Pilot Stan Farris downs enemy plane

a member of the

Wallowa County

Court when this

photo was taken

during a mule

pack trip along

the Snake River

1966. As a Marine

pilot during World

War II, Farris was

downing an enemy

complete a suicide

U.S. warships (see

mission against

today's 70 Years

Ago section).

This photo was

provided to the

Hammond, who led

the 1966 pack trip.

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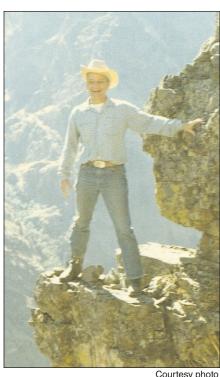
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100 YEARS AGO July 15, 1915

Heavy rains last week caused some grain in the county to lodge, but the damage was confined to patches in fields here and there. On irrigated land, where the field had been watered just before the rain the grain went down in places. In the hills also winter wheat that was far advanced fell in scattered cases. Heavy barley also suffered a little. The damage is believed to be slight compared with the good done by the rains, particularly to spring grain. All classes of non-irrigated land were in need of moisture, and some winter wheat was showing signs of turning prematurely. The days immediately following the rain were cool and without wind, so the wetting came with a minimum of harm.

Preparations for fighting forest fires in the next two months have been completed by the forest service, the timber owners, farmers and stockmen. Although a heavy rain fell last week in much of the forest, the ground dries quickly and fires will be a possibility soon if the weather is hot. Last year a soaking rain fell on July 7, and the next good rain was September 7. Many small fires broke out during the interim.

In the best ball game of the year, Wallowa defeated Joseph last Sunday 2 to 0. The game was played at Wallowa. This makes Joseph and Wallowa even in results to date this



Courtesy photo

summer. Culver pitched a pretty game for Wallowa and was well supported. Shutt pitched a steady game for Joseph.

The old county high school property was leased last week by the county to the Enterprise district, No. 21, for a period of two years. It is a straight lease, without any strings or conditions to it, and the rent is \$80 a month for the nine school months of the year. Two days' negotiations between the county court and the district directors were necessary to arrive at this conclusion. The directors knew exactly how far they could go, but were not committed to any particular settlement inside of that. They wished to rent the property with an option to buy.

70 YEARS AGO July 12, 1945

A clumsy attempt by a Japanese suicide pilot to ram an American warship helped Marine Captain Stanley Farris, 23, of Enterprise, shoot down his first enemy plane. He intercepted the Japanese dive bomber over the China sea, flying less than 50 feet above the water headed for a ship several thousand yards distant.

The apparent paradox of an inadequate water supply in a land with water running everywhere is again in evidence in

OUT OF THE PAST

Compiled by Elliott Seyler

Enterprise. Virtual exhaustion of the water in the city reservoir has made it dramatically necessary to drastically restrict the use of water for irrigation. On the north side of Greenwood street flat rate water users are restricted to the use of water for irrigation from 6-9 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, while meter users may irrigate throughout these days.

Results of the farm census taken this spring show that the number of farms in Wallowa county is steadily decreasing while the size of the average farm is mounting.

Modern methods of fighting forest fires by dropping men and equipment from the air right at the scene of the fire were demonstrated to members of the Wallowa National forest staff here Monday. The demonstration was made by a crew who flew here from McCall, Idaho, near Payette lake.

50 YEARS AGO July 15, 1965

Several members of the golf club at Enterprise and other interested citizens and city

council members met Tuesday evening at the high school with Ted Hunter of the Farm Home Administration. Mr. Hunter outlined a program whereby the golf club, as a corporation, could obtain a loan from FHA for installation of an irrigation system and grass greens at the local golf

With only a few weeks left before the opening of the Wallowa County Fair, knitters and crocheters who plan to use their needle or their hook to win fame by entering the 1965 National Wool Needlework Contest, are urged to let their fingers fly. To be eligible as a contestant, designs must be submitted to the Fair not later than Monday, August 9, with judging of the knitted and crocheted entries scheduled to begin immediately after the Fair has opened. The contest is being jointly sponsored by the National Hand Knitting Yarn Association and the American Wool Council for the third successive year.

