

Diesel plant stabilizes area's energy scene

OUT OF THE PAST

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100 YEARS AGO

Dec. 20, 1917

A.I. O'Reilly of the state industrial work for boys and girls visited Wallowa County last week to pique interest in several statewide youth contests. The categories receiving particular attention are potato growing, vegetable gardening, poultry raising, pork production, sheep raising, dairy herd record keeping, baking, canning, sewing, food preservation, farm and home handicraft and rural home beautification.

The Enterprise Opera House will present Ole Olson, performing a Swedish comedy, this Friday evening. The show will feature new scenery, electrical effects and vaudeville between acts.

With Christmas less than a week away, the balmy weather continues. In the last seven days, the lowest reading on the thermometer has been 30 degrees.

70 YEARS AGO

Dec. 18, 1947

With the additional power from the Pacific Power & Light company's new \$200,000 diesel generating plant now available, customers have been able to resume normal use of service at all hours of the day, M.G. Rutherford, district manager for the power company says.

A seven-foot cougar weighing around 190 pounds was brought in from Imnaha by Alfred Zollman on Monday. The animal was shot and killed near the mouth of Grizzly Creek, Mr. Zollman reported.

The Eagle Cap Ski Club met last Thursday and elected Leland Ratcliff president, Warren Bonner vice president and Jack Wagner secretary-treasurer. The club put up a tow line on the ski course on Sunday and will have it in operation every Sunday and on New Year's Day.

50 YEARS AGO

Dec. 21, 1967

One of the first prosecutions under a recent law



Chieftain file photo

This photo is circa 1919 or 1920 based on similar images in the Pacific Power and Light Co. archives, a spokesman said. Enterprise Electric Co., which became Pacific Power and Light, was organized in 1911. Reliable electrical service was still elusive in the late 40s in the county. See 70 Years Ago entry this week.

passed by the Oregon legislature to make hunting by helicopter illegal was instituted here this week with the filing of a complaint in justice court against Theo Grote, Joseph mayor and operator of the

Joseph Airport.

In open bowling at Playmor Lanes in Joseph, winners in the women's division: Muriel Jones, first, bowled a 227; Gail Jones, second, with a 225. In the men's divi-

sion: Larry Jones rolled a 255 for first place, and Cliff Collinsworth was second with a 246.

The Wallowa Memorial Hospital continues to overflow with patients. Yesterday,

30 were registered and some patients had to be placed in the TV room as all the regular rooms were full.

25 YEARS AGO

Dec. 17, 1992

On Monday, the Enterprise City Council approved two subdivisions, which will add 65 lots inside the city limits. The council approved a 56-lot subdivision — Wallowa Mountain Heights — near the Forest Service Visitor Center on the hill overlooking town, as well as a nine-lot subdivision called Alta Vista located on three acres of land adjoining Cemetery Road.

The Alpine Twirlers Square Dance Club has had an active and successful year. Now in its 20th year of dancing in Wallowa County, the club has grown and added new members, including a second caller, Glenn Hauskins, who recently moved to the area.

When Heppner area ranchers Jim and Susan Ward count their blessings this holiday season, they will be especially grateful for the return of a timid stock dog by the name of Butch. Butch, who was lost

Fishtrap plans 'New Agrarians' sessions

Who are the next generation of farmers? What are the barriers to begin farming today? How has farming and ranching changed over 30 years?

Winter Fishtrap: "The New Agrarians" tills into important questions facing the west's agricultural future. Join generations of farmers, farm workers and concerned citizens for a vibrant exchange of ideas, information and life-long connections.

The three-day conference is Feb. 16-18 in Joseph and aims to gather diverse voices to inspire a greater understanding on a timely theme. Special guests include Kate Greenberg, Western Director for the Young Farmers' Coalition; Nellie McAdams, Farm Preservation Program Director at Rogue Farm Corp; and Al Josephy, Washington State Department of Ecology.

Many regional farmers and ranchers will also participate in panel discussions addressing important themes such as "Top Barriers Facing New Farmer Suc-



cess," "How to Keep Working Lands Working Lands?" and "How Do We Give New Agrarians a National Voice?"

Several breakout sessions and conversations over the course of the weekend will engage both working farmers and the general public who care about the future of agriculture in the West.

"After a seven year hiatus, we're proud to bring back one of Fishtrap's flagship programs," says Fishtrap Executive Director Shannon McMerney, "Winter Fishtrap is a key component of our mission to promote clear thinking in and about

the West."

Winter Fishtrap participants are able to register for the entire weekend or pick and choose topics of interest. A Saturday night fundraising dinner highlights local food and beverages as well as the rousing music of Darrell Brann.

Since 1991, Winter Fishtrap has taken on issues that are important to citizens of the West. Over the years, Winter Fishtrap has explored such topics as "New Wealth in the Old West," "Fire," "Down Wind, Down River" and "Water," among many others.

SUMMER SCHOLARSHIPS

Fishtrap is accepting scholarship applications for the 2018 Summer Fishtrap Gathering of Writers. Several awards are available for writers of all ages. Applicants will be considered based on financial need, age, gender and a letter describing how Summer Fishtrap can enrich a writer's life. Applications are accepted through Jan. 15, 2018. Go to Fishtrap.org to learn more.

The 31st Summer Fishtrap Gathering of Writers is July 9-15, 2018. The theme this year is "Living Upstream." The conference features writing workshops, craft talks, panel discussions, readings, conversations and a community of writers gathering in the inspiring setting of Wallowa Lake. Registration opens Feb. 1, 2018.

Photo contest ready to begin

The 11th annual Wallowa County digital photo contest gets under way next month, and the submissions are accepted starting Jan. 1, 2018.

Except for Chieftain staff and Wallowa Valley Photo Club members, the contest is open to all amateur photographers from Wallowa County, including those who vacationed here, and photos can be of any subject and snapped at any time. It is sponsored by the Chieftain and the Photo Club.

All submitted photos will be displayed on the Chieftain's website as they are received. Each contestant may submit as many as five photos, with each photo being of a distinct subject. Photos that were previously winners of the contest are not eligible to be resubmitted. There are two divisions: students age 17 and younger and adults.

People's Choice awards will be given to the most popular photos, with first, second and third places in each division. Everyone can vote by browsing the Chieftain's contest web page and choosing a favorite student photo or adult photo. Prizes are \$40, \$20, \$10, plus certificates.

Overall best photos, with first, second and third places in each of the two divisions is determined by the judges. Prizes are \$40, \$20, and \$10, plus certificates. Prizes for honorable mentions will be certificates.

Submissions may be made Jan. 1 through Jan. 20. Voting for the People's Choice Award is Jan. 21 through Feb. 4. Winners will be announced in the Feb. 14 issue of the Chieftain.

All submissions must be digital — prints and slides are not accepted. However, prints and slides may be scanned and digital copies submitted. Digital photos may be submitted via the Chieftain's online submission form at wallowa.com.

Once there, click the link "Photo Contest" under the "Photos & Videos" main menu item. Photos can also be emailed to wallowaphoto@gmail.com, and CDs with photos may be mailed to Wallowa County Chieftain, P.O. Box 338, Enterprise, OR 97828 or dropped off at the office, 209 NW 1st, Enterprise.

For more information, see the complete contest rules on the web site, call 541-432-0467, or email wallowaphoto@gmail.com.

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