

DEQ

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• Fresh gasoline was found in vapor tests at the Grant County Library parking lot and on Fourth Street near the alley.

“The good news is the vapors have not moved and haven’t gone any farther than the complaints,” Franklin said.

The EPA announced last week it was wrapping up its role in the probe, turning it over to the state Department of Environmental Quality. Officials also said Triangle Oil is looking into the problem.

Russ Young, president of Triangle Oil, said he is working with the DEQ and EPA, and conducting a private investigation into the matter to determine if the vapors are related to his bulk plant facility.

In a statement issued Monday, Young also expressed con-

COMPANY RESPONDS

Editor’s note: Following is the statement issued Monday by Russ Young of Triangle Oil.

Triangle Oil Inc. is committed to determining whether the recent gasoline odors along South Canyon are in any way related to its bulk plant facility. It is working closely with DEQ and EPA, and it has retained an experienced environmental consultant to spearhead its investigation, which is already underway. That investigation will include a variety of activities at the bulk plant

property next week, which are intended to identify any release of gasoline into the environment.

Triangle Oil is committed to complying with all applicable local, state and federal laws and regulations that apply to its bulk plant and investigation. It is not aware of any release of gasoline at its bulk plant that could explain the conditions that have been the subject of the EPA and DEQ’s emergency response.

As a small, close knit community, we are all af-

ected by this situation. Triangle Oil expresses its sincere empathy and concern for everyone who has been inconvenienced in any way. If Triangle Oil’s investigation concludes it is responsible for gasoline odors or other environmental impacts to the community, Triangle Oil will work with DEQ to remedy those impacts and protect human health and the environment.

Sincerely,
Russ Young,
President and owner of Triangle Oil Inc.

Thoms said it could take one to two months for the vapors to go down – and the fumes could spike at some point, before an improvement occurs. Officials noted that ventilation machines have been helpful.

cern to everyone affected by the situation. His full statement accompanies this article.

At last week’s meeting, DEQ project manager Bryn Thoms said he expects it will take two to three weeks to pinpoint the

exact cause of the problem.

The agency first will focus on “temporary mitigation,” he said, making sure homeowners have ventilation systems in place.

“The DEQ’s priority is health issues,” he said.

PAST

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Born in 1870, she died in 1963 – but her life was one of several highlighted for the

crowd last weekend.

In addition to Reynolds, the presenters included Edie Komning, bringing to life Emma Dustin; Rose Coombs, as Emeline McCallum Hazeltine; Andrew Copenhaver, as John Long; Dave Traylor, as O.P. Cresap; Sam Bentz, as Dr. F.C. Horsley; Leslie Traylor, as Annie Luce; and Chris Lewallen, presenting Louisa Sewell.

The actors took their positions near the appropriate headstones, and waited for the visitors to stroll through the

cemetery lanes and gather for their talks.

The Historical Museum provided a brochure with brief biographies of the historic characters featured in the event, as well as a few others that are apt to crop up in future programs – F.C. Sels and Cy Bingham, among them.

The Friends invite residents and visitors alike to learn more about the county’s colorful historical figures by visiting the museum in Canyon City.



Eagle photos/Scotta Callister
Chris Lewallen awaits her turn to talk about the life of Louisa Sewell, a subject she hopes to turn into a book.



Leslie and Dave Traylor each had a role in the Voices of the Past program last Saturday.

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ALL FILMS \$6 ON TIGHTWAD TUESDAY
MOVIE SCHEDULE JUNE 5-11

INSIDE OUT PG - Disney/Pixar Animation. After young Riley is uprooted from her Midwest life and moved to San Francisco, her emotions conflict on how to best navigate a new city, house, and school.
FRI-THURS (4-20) 7:20 9:30
JURASSIC WORLD PG-13 - 22 years after the events of Jurassic Park, Isla Nublar now features a fully functioning dinosaur theme park, Jurassic World.
FRI-THURS (4:00) 7:00 9:40
INSIDIOUS: CHAPTER 3 PG-13 - Horror. A prequel set before the haunting of the Lambert family.
FRI-WED 7:10 9:35
THURSDAY 9:35
SPY R - Comedy. A desk-bound CIA analyst volunteers to go undercover to infiltrate the world of a deadly arms dealer.
FRI-THURS (4:10)
(1) = Bargain Matinee
\$9 Adult, \$7 Senior (60+), Youth

RANCH

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through the use of prescribed fire and pre-commercial thinning.

“Roger and Meredith’s goal has always been to leave a

healthy, fire resistant forest for future generations,” he said.

The Box T Ranch is also home for one of the largest trees currently growing in Grant County – a Douglas fir referred to by the family as “General Grant.” The tree has a diameter of 72 inches and an estimated lumber volume of 9,000 board

feet, and is about 600 years old.

Roger is retired after 30 years as an educator in Grant School District No. 3, and Meredith worked 17 years as the Grant County Court clerk. They continue their day-to-day ranching operations as the Box T Ranch reaches Century Farm/Ranch status.

The Oregon Tree Farm System helps private forest landowners manage their lands with the goals of conserving forest, water, and wildlife while promoting natural resources based recreational opportunities. They support the responsible harvest of renewable resources and the Oregon Wood Products Industry.



