

Johnson is 1968 Oregon Father of the Year

OUT OF THE PAST
Compiled by Cheryl Jenkins

100 YEARS AGO
June 20, 1918

The largest draft yet called will leave the county, 50 men destined for Camp Lewis. The departure of so large a number will be made the occasion for a demonstration and, as is usual, it is expected the stores will close and half the town go to the station to see the men off. At the sheep shearing Beaudoin plant on Little Sheep creek, 12,000 head were sheared; 8,400 belonging to Peter Beaudoin and the rest for outside owners. This clip at the price set by the government is worth approximately \$77,000. More sugar must be saved. This is the edict of the food administration and those who are already curtailing their use of sugar are asked to cut down their consumption still further, while those who have so far neglected to make any material decrease in their use of sugar are urged to face the

sugar situation squarely as loyal citizens.

70 YEARS AGO
June 17, 1948

The Enterprise chapter of the Future Farmers came home from the Union stock show with several blue and red ribbons. Eugene Conrad, Mack Birkmaier, Keith Stein, Wayne Lathrop and Ronny Repplinger all participated. Justice William Douglas of Washington, D.C. arrived Monday to spend the summer in his mountain home up South Fork near Lostine. The community of Paradise has been hit by some bad electric storms and hard rains. The storm last week put all the phones on the Paradise ridge out, striking many poles and trees near the phone lines.

50 YEARS AGO
June 20, 1968

Wallowa County youths nearly swept the top honors at the Eastern Oregon Livestock Show in Union recently. The grand champion market steer was exhibited by Charles McDaniel of Wallowa. Mark



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Phillip McFarland, leader of the Nez Perce tribe, died in 1921 at the Wallowa County Fairgrounds. With about 30 members of his tribe, he had come to his native hills to enjoy old scenes and the fair. He was born in 1848. His body was buried on Captain John Creek on the Idaho side of Snake River, about 23 miles above Lewiston, beside his father and mother.

McCrae of Wallowa exhibited his grand champion market lamb. After eight children, 33 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren, Mr. T.G.

(Grover) Johnson of Wallowa County has been selected as the 1968 Oregon Father of the Year. High Wallows Inc. received word this week that

their proposal to form a corporation to sell stock in the gondola lift from Wallowa Lake to the summit of Mt. Howard has been cleared. This was the final stum-

bling block which kept the project from moving ahead several weeks ago.
25 YEARS AGO
June 17, 1993
Last week, location scout Doris Woempner of Joseph accompanied a four-person filming crew around Wallowa County to film locations shots for an ambitious eight-part documentary on the Native Americans of North and Central America being produced by film star Kevin Costner. The documentary is to be called "500 Nations."
Fiddler Don Norton of Imnaha played his way to first place in the open division of the Blue Mountain Old-Time Fiddlers Contest at Cloverleaf Hall Saturday. With fiddlers from three states competing, Wallowa County fiddlers captured first in five of the six divisions at the finals.
The spectacular "night glow" is one of the highlights of the Wallowa Mountain High hot air balloon festival, which kicks off in Enterprise. The event typically attracts a huge crowd.

Summerfest steps off Saturday

By Kathleen Ellyn
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One of the biggest and best kid's days in the county — Enterprise's Summerfest Celebration — is June 23. It's an event that closes down Main Street for several blocks in each direction of River Street. Summerfest began as Bowlby Bash in 2013, the brainchild of the Greater Enterprise Main Streets. The linchpin of the event was the modified soap-box derby that raced down Main Street and featured adult and child classes and a lot of good-natured competition and silliness. There's no derby this year, but Summerfest director Kris Naisbitt promises attendees won't be disappointed. Ashley Lee of LuLa Roe Boutique has been organizing the kid games: chalk for drawing on the sidewalk, a bouncy house, water balloon tosses, pie eating contests, potato sack races and more. The entire day of family entertainment begins with walk/run registration at 8 a.m. for the Third Annual "Walk On" to stop Diabetes at Enterprise City Park. Register at diabetes.org/communitywalk or register the day of the walk for \$25. The 10K run will begin at 9 a.m. and the 5K run/walk will begin at 9:15 a.m. That's followed by a flag ceremony back on Main Street at the County Courthouse at 10 a.m. and then the first-ever summer-themed parade



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Pastor Micah Agnew, foreground, joins up with Civil War era re-enactors during the 2017 Summerfest Celebration. Agnew's church, Abundant Life, is planning a day of activities again this year.

