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## Fire season flares up over weekend



Staff photo by E.J. Harris  
Firefighters monitor a burnout fire off of the Old Emigrant Highway on Saturday while battling a fast-moving wildfire east of Pendleton.

Blaze near Pendleton temporarily closes I-84; 2 others burning near Unity

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Evacuation notices for the area around Deadman Pass were lowered Sunday afternoon from Level 3 to Level 2 as crews continued to battle the Weigh Station Fire east of Pendleton.

Interstate 84, which had been closed for nearly 24 hours, also reopened Sunday after firefighters finished removing haz-

ard trees from along the road.

A Level 2 evacuation means residents can return home, but should be ready to leave again at a moment's notice if necessary. Jamie Knight, spokesperson with the Oregon Department of Forestry, said 20 structures have been threatened by the fire, but it's not certain how many of those are primary residences.

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### More information

#### FIRE MAP

Northwest Interagency Coordination Center  
gacc.nifc.gov/nwcc/information/firemap.aspx

#### FIRE BLOG

Oregon Department of Forestry  
wildfireoregondeptofforestry.blogspot.com/

## CONNECTING THROUGH FLIGHT



100 planes expected for Joseph Airport fly-in

High school aviation classes in the works

By Kathleen Ellyn  
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What started as a small pilots' breakfast in Enterprise back in 2008 has blossomed into an annual fly-in event boasting about 100 aircraft and hundreds of visitors, a rare plane show, opportunities to see the county from above and an educational event that includes a fundraising pancake breakfast at Joseph Airport.

The Wallowa County Fly-in is scheduled for 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 13, with breakfast from 7-10 a.m. The airport is located just west of the Harley Tucker Memorial Arena on Airport Lane/Hurricane Creek Road.

Among the ever-growing aviation displays and offerings is an educational display of numerous historical aircraft, including a P-51 Mustang; an authentic replica of "Miss Veedol," the first airplane to cross the Pacific Ocean — from Misawa, Japan, to Wenatchee, Wash., in 1931; and the return of the vintage 1937 DC-3 with a history of flying jobs so deep it was recognized by its maker, McDonnell Douglas, as the DC-3 with the longest flying time in the world.

The first 30 people at the gate will be offered free airplane rides. Gyrocopter rides will be available for a fee later in the day.

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Courtesy photo

The legendary DC-3 will be at the 8th annual Fly-In at Joseph Airport on Saturday.



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The best darn chicken in Wallowa County at the 2015 Wallowa County Fair.

## County fair kicks off Saturday

Event marks end of a busy year of service for 4-H Court

By Kathleen Ellyn  
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Get your toes in the grass, tip your hat back and enjoy some "Wallowa County Pride Shared County Wide" this weekend as the Wallowa County Fair kicks off with entertainment on the grass.

Singer/Songwriter and country girl Briana Renea of Canby, Ore., will start performing a free show on the Main Stage at 6 p.m. Saturday.

And that's just the beginning. There will be a full week of the usual fare and some great special events as well, including a reprise of the Fair Dance on Aug. 12 with music by KC Kunkle.

Highlights include Pee Wee Showmanship, 4-H Dog Show, the small-animal obstacle course, Bessie Bingo, games on the grass and balloon scramble and, of course, the excitement of the bidding at the 4-H/FFA livestock sale to close out the fair.

It's not all horses and cows, though we love them. Hogs and goats are a big deal in Wallowa County these days, too. So drop by the arena and watch some keen showmanship in both those divisions. And head into the coolness of Cloverleaf Hall to see all the gardening, cooking, preserving, sewing, drawing and photography arts.

It's the pinnacle of the year for 4-H Court ladies Maddie

It's not all cows and horses at the Wallowa County Fair, but we love 'em. Here, a nice beef cow gets shaved and bathed and readied for show.

McDowell, 15, daughter of Amber and Matt McDowell; Lexie Gasset, 14, daughter of Gary and Stephanie Gasset; and Ella Anderson, 15, daughter of Zane and Jessica Anderson.

The Enterprise trio has spent years in 4-H — often alongside siblings who also participated — and has developed a deep pride for what the program has to offer.

"4-H is something I'm pretty passionate about," McDowell said. "I want to teach the younger kids."

Her friends on the court agreed, expressing their joy at being able to provide leadership for newer 4-Hrs who are watching them.

Their ability to represent their club with poise and joy "shows what 4-H can do for kids," Anderson said.

And that's not all. "4-H teaches responsibility and the value of hard work when you learn to take responsibility for your animal," Anderson said. "When you earn money, it pays your feed bill first."

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## Arbor a welcome addition to CJD Friendship Feast

By Steve Tool  
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More than 100 people entered the Encampment Pavilion next to the Chief Joseph Days rodeo grounds Saturday to celebrate another Friendship Feast and the pavilion's new arbor. The feast is dedicated to fostering good will between Native Americans and the rest of the community. The new arbor, declared good to go three days before the feast, provided much-needed shelter from the heat and received great reviews.

The arbor, now a relatively completed structure, features a cedar shake roof with log and laminated beam construction supported by wood-sheathed iron posts. The former arbor featured a log frame with a tarp thrown over the top, providing little effective protection from the elements.

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The celebration of the arbor addition lent an exceptionally sacred tone to the feast, which featured a long prayer and song period before the meal of traditional foods from each culture began. Salmon and huckleberries, offered along with hamburgers, hot dogs and numerous home-baked desserts, gave participants a nice variety of foods to sample.

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