

Businesses in Grant County brace for eclipse influx

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In a lot of sparsely populated counties, the upcoming wave of eclipse tourism is unimaginable. But Grant County has had to accommodate a huge influx of people before.

Julie Carr owns the only gas pump in the tiny Grant County community of Dayville; if you're heading west, her station is the last place to get gas for 85 miles. She remembers August 2015, when massive fires were burning just a mile south of John Day. Hundreds of firefighters set up camp to contain the blaze, and basic supplies ran low.

"Clear up to Yakima there was no ice," Carr said. "So we took our ice machine, put it in the back of a dually pickup, hooked it to a generator and drove it to Idaho to a Cash & Carry and got ice. And that's how we provided ice to the fire camp that was here of 1,800 people."

This month's eclipse will bring exponentially bigger crowds. Grant County's Chamber of Commerce estimates that between 10,000 and 50,000 tourists will travel in or through the county on eclipse weekend. But Carr is feeling confident. She's got her own ice machine, and she's stocking up on essentials.

"Oh no, I'm not gonna let things sell out," she said. "My goodness, if I ran out of chew and cigarettes ... which happened two weeks ago, when I ran out of Copenhagen, three people came to know Jesus because we didn't have any! So, no, I'm not going to let anything run out."

At some local cultural centers in Grant County, it's a different story. Just because they've seen an influx of people before doesn't mean they feel prepared for the tourists — or comfortable with having extra patrons. The Grant County Museum, for example, is closing its doors for a whole week around the eclipse.

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Jayne Primrose runs the museum, and she says she's nervous about keeping her collection safe with a small, mostly volunteer staff. That's partly because many items in the museum's collection of old pioneer clothes and gold mining tools are displayed on shelves, unprotected.

"A lot of our items aren't in cases," Primrose said, "because we don't have the money to buy cases. We also pride ourselves on the fact that you can actually pick up an old whatever and look at it. Touch has something to do with the learning process."

They're worried about visitors who might try to steal things or even just damage them.

Primrose had similar concerns during another dry run for the eclipse: In early July, Grant County was the site of the Rainbow Gathering, an annual festival that brings free spirits together to build and live in a weeklong peace camp. Twelve thousand people camped out in the Malheur National Forest, and the main road to camp went straight through John Day and Canyon City.

Primrose closed the museum all week. "You know, I'm sure we lost money that week that we closed," Primrose said. "But that money, or any amount of money that would come in when we have herds of people from the eclipse, will not replace items that get stolen or damaged."

The Grant County Museum isn't the only one in the area shutting its doors during the eclipse. In John Day, the Ranch and Rodeo Museum is also closing. Two other museums — the Kam Wah Chung & Co Museum and Prairie City's Dewitt Museum — are staying open.

Tammy Bremner manages Grant County's Chamber of Commerce, and she says

that for organizations like the Grant County Museum, the question of whether to stay open for crowds is a tricky one.

"I think it's really hard for the museums because they want to be open but at the same time it's like, 'Can I be here for 24 hours a day, five days in a row? Am I going to have enough staff to do this?'" Bremner said.

The Grant County Sheriff's Department did not release information to OPB about local crime statistics from July. So based on the Rainbow Gathering experience, it's hard to know how much grounding exists for fears about vandalism and shoplifting later this month.

But on the business side of things, Grant County shopkeepers are putting any nerves aside and, for the most part, preparing to staying open.

"I think that people understand that this could be very beneficial and a big shot in the arm for the businesses. You don't want to miss out," Bremner said.

Even if that means doing some extra work to get ready. Bremner said that some restaurants are planning to stay open 24 hours a day when the tourists are in town, while others are stockpiling nonperishables or planning to serve more limited menus than normal.

And for those who might be disappointed that they won't get a chance to visit all of Grant County's local museums, Bremner points out that there will be many other options for eclipse tourist entertainment: a local outdoor concert, bikeable smoothie trucks, petting zoos, yard sales, bazaars and more. And maybe that will be enough to bring tourists back at a time when every museum in town has the bandwidth to stay open.

ODFW kills two wolves for repeated attacks on cattle

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Staff with Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife shot and killed two adult wolves in response to multiple attacks on cattle grazing in Wallowa County.