begins. "Entries are still coming in," said Naisbitt, "but I can say Mountain High Broncos and Bulls Drill Team and Wallowa County Humane Society will both have a large presence." To sign up for the parade, contact Mary Gassett mgassett69@gmail.com. The old-fashioned street fair on Main features face painting; live street shows by MidValley Theatre Company; Marmaduke the bull from Mountain High Broncos and

Bulls; food booths (including Baggin's Wagen mini-donuts); craft and artwork booths; and community service booths. A sprinkler splash pad will be in Ward Park. Batting cages may be set up by boosters for the Jensen Park indoor sports complex. Abundant Life Church on Main will again offer games both new and traditional on the church lawn and live music. Darrell Brann and Family, Local Yokels and the Nick Porter Band will perform through-

SUMMERFEST SCHEDULE
8 a.m. — Walk for Diabetes Enterprise City Park
10 a.m. — Flag Ceremony, National Anthem
10:05 a.m. — Parade with a summer party theme
2 p.m. — Turn in vendor raffle cards and kids entries
2:30 p.m. — Raffle drawing and parade winners announced
3 p.m. — End of Summer-Fest
5 p.m. — Mountain High Broncos and Bulls Rodeo
9 p.m. — Dance after the rodeo at the fairgrounds

out the day at the courthouse gazebo. Summerfest wraps up at 3 p.m. and families can gather again for Mountain High Broncos and Bulls Rodeo at Wallowa County Fairgrounds at 5 p.m. There is a dance at Cloverleaf Hall after the rodeo. The downhill derby will be back on next year as last year's Downhill Speedster winner, Jorge Aguilar, Jr., has accepted the responsibility for organizing the event in 2019.

‘Movies in the Parks’ start July 5 at Wallowa Lake

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An organization with the unsexy name of "Wallowa County Safe Communities Coalition" and an attractive reputation for completing youth-related projects has taken on their newest project, "Movies in the Parks." The money is there, thanks to a \$6,000 Wildhorse Grant written by Jessi Howard, prevention coordinator for Building Healthy Families. The first showing will be July 5 at Wallowa Lake State Park. Next is Enterprise City Park on July 12; Wallowa City Park on Aug. 2; Wallowa County Fairgrounds during the fair on Aug. 9; and Joseph City Park on Aug. 16. All movies will be shown at approximately 7:45 p.m. Backup indoor settings in case of bad weather are being sought and a way to vote on Facebook to select movies has been posted. This movie program may be expanded to school events and new events suggested by the community. Show times and updated information will be posted in

the Chieftain calendar. The movies will be played against a new blow-up screen, and the appropriate sound and video equipment is being purchased with professional advice. The coalition also sponsored the "After Prom Breakfast" last April and "Five Nights of Freddy's" Halloween event at Building Healthy Families in 2016. They welcome enthusiastic and available volunteer members. "We want a group of people who care about the county and say 'come and do this,'" said co-chair Neil Isley. "There are tons of things we can do if we can get a group that is willing to do ... whatever." The group wants to save all the necessary talk for executive sessions and then hold group sessions to hammer out details with the volunteer base. Interested? The group needs a couple of volunteers to help set up and tear down the inflatable screen and sound/video system this summer. Contact jhoward@oregonbhf.org or co-chair Mandy Decker at 541-398-1000.

Combined event planned June 29

Building off the success of last year's celebration, the Maxville Heritage Interpretive Center and Wallowa Resources will once again

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merge the Maxville Gathering and the Watershed Festival at the County Fair Grounds 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, June 29.

The day is family-friendly and fun for all ages with scavenger hunts, fishing, stories, lumberjack games and music by Darrel Brann and special guest musicians including two time Grammy winner Dom Flemons.

Thank You

Our heartfelt thanks for all of the love and support given to us after Jack Pace's passing. Thanks to everyone who called, sent flowers or cards, came by for a visit, brought in food, or came for Jack's memorial. A big thank you to Dr. De Young, Nora Stangel, the Wallowa Memorial Hospital Comfort Care Staff, Enterprise Christian Church, Pastor Dave Bruce, Gail Swart and Bollman Funeral Home for their love and care for Jack. Thank you to those who made generous donations to the Enterprise Education Foundation in Jack's memory. A special thank you to Ryan and Erin Pace for their beautiful slide presentation celebrating Jack's life.

Our sincere thanks,
The Jack Pace Family

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