

World War II ends, Fire in Eagle Cap Wilderness

100 YEARS AGO
Aug. 19, 1915

The hunting season opened on Sunday, not with a bang, but with scores of sportsmen creeping through the forest trails, seeking the whir of the grouse and the snort of the deer. Perhaps some were rewarded, but the net results in game seem to have been very meager.

At least two additional teachers will be engaged for work in the grades in the Enterprise public schools the coming season. A third may be found necessary. As instruction in music is to be given in the upper grades and in the high school, there will be three or four more teachers than last year. The preliminary school census made two weeks ago shows a very material increase in the number of children of school age. With two extra teachers, there will be an average of 40 pupils to the room, according to the present figures. Ordinarily, many families come to town in September and October, and more after the holidays, so it seems probable that the schools will be crowded even with the two additional teachers.

The state railroad commission will hold a hearing in

Enterprise beginning this afternoon at 2 o'clock to consider the petition of the city for a crossing over the O-W railroad at Depot Street, extended south. The petition was sent to the commission by the city council after viewers had inspected the ground, approved the proposed crossing and passed on the benefits and damages.

No radical changes have been made in the Enterprise high school curriculum for next term, although some important changes will be effected in the existing courses. For one thing the work will be better divided among the teachers than has been possible before; and for another the teachers have had an opportunity to plan such changes in their work as experience seemed to suggest.

70 YEARS AGO
Aug. 16, 1945

Larry L. McGraw, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil McGraw, has recently been promoted to sergeant. He is serving in the Philippines with Ken's Men, the 43rd bombardment group of the 5th air force. He is an aerial gunner on a B-24. Larry has flown on strikes against enemy installation in the Philippines,

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Formosa and China and has completed 14 missions totaling 105 combat flying hours.

World War II ended with the announcement by President Truman Tuesday afternoon at 5 o'clock Pacific war time that the Japanese government had accepted without equivocation or qualification the terms of the Potsdam conference. The acceptance was addressed to the four allied powers, the United States, Great Britain, Russia and China. In the acceptance the Japanese government agreed to allied military occupation of their country, to the reduction of her boundaries to the Japanese home islands, and further agreed that the emperor would issue orders to all Japanese forces, wherever they might be, to lay down their arms, and would also issue such further orders as might be required by military authorities taking over the occupation of the Japanese homeland.

A representative group of farmers meeting at Wallowa and Enterprise last week to consider the advisability of establishing a soil conservation district, or districts, in Wallowa county, were unanimously in favor of such action. Soil conservation leaders will meet Sunday with the grange at Flora to sound out the views of the residents of that section.

50 YEARS AGO
Aug. 19, 1965

The interest in the Wallowa County 4-H fair climbed to a new high this year as was evidenced by some of the largest crowds seen at the Fair functions. Although there were estimates that the participation in the Fair was about the same as in previous years, large numbers of spectators were on hand for the many events all during the week.

The Wallowa Branch of the First State Bank of Elgin, Oregon, will hold open house on Saturday, August 21, between the hours of 12 noon and 4 p.m. The open house is being held in celebration of recently completed extensive remodel-

ing to the building. Included in the remodeling were the addition of a new private office, a new bookkeeping room, and complete refacing of the exterior of the building with the latest in decorative stone.

Wallowa County Fair Gust 13 displayed the largest purebred cattle show in Oregon outside State Fair and P.I. by showing 100 head of prize animals, according to Elgin Cornett, county agent.

The second of three crews at the Boise Cascade mill in Joseph has reached and passed 600 days of accident-free work. To celebrate the occasion all of the members of the crew and their wives were treated to a steak dinner at the Joseph hotel on Saturday evening and each was given an "Old Timer" pocket knife.

25 YEARS AGO
AUG. 16, 1990

Because of his age, lack of prior criminal record and character references, an 18-year-old of Libby, Mont., man received a relatively light sentence in the wake of his robbing a mushroom buyer of over \$7,000 at gunpoint east of Joseph on July 11.

A 20-acre fire in the head of Elk Creek in the Eagle Cap Wilderness was spotted Monday by the Forest Service's lead plane returning from a retardant drop on another fire, according to information officer Frank Erickson.

The board of the Joseph School District has granted a grievance submitted by the teachers' union regarding back pay which was due to certain teachers. Owing to the impact of a new salary schedule format which was negotiated in 1988, the teachers' union was able to show that 11 teachers had, in fact, been underpaid. In granting the grievance, these teachers will be receiving a back pay award totaling \$17,979.