Department spokeswoman Michelle Dennehey said one uncollared wolf was killed Sunday night and a second was shot Tuesday morning. One was shot from the ground and one from the air, she said.

ODFW will monitor the situation and could take additional action if remaining members of the Harl Butte pack continue to attack livestock, she said.

Ranchers in the area have complained about the pack for some time and asked ODFW to kill the entire pack, which included 10 wolves at the end of 2016 and at least seven this past spring. They said the pack operated in an area that put

them within striking range of several herds grazing on public or private land. The Oregon Cattlemen's Association said the dry summer caused deer and elk to retreat higher into the mountains, making cattle "easy targets" for wolves.

Todd Nash, an area rancher and county commissioner who is the OCA's wolf committee chairman, said he was disappointed by ODFW's decision to kill only two wolves.

"We have seen this happen before and we fully expect more cattle to be killed. It's a very unfortunate way to do business," he said in a prepared statement.

ODFW confirmed the Harl Butte pack attacked cattle seven times since July 2016. Ranchers or a hired range rider interrupted attacks seven other times by shooting at wolves, charging them on horseback or otherwise chasing them away. Conservation groups

opposed ODFW using lethal control against the wolves.

Ranchers believe the Harl Butte Pack is made up of remnants from the Innaha Pack, which was notorious for attacking livestock. ODFW killed four members of that group in March 2016 after multiple attacks. However, ODFW said DNA analyzed from OR-50, a Harl Butte wolf that was captured and collared, "showed no familial relationship to wolves of the Innaha pack."

The department issued a lethal control order last week, announcing its intention to kill two adults. Dennehey, the spokeswoman, said ODFW hopes the remaining pack members will change their behavior. She said ODFW will monitor the situation and share information with producers and the range rider. The collar worn by OR-50 provides notice of the pack's location.

BRIEFLY

Oregon increases legal tobacco age to 21

PORTLAND (AP) — Oregon Gov. Kate Brown has signed legislation that increases the legal age for using and buying tobacco products from 18 to 21.

The law takes effect at the start of 2018. Oregon is one of five states to boost the age to 21, joining California, Hawaii, Maine and New Jersey.

Lawmakers who approved the bill during this year's legislative session said the goal is to prevent young people from starting a habit that's unhealthy and difficult to break.

The law targets sellers rather than buyers, with stores facing fines if they sell tobacco products to people younger than 21.

DOJ: Schools initiative petition unconstitutional

EUGENE (AP) — Oregon Secretary of State Dennis Richardson has rejected an initiative petition that sought to make it easier to boost taxes on businesses to pay for public education.

The Republican based his decision on an Oregon Department of Justice opinion that the ballot measure didn't pass legal muster because it tries to make two constitutional changes instead of one.

The petition backed by a teachers union would require the state Legislature to fund public education at a level consistent with the so-called Quality Education Model. Moreover, it would change the Legislature's three-fifths majority requirement to raise taxes on businesses.

Oregon Education Association spokesman Charlie Lapham tells *The Register-Guard* that the union is still considering a corporate tax hike proposal.

Sheriff's deputy fatally shoots Portland goat

PORTLAND (AP) — Authorities say a sheriff's deputy shot and killed a goat that escaped from a Portland farm.

Sgt. Dave Thompson of the Washington County Sheriff's Office tells KPTV the deputy felt threatened by the goat's size and horns, and had no other choice after making several attempts to stop it Sunday.

Farmer Matt Minnick says he feels partly at fault for allowing the goat to escape, but doesn't agree a shooting was necessary. He says 7-year-old kids are able to deal with goats.

He says the goat named Volt was his breeding male on the farm. He was a \$1,200 rare breed from New Zealand that Minnick says is known for its calm temperament.

