tournament
- 10 a.m. – Parade, with grand marshal Bob Cox
- 10:30 a.m. – Horseshoe contest
- 11 a.m. – Pie baking contest
- 12:30 p.m. – Water game
- 1 p.m. – Family games
- 1:30 p.m. – Pie and watermelon eating contests
- 3 p.m. – Talent show
- 4 p.m. – Auction
- 7 p.m. – Bingo, senior center
- 10 p.m. – Fireworks over

the river
For more information, call 541-934-2696 or 541-934-9871

Prairie City – "It's a Grand Ol' Flag"

- Noon – Parade, with the Whiskey Gulch Gang cannon signaling the start, and grand marshals Jim and Lynette Sullens
- After the parade – Tug of War and "Slice of Pie"
- 1 p.m. – Fay Burrill memorial jackpot horseshoe tournament
- 1-5 p.m. – Water games
- 2-5 p.m. – Concert in the park featuring The Area
- DeWitt Museum at Depot Park will be open.
- Dusk – Fireworks, Oxbow Ranch.
- For more information, call 541-820-3675.
- Long Creek – Sixth annual "Founder's Day Celebration"**
- Noon – History slide show presentation featuring the Porter family, Long Creek City Park.
- Hamburgers, hot dogs and cold drinks will be available. Those attending are asked to bring a salad or side dish.
- Sponsored by the Long Creek Historical Society.
- For more information, call Long Creek City Hall, 541-421-3601.

Nominate Your Educational Hero

Educators play an extremely important role in our community and are often underappreciated.

This year, Doug's Motor Vehicle Repair is saying "Thank you, educators" by honoring an "Educator of the Month."

Each month one local educator will be highlighted in the *Blue Mountain Eagle* and will receive a \$50 gift certificate from Doug's Repair. Educator of the Year will receive \$1,000 to be donated to school of their choice.

Nominate your Local Hero by picking up a nomination form at the *Blue Mountain Eagle* or Doug's Repair, or download a copy from the *Blue Mountain Eagle's* website – www.bluemountaineagle.com.

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The current plan calls for a \$25 annual license fee, and the funds raised would be spent on city beautification, said Mayor Jim Hamsher. Hamsher said the council went back and forth on plans

for dispensary regulations, but eventually decided to hold off on any ordinance until the state and the Oregon Liquor Control Commission release their regulations. Hamsher said he did not think a dispensary of any kind would fit in Prairie City. In Mount Vernon, city councilors wanted to ban medical marijuana dispensaries outright, but were told their city insurance would not cover the legal fees to defend the ordinance if they were sued. Instead, councilors instituted restrictions that nearly ban it

altogether, requiring any dispensaries to be located more than 1,000 feet from a city park or residential area. The city council in Canyon City has taken no action on marijuana dispensaries. As zoning rules and bans are enacted, some marijuana-related businesses have moved forward. Devin Freeman opened Juicy Tree, at 135 N. Main in John Day, in early June. The store sells glass bongs, lighters, rolling papers and other smoking accessories. Freeman has lived in Prairie City for two years, has a medical

marijuana card and is a grower for other clients with medical cards. He said he didn't have the desire – or the money – to open a dispensary. He did, however, have fears that he would be run out of town when he tried to open his small paraphernalia store. "Surprisingly, we really haven't gotten much of that," said Freeman. The process for getting a business license was simple. There were no people blocking the doors or harassing customers on his first day. Nearby business owners have been polite.

Join us in Prairie City for a Grant Co. 4th of July "IT'S A GRAND OL' FLAG"

You are invited to join our parade

Grand Marshals: Jim & Lynette Sullens

Whiskey Gulch gang Cannon salute starts the parade.

Parade Time: 12:00 Noon

Parade Line-up on North Johnson Parade Judging 11:15

Entry Forms available at:

Bar WB, The roan coffee Shop

J.D. City Hall & P.C. City Hall

Sweepstakes winner receives \$100.00 cash award.

Before the Parade:

Fabulous Flapjacks 7am-10am at the Teen Center

American legion Hamburgers at the Legion Hall

After Parade:

Tug O' War - John Day Fire Department

"Slice of Pie" - to support the Food Bank

Fay Burrill Memorial Jackpot Horseshoe Tournament 1pm?

PC Basketball BarBQ

Scheduled Events:

Fun for all ages,

Concert in the park "The Area" will be playing 2pm-5pm

Fabulous FFA Tri-Tip Dinner

Water Games at the City Park 1pm-5pm

Green Thumb Garden Club Serving Strawberry Shortcake 10am-4pm

De Witt Museum open to the public

Fireworks at dusk on the Oxbow Ranch

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Mt. Vernon All Class Reunion

<p>Friday, July 3: 6:00pm- Meet and Greet at the Wagon Wheel. Taxi service available. 8:00pm- Games and foolishness at the Community Hall.</p> <p>Saturday July 4: 1:00pm- Picnic and games at Holliday Park. Food will be provided. 8:00pm- Dance at the Community Hall. Beer Garden and taxi service. \$5/person, \$8/couple.</p>	<p>Sunday, July 5: 10:00am - noon- Pancake feed at Community Hall, followed by clean up.</p> <p>Please send RSVP and admission fees ASAP. . Adults: \$10, Age 12-18: \$5 and under age 12: free. Send admissions to the following: Linda Dickens McCumber 59640 Hwy 26 Mt. Vernon, OR 97865</p>
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For questions call:
Linda: 541-932-4748 or
Rhonda: 541-620-1639

A John Day police officer did fine a person leaving the store, he said, after the officer found marijuana residue on the customer's pocketknife. "That sort of stuff is over though," said Freeman. "With everything else that's being fought over (in the marijuana debate), I don't think a store like this is the most important," he said. Freeman is hoping for an increase in sales starting July 1, when the weed becomes legal. He said business has been "better than I thought it was going to be" already. When prohibition lifts, no one is quite sure what will change, only that many things will. — Tim Trainor is interim editor of The Blue Mountain Eagle. He can be reached at trainor@eastoregonian.com.

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Category: _____ Prize: _____ Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Description: _____

Riders: _____

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Classic Vehicles B. Floats C. Walking Individuals D. Non-motorized Vehicles E. Walking Groups F. Horse Drawn Entries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> G. Mounted Individuals H. Mounted Groups I. Decorated Vehicles J. ATV/Dirtbikes, Motorized K. Derby Cars/Custom L. Trucks M. Emergency Vehicles
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I agree to enter the parade at my own risk and release PCCA, The City of Prairie City and the Volunteer Fire Dept. from any and all liability. I agree to obey rules of the parade committee for the safety of others.

Name: _____ Date: _____

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