A disastrous oil spill on the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area was averted Monday afternoon by the quick thinking of Randy Strohm, Forest Service representative on a contract to repave the Wallowa Mountain Loop Road, (Forest Road 39). A contractor's truck carrying 4,000 gallons of emulsified asphalt tipped over the Loop Road and spilled its contents near Gumboot Creek. Strohm ordered a truck load of gravel dumped into the oozing mass, creating an effective dam and stopping the oil from entering the creek.

Community Calendar: Reunion, barn dance

Wednesday, Aug. 19
"63 Amazing Miles," 6 to 8 p.m. at Wallowa Senior Center. Public gathering to ask questions and offer opinions on "Joseph Branch Recreation Rail with Trail Concept Report." Report is available online at www.eou.edu/rails-with-trails/ and at city halls, community libraries, county commission office. Info: Terry Edvalson, 541-377-6355.

Aug. 20-23
Second Annual Wallowa County Thunder Run, bike rally at Wallowa County Fairgrounds in Enterprise, and on Main Street in Joseph. More info: Gary Bethscheider, 541-263-0304; wcthunderrun.com.

Thursday, Aug. 20
"63 Amazing Miles," 6 to 8 p.m. at Joseph Community Center. See Aug. 19 calendar listing.

"Ancient Places" reading by Author Jack Nisbet, 7 p.m. at Stage One, 117 E. Main St. in Enterprise. More info: julia@wallowalandtrust.org; 541-426-2042.

Friday, Aug. 21
"Wallowa Lake — the REAL story," 8 p.m., Wallowa Lake State Park Program Area. Join local author Joan Madsen as she reads by the campfire. Bring your s'mores and blanket!

Saturday, Aug. 22
Art on the Land: Plein Air Fun with artist, teacher Jennifer Klimsza, 9 a.m. to noon, Joseph Center in Joseph. Join Klimsza on plein air watercolor or painting adventure on the back side of the East Moraine. Ages 13 and up. \$10 materials fee (all provided), space limited. More info: julia@wallowalandtrust.org; 541-426-2042.

Maxville Gathering, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Wallowa Band Nez Perce Interpretive Center near Wallowa. Admission: \$5 individual; \$10 family; \$15 group. Live music by Dom Flemons, professional Lumberjack show, mule-drawn tours, kids' booths, local food, local vendors and more. Info: maxvilleheritage.org.

Lostine All-School Reunion, 10:30 a.m., potluck at noon, Enterprise Community Connection, Lewiston High-

way. Bring own drinks. Coffee, plates and utensils furnished. Info: Myrla Clark at 541-432-8003.

7th Annual Barn Dance, a benefit for Wallowa Resources, 5 p.m. at Blue Barn Farm in Joseph, 63327 Tenderfoot Valley Road. Cost: \$30, \$15 for children 12 and under. Tickets available at Red Horse Coffee Traders in Joseph, The Bookloft in Enterprise, Lostine Tavern in Lostine, Wallowa Resources office in Enterprise, or from Wallowa Resources board members. Info: 541-263-0648.

Sunday, Aug. 23
Chief Joseph Days Rodeo Court Tryouts, 1 p.m. at Harley Tucker Memorial Arena in Joseph. Public is encouraged to come support the three applicants for the 71st CJD Court: Taylor Grote, Lauren Makin, Sarah Aschenbrenner.

Monday, Aug. 24
Poetry reading by Collier Nogues and Alexandra Teague, 7:30 p.m., Fishtrap House in Enterprise. Free. Donations welcome. Nogue will read from her collection, "The Ground I Stand on is Not My Ground," and Teague will read from her new book of poems, "The Wise and Foolish Builders."

Friday, Aug. 28
Wallowology presentation: "Nez Perce Fisheries: Steadfast Stewardship & Evolving Management in the Wallowas," 7 p.m. at 508 N. Main, Joseph. Featuring Jim Harbeck of Nez Perce Tribe Fisheries.

Wednesday, Sept. 9
Bost Family Traditions trio in concert, 7 p.m. at Wallowa Assembly of God, 606 W Hwy 82 in Wallowa. Free admission. Southern Gospel singing.

Sept. 11-13
Hells Canyon Mule Days, Wallowa County Fairgrounds in Enterprise. Includes non-motorized parade through downtown Enterprise on Sept. 12. Info: hells canyonmuledays.com.

Wednesday, Sept. 16
AARP Smart Driver, senior course, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Community Connection in Enterprise. \$15 for AARP members, \$20 non-members. To register, call Community Connection at 541-426-3840.

The Community Calendar lists fundraisers, free local events and those with a nominal fee organized by non-profit organizations. Submit information to calendar@wallowa.com. Deadline is 5 p.m. Friday. To promote for-profit events, contact sales representative Brooke Pace at bpace@wallowa.com.

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