The Eagle/Scotta Callister

Lori Butterfield of Joseph is accompanied by a preserved Alaskan wolf at a booth at the Oregon Cattlemen’s Association meeting in John Day.

“It’s a Grand Ol’ Flag”
GRANT COUNTY 4TH OF JULY
PRAIRIE CITY PARADE REGISTRATION

Category: _____ Prize: _____ Name: _____ Phone: _____

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A. Classic Vehicles	G. Mounted Individuals
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C. Walking Individuals	I. Decorated Vehicles
D. Non-motorized Vehicles	J. ATV/Dirtrikes, Motorized
E. Walking Groups	K. Derby Cars/Custom
F. Horse Drawn Entries	L. Trucks
	M. Emergency Vehicles

I agree to enter the parade at my own risk and release PCCA, The City of Prairie City and the Volunteer Fire Dept. from any and all liability. I agree to obey rules of the parade committee for the safety of others.

Name: _____ Date: _____
Take preregistration to Bar WB or Mail to: Bar WB, PO Box 924, Prairie City, 97869. For further information call (541) 820-3675 • fax (541) 820-3753

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for a Grant Co. 4th of July
“IT’S A GRAND OL’ FLAG”
You are invited to join our parade
Grand Marshals: Jim & Lynette Sullens
Whiskey Gulch gang Cannon salute starts the parade.
Parade Time: 12:00 Noon
Parade Line-up on North Johnson Parade Judging 11:15
Entry Forms available at:
Bar WB, The roan coffee Shop
J.D. City Hall & P.C. City Hall
Sweepstakes winner receives
\$100.00 cash award.
Before the Parade:
Fabulous Flapjacks 7am-10am at the Teen Center
American legion Hamburgers at the VFW Hall
After Parade:
Tug O’ War - John Day Fire Department
“Slice of Pie” - to support the Food Bank
Fay Burrill Memorial Jackpot Horseshoe Tournament 1pm?
PC Basketball BarBQ
Scheduled Events:
Fun for all ages,
Concert in the park “The Area” will be playing
2pm-5pm
Fabulous FFA Tri-Tip Dinner
Water Games at the City Park 1pm-5pm
Green Thumb Garden Club Serving Strawberry
Shortcake 10am-4pm
De Witt Museum open to the public
Fireworks at dusk on the Oxbow Ranch
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“A good name is better than great riches: To be esteemed is better than silver or gold.”
Proverbs 22:1

WOLF

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The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife investigator ruled it a “probable” kill, not confirmed, a call that stunned Nash.

He appealed the decision, but to no avail. He noted such appeals are heard within the agency.

The OCA is pressing the state to have livestock death investigations handled by a different agency, and several in the John Day audience echoed that stand, calling it unfair for an agency to police its own decisions.

Confirmation numbers could be critical to the ranchers’ case for delisting wolves and empowering landowners to eliminate problem wolves.

Wolf advocates argue against delisting and lethal force, and have cited relatively low kill counts to bolster their case. As noted at the meeting, without confirmed kills, wolf advocates can claim the problems are minimal and that nonlethal control methods are working.

Asked about the nonlethal methods, Nash noted the state urges ranchers to clean up their carcass piles and use flagging, called fladry, to discourage

wolves from hanging around their ranches.

Although he acknowledged carcasses will attract wolves, he said, “I have mixed feelings about that. If they’re eating dead cattle, they’re not eating live cattle.”

Nash said he and other ranchers have found fladry “next to useless” unless it’s electrified, but he said keeping a charge in wet, snowy or windy terrain is impossible.

Nash said another obstacle to confirming kills is that wolves tend to leave little evidence behind.

He showed a trail camera photo of a pack of wolves working on a large cow carcass. He said when the camera owner went back to the site a day later to reposit the camera, only a single hoof was found on the ground.

More often, ranchers will end up with missing animals but no way to prove wolves at fault.

Nash said the impacts ranchers extend beyond missing or dead animals.

“Just getting them run, chased, can be pretty traumatic,” he said, noting the weight and reproduction losses add up.

He cited one rancher’s experience: after turning out 90 pair, he ended up short nine calves and seven cows. The other cows came back at unusually low weights, a sign of being harried by predators.

The overall losses were valued at more than \$46,000, but the rancher was left without clear evidence to confirm wolves as the culprits.

Nash also noted continuing battles in the political arena, where the proposal to delist wolves in Oregon is a hot topic.

ODFW says the state has 77 known wolves, and is at seven breeding pairs, enough to warrant removing them from the state endangered species list.

The state Fish and Wildlife Commission is expected to make a decision on delisting as early as next fall. The Oregon Wolf Plan also faces a 10-year review. Nash noted the state’s tally of 77 wolves is only a “minimum count” – representing “known” wolves, those observed or collared.

Nash said the real count would be much higher, but it’s harder to see a wolf than most people think.

He said wolves have been documented in the area where he ranches since 2008, “and I’ve only seen two so far.”

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June 26th
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Please stop by and join us in celebrating

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