

Man dies in fall from haystack on ranch near Imnaha

OUT OF THE PAST

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100 YEARS AGO

Aug. 25, 1921

While working on a haystack on the D-M ranch near the Imnaha road, north of Wood's corral, Luther S. Cox fell backwards to the ground, struck on his head and broke his neck. Death was instantaneous.

A fire destroyed the home of John Young in the Lewis district. Sparks from the burning house fell on the barn and it also burned to the ground. A cream separator was carried from the back porch and that was about all Mr. Young could save.

Charles C. Bilyeu, with C. M. Lockwood as a passenger, drove from Enterprise to Spokane and back this week. They left Enterprise Wednesday afternoon and arrived back home before Thursday night. Undoubtedly this is a record never before approached.

75 YEARS AGO

Aug. 29, 1946

The house on the corner of River and Grant streets, owned by Raymond L. Harris, has been moved back on the lot and now faces south. The space on the corner left vacant by the moving of the house will be the site of a



The founders of the Pratt Century Farm are pictured at their homestead on Swamp Creek about 1912. Clara, Everett, Lawrence, Joyce, Alma, Anna, Ira and Harold Pratt.

new Shell service station.

Icel Edgmand, Mrs. Bert Repplinger and Miss Lois Quinn were fined \$10 each on charges of assault and battery brought by Miss Betty Heasty and Miss Claudine Heasty. They were allegedly assaulted as they emerged from the Bob Inn.

On Friday last week, with the dining room at the Enterprise hotel and Emmons café both closed, the Fisher café served 700 meals, handling the trade in fine shape.

For sale: 173 acres, 75 acres farm land. 7-room house with water piped in. Barn 40x72. Some timber, orchard. Price \$4,500.

50 YEARS AGO

Aug. 26, 1971

Fire completely destroyed a hog barn at the Vic Crow farm near the mouth of the Hurricane Creek canyon. Lost in the fire were five of the 15 hogs which were kept in the barn.

The people of Joseph are becoming increasingly con-

cerned about their water supply which comes from Wallowa Lake. Tests conducted determined the presence of coliform, found in bird and animal droppings and human waste. Test samples which were taken failed miserably, showing none of the water tested to be fit for consumption without treatment.

Two young ladies were flown from the high mountains to Wallowa Memorial hospital when they became ill with severe stom-

ach cramps. Both received immediate treatment and were reportedly recovering in the hospital. Preliminary indications pointed toward appendicitis in both cases.

25 YEARS AGO

Aug. 22, 1996

The Salt Creek Fire has been contained at 52,600 acres. At its peak 679 firefighters and eight helicopters were assigned to fight it. Cost of the fire is listed at \$2,729,000.

Lyman Goucher was named Cattleman of the Year by the stockgrowers association. Sam Loftus received the award for Grassman of the Year.

Tim Melville's 130 acres of canola will soon be harvested. They hope to exceed 2,500 lbs. per acre on an experimental rotation crop whose value lies in canola oil grown within minuscule black seeds.

Approximately 135 friends and relatives attended the Ira Pratt Century Farm celebration at the Norman Pratt farm on lower Prairie Creek. The group was entertained by the Old-Time Fiddlers, Don and Vadna Norton, Leonard Samples and his two young sons, Caleb and Tyson.



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IN BRIEF

Input sought on plan for East Moraine

ENTERPRISE — Public input on the East Moraine Forest Management Plan will be accepted Wednesday, Sept. 1, during a special session of the Wallowa County Board of Commissioners at the Wallowa County Fairgrounds' Cloverleaf Hall, according to a press release.

The special session will run from 6-8 p.m. at the Cloverleaf, located at 600 NW 1st St. in Enterprise.

The moraine, a parcel of land of roughly 1,800 acres, was purchased and moved to county ownership in January 2020. A draft management plan has since been worked on by the Wallowa Lake Moraines Partnership — made up of Wallowa County, the Wallowa Land Trust, Wallowa Resources and Oregon Parks and Recreation — and members of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Oregon Department of Forestry and the Nez Perce Tribe cultural and forestry divisions, as well as community members. The final plan will ultimately be what governs management and stewardship of the property.

Meetings and hearings are open to the public with limitations per coronavirus requirements. Those interested in attending are encouraged to do so. For questions, concerns or need of special accommodations, contact the commissioners' office at 426-4543, ext. 1130.

Oregon's Alpenfest, Juniper Jam canceled due to COVID-19

JOSEPH — For the second year in a row, Oregon's Alpenfest has been canceled due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Directors of the event announced the decision to cancel the 2021 Alpenfest Sunday, Aug. 22, in light of a spike of coronavirus cases in Oregon and in Wallowa County. The county, as of Monday, Aug. 23, has reported 348 cases of coronavirus, but more than 100 of those have been reported in the month of August.

Refunds will be provided to individuals who had purchased tickets in advance, Anderson said.

The 2022 festival is scheduled for Sept. 22-25.

The recent coronavirus spike also claimed another event, as Juniper Jam was canceled, organizers announced Wednesday, Aug. 18.