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| TODAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY | MONDAY |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| HOT | HOT | | | |
| Very hot with hazy sun | Very hot with hazy sunshine | Mostly sunny and hot | Nice with clouds and sun | Pleasant with partial sunshine |

PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST

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| 102° 65° | 100° 67° | 94° 65° | 83° 57° | 82° 56° |
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HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST

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| 106° 64° | 104° 72° | 98° 68° | 84° 56° | 86° 55° |
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PENDLETON
through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE

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| HIGH | LOW |
| 101° | 63° |
| Normals | 89° 59° |
| Records | 111° (1898) 43° (1901) |

PRECIPITATION
24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"
Month to date 0.00"
Normal month to date 0.10"
Year to date 11.30"
Last year to date 7.34"
Normal year to date 8.05"

HERMISTON
through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE

| | |
|---------|------------------------|
| HIGH | LOW |
| 99° | 61° |
| Normals | 89° 59° |
| Records | 107° (1972) 43° (1931) |

PRECIPITATION
24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"
Month to date 0.00"
Normal month to date 0.06"
Year to date 6.59"
Last year to date 4.99"
Normal year to date 5.98"

SUN AND MOON

| | |
|----------------|-----------|
| Sunrise today | 5:49 a.m. |
| Sunset tonight | 8:11 p.m. |
| Moonrise today | 9:52 p.m. |
| Moonset today | 8:52 a.m. |

Last New First Full
Aug 14 Aug 21 Aug 29 Sep 5

REGIONAL FORECAST

Coastal Oregon: Low clouds and smoky today, except areas of low clouds and fog in the south.

Eastern and Central Oregon: Hazy sun today; hot across the north and near the Cascades.

Western Washington: Smoky today; hazy sun, except low clouds at the coast.

Eastern Washington: Hazy sun and smoky today; a passing shower in the mountains. Mainly clear tonight.

Cascades: Very warm today with hazy sunshine; a thunderstorm in spots.

Northern California: A thunderstorm in spots today; clouds, then sun at the coast.

REGIONAL CITIES

| | Today | | | Fri. | | |
|---------------|-------|----|----|------|----|----|
| | Hi | Lo | W | Hi | Lo | W |
| Astoria | 69 | 56 | c | 67 | 55 | c |
| Baker City | 93 | 49 | pc | 92 | 51 | pc |
| Bend | 94 | 60 | pc | 91 | 58 | pc |
| Brookings | 69 | 55 | pc | 79 | 56 | c |
| Burns | 90 | 51 | pc | 89 | 51 | pc |
| Enterprise | 93 | 56 | pc | 92 | 59 | pc |
| Eugene | 90 | 56 | pc | 86 | 53 | pc |
| Heppner | 99 | 66 | pc | 96 | 66 | pc |
| Hermiston | 106 | 64 | pc | 104 | 72 | pc |
| John Day | 94 | 64 | pc | 93 | 63 | pc |
| Klamath Falls | 90 | 55 | pc | 94 | 51 | pc |
| La Grande | 96 | 59 | pc | 95 | 60 | pc |
| Meacham | 95 | 56 | pc | 94 | 58 | pc |
| Medford | 97 | 67 | pc | 96 | 66 | pc |
| Newport | 62 | 53 | c | 61 | 51 | c |
| North Bend | 65 | 56 | c | 66 | 55 | c |
| Ontario | 96 | 61 | pc | 96 | 61 | pc |
| Pasco | 104 | 61 | pc | 104 | 65 | pc |
| Pendleton | 102 | 65 | pc | 100 | 67 | pc |
| Portland | 93 | 63 | pc | 85 | 60 | pc |
| Redmond | 96 | 55 | pc | 94 | 55 | pc |
| Salem | 94 | 61 | pc | 88 | 58 | pc |
| Spokane | 97 | 66 | pc | 97 | 67 | pc |
| Ukiah | 95 | 54 | pc | 93 | 54 | pc |
| Vancouver | 93 | 62 | pc | 87 | 60 | pc |
| Walla Walla | 101 | 72 | pc | 100 | 73 | pc |
| Yakima | 104 | 64 | pc | 103 | 67 | pc |

