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According to Lonnie Lawrence, one of the organizers, the numbers of entries was down slightly this year, but they had more classic cars participating.

Grand marshal Bob Cox, whose family pioneered the area, rode in style in a vintage Chevy driven by Rose Howe.

A spectacular red, white and blue float by the Strange and Bravos families won

“best in show.”

The day kicked off with 5K and 10K runs on Top Road. Afternoon activities in the park included a wide variety of contests, children’s activities and family games.

The day concluded with a dazzling fireworks display over the river, sponsored by Boyer’s Store.

Results from the events will be in next week’s issue.



The Eagle/Cheryl Hoefler
Monument’s Fourth of July Grand Marshal Bob Cox is chauffeured by Rose Howe.



The Eagle/Cheryl Hoefler
Martalena Williams, almost 2, of Salinas, Calif., takes a popsicle break after her hard work riding in the Monument parade. She is the great-great-granddaughter of the late Thelma Williams, of Monument.



Contributed photo/Eric Sines
Long Creek Mayor Don Porter, in the yellow vest, leads Long Creek community members and firefighters at the Long Creek fire camp in a short early morning Independence Day observance.

Firefighters honored on the Fourth of July

By Patti Hudson
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LONG CREEK – Firefighters at the Long Creek fire camp paused before their morning briefing for an Independence Day observance, led by Long Creek Mayor Don Porter and Oregon Department of Forestry Incident Commander Rick Wagner.

The ceremony included a moving rendition of the national anthem by 2015 Long Creek High School graduate Ashlyn Garinger, along with words of thanks and inspiration to the firefighters from

both the mayor and the incident commander.

“It’s unusual to have a fire camp set up during the July 4th holiday, but with fire season coming early this year we wanted to show our support and appreciation to the firefighters working on Independence Day,” said Porter.

In addition to the fire camp just north of town, fire personnel have also utilized the Long Creek Community Center and the Long Creek School for command and helicopter operations. With all nearby fires now under control crews will soon be redeployed to other areas.

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- Prairie City Parade results:**
- Classic vehicles:**
- 1st, Trevor Hamsher
 - 2nd, Buck and Beam Family
 - 3rd, Grant County Search and Rescue
- Floats:**
- 1st, American Legion Post 106, Sweepstakes Winner
 - 2nd, Prairie City Senior Citizens
 - 3rd, Quilts and Beyond
- Walking Individual:**
- 1st, Anna Jacobs