25 YEARS AGO July 12, 1990

Circuit Court Judge R. T. 'Tom' Gooding is dropping his suit to prevent Wallowa County attorney Ron Schenck from succeeding him as circuit judge for Union and Wallowa counties. The decision for Gooding to dismiss his complaint charging Schenck with violating election laws by making false statements in the campaign leading up to Schenck's narrow 174-vote victory in the May 28 election, came a day after an amended complaint had been filed by the plaintiff and in the wake of other legal maneuvering.

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MCDOWELL: Reiner tops again McDowell had nothing but

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McDowell competed against 208 other riders from around the U.S. and countries as far away as Japan and Portugal.

McDowell placed 3rd in the Level 2 Open and 6th in the Level 3 Open at the event. "It's the most elite and biggest show of the year for 4-, 5- and 6-year-olds. It was the first time I'd made the finals at the derby, and I made both of them and won \$13,226. It was exciting," McDowell said.

More than exciting, it was actually a testament to McDowell's determination and drive to make the finals. Just before the derby McDowell was helping his daughter catch a 4-H sheep and tore the tendon that anchors the bicep muscle to the bone. "It was a little hard because it was my reining hand, and it was a little weak, but it'll heal up," McDowell said.

praise for his horse. "He's a great horse and I'm fortunate to be able to show him. We really click together — I know what he's going to do, and he knows what I'm going to do," McDow-

Thankful for the opportunity to ride the horse, McDowell had words of thanks for Lorenzo's owner. "There's a lot of great showmen who'd be happy to show that horse, but Suzy's put a lot of confidence in me to get the job done.'

Another point of pride for McDowell was that his son, Mason, accompanied him on the trip, driving down to Oklahoma with him. On the drive back, both father and son competed in a reining show in Nampa, Idaho. Matt McDowell did well with some colts in training, while Mason won the 13-and-under reining division. "He's really into the horses," McDowell said with obvious pride.

He also said that his entire family gives him the confidence to compete at the highest reining levels. "My wife, Amber, was going to fly down if I made the finals. I ended up calling and asked if her and the baby couldn't fly down before the preliminaries, and she did, which really helped me settle down. Without Amber, and the rest of my family believing in me, I'd have never made it as far as I have," McDowell said.

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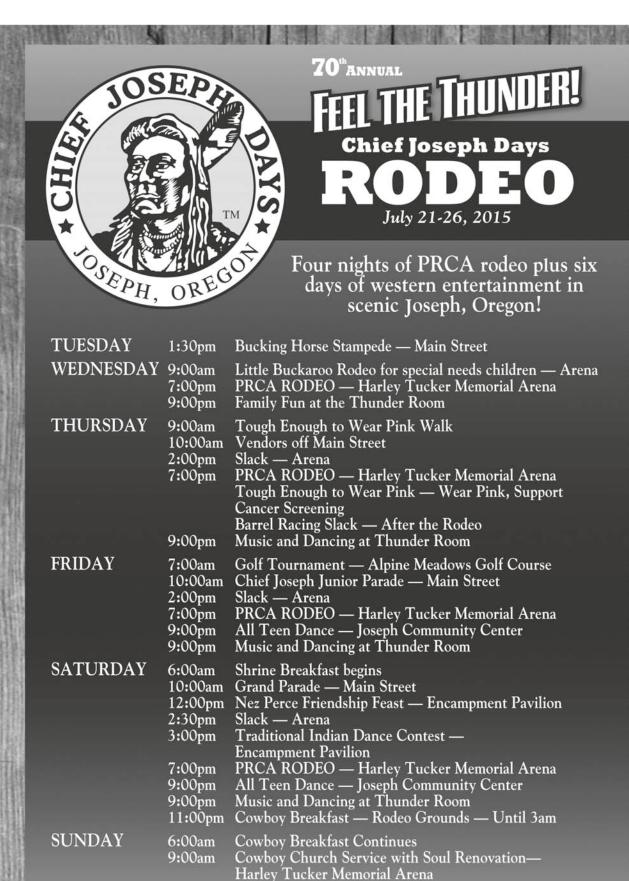
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