Online ticket sales will be refunded, and those who purchased tickets from local outlets are encouraged to return to those locations for their refund.

Next year's event is scheduled for Sept. 3, 2022.

Wyden to host online town hall

PORTLAND — Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Oregon, will host an online town hall to discuss his River Democracy Act with rural Oregonians.

The virtual meeting is scheduled for 1 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 31.

The act was introduced alongside Sen. Jeff Merkley, D-Oregon, in February and is aimed at protecting nearly 4,700 miles of rivers and streams in Oregon. It also focuses on expanding recreation access to promote local economies, protecting drinking water, limiting wildfire and sustaining endangered fish and wildlife.

"I very much look forward to throwing open the digital doors of democracy on Aug. 31 to hear from rural Oregon's county commissioners, river enthusiasts, small-business owners and more so the River Democracy Act continues on its path to provide clean drinking water for families, build an even stronger outdoor recreation economy in every nook and cranny of our state and improve wildfire resiliency," Wyden said.

When the act was introduced in February, only 2,173 out of 110,994 total miles of rivers and streams in Oregon were protected under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. Wyden initiated the public process in October 2019 to acquire recommendations from Oregon residents on rivers that

deserve protection. Oregonians submitted approximately 15,000 nominations by January 2020. Wyden has met with county commissioners to discuss the list of protections and address any concerns.

The town hall meeting will be hosted by People's Town Hall on Facebook Live at <https://bit.ly/3xT11am>.

Signups taken for 2021-22 CJD Court

JOSEPH — Applications for the 2021-22 Chief Joseph Days Court are now available at the Chief Joseph Days Rodeo Office located at 401 N. Main St. in Joseph Applications are due back to the rodeo office by Sept. 6 at 4 p.m.

The office is open Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tryouts will be Sept. 19 at 1 p.m. For more information, contact Teah Jones at 541-263-1323.

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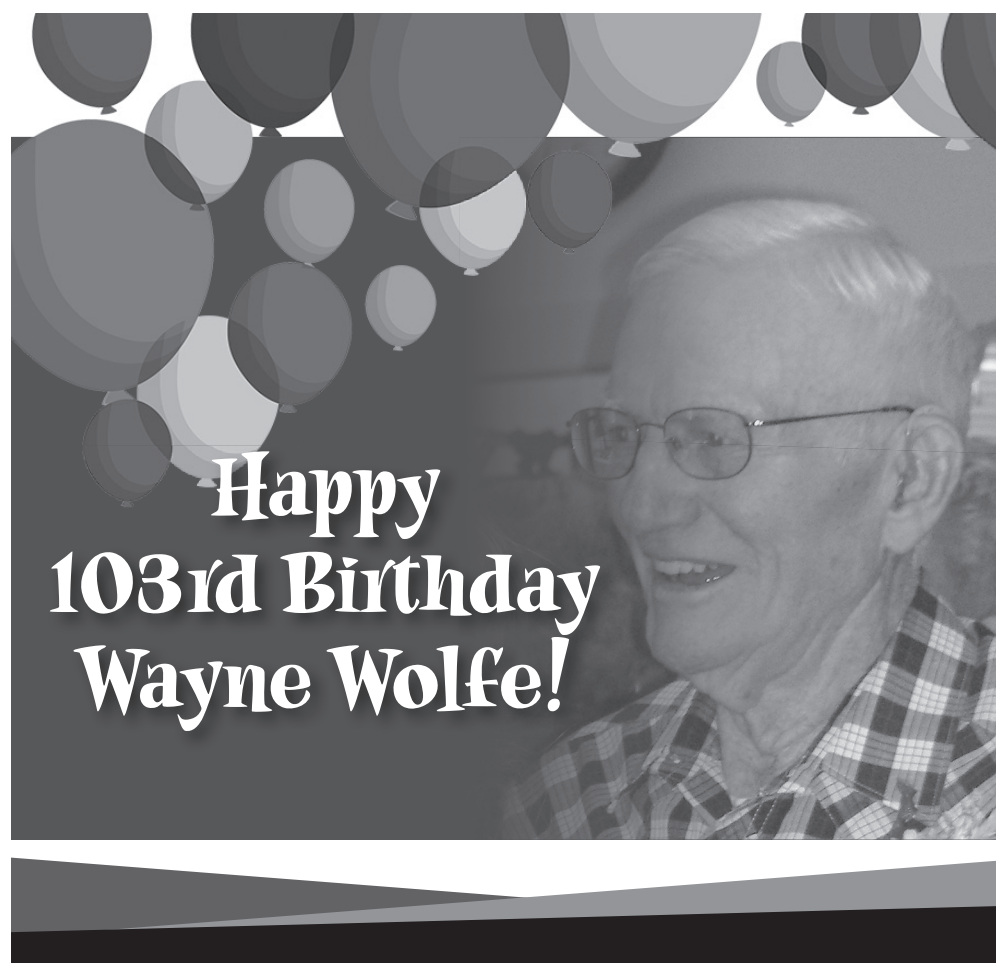


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