WORLD CITIES

| | Today | | | Fri. | | |
|-------------|-------|----|----|------|----|----|
| | Hi | Lo | W | Hi | Lo | W |
| Beijing | 92 | 75 | pc | 94 | 74 | c |
| Hong Kong | 93 | 82 | t | 92 | 84 | t |
| Jerusalem | 89 | 69 | s | 88 | 69 | s |
| London | 68 | 52 | pc | 67 | 59 | pc |
| Mexico City | 66 | 55 | t | 72 | 56 | t |
| Moscow | 76 | 59 | pc | 78 | 61 | pc |
| Paris | 69 | 54 | t | 73 | 56 | c |
| Rome | 93 | 72 | pc | 82 | 65 | s |
| Seoul | 85 | 73 | t | 87 | 74 | c |
| Sydney | 76 | 59 | pc | 75 | 50 | pc |
| Tokyo | 86 | 76 | r | 82 | 75 | r |

WINDS

| (in mph) | Today | Friday |
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| Boardman | NNE 3-6 | W 4-8 |
| Pendleton | N 4-8 | NW 4-8 |

UV INDEX TODAY

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8 a.m. 10 a.m. Noon 2 p.m. 4 p.m. 6 p.m.
0-2, Low 3-5, Moderate 6-7, High; 8-10, Very High; 11+, Extreme

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NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY

Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.

National Summary: Downpours will continue to drench parts of the South Central and Southeastern states today. Storms will fire from the Upper Midwest to the central Rockies. The heat wave will continue in the Northwest.

Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states)
High 113° in Needles, Calif. Low 31° in Sunset Crater, Ariz.

NATIONAL CITIES

| | Today | | | Fri. | | |
|----------------|-------|----|----|------|----|----|
| | Hi | Lo | W | Hi | Lo | W |
| Albuquerque | 92 | 68 | pc | 89 | 66 | pc |
| Atlanta | 83 | 72 | t | 85 | 73 | t |
| Atlanta City | 80 | 65 | s | 78 | 69 | t |
| Baltimore | 83 | 65 | s | 81 | 67 | t |
| Billings | 83 | 56 | pc | 82 | 56 | pc |
| Birmingham | 85 | 73 | t | 85 | 74 | t |
| Boise | 94 | 67 | pc | 94 | 67 | pc |
| Boston | 82 | 66 | s | 80 | 64 | pc |
| Charleston, SC | 85 | 73 | t | 89 | 74 | t |
| Charleston, WV | 77 | 65 | pc | 82 | 65 | pc |
| Chicago | 84 | 66 | pc | 79 | 62 | pc |
| Cleveland | 85 | 66 | s | 85 | 65 | t |
| Dallas | 95 | 80 | pc | 98 | 80 | pc |
| Denver | 77 | 56 | t | 84 | 57 | pc |
| Detroit | 86 | 65 | s | 82 | 62 | pc |
| El Paso | 97 | 75 | pc | 97 | 76 | pc |
| Fairbanks | 73 | 53 | c | 68 | 50 | pc |
| Fargo | 74 | 53 | pc | 77 | 55 | pc |
| Honolulu | 88 | 75 | pc | 87 | 76 | pc |
| Houston | 92 | 77 | pc | 93 | 77 | t |
| Indianapolis | 84 | 68 | pc | 81 | 64 | pc |
| Jacksonville | 89 | 74 | t | 90 | 75 | pc |
| Kansas City | 83 | 66 | pc | 83 | 63 | pc |
| Las Vegas | 108 | 84 | s | 107 | 84 | s |
| Little Rock | 89 | 73 | c | 87 | 72 | t |
| Los Angeles | 87 | 66 | pc | 87 | 68 | pc |
| Louisville | 87 | 69 | pc | 85 | 69 | pc |
| Memphis | 89 | 74 | c | 88 | 74 | t |
| Miami | 88 | 78 | t | 91 | 80 | t |
| Millwaukee | 82 | 64 | pc | 76 | 61 | pc |
| Minneapolis | 74 | 60 | sh | 78 | 60 | pc |
| Nashville | 87 | 71 | pc | 87 | 71 | t |
| New Orleans | 88 | 76 | t | 88 | 76 | t |
| New York City | 84 | 67 | c | 80 | 69 | pc |
| Oklahoma City | 91 | 70 | pc | 87 | 70 | t |
| Omaha | 84 | 61 | pc | 84 | 63 | pc |
| Philadelphia | 86 | 67 | s | 84 | 68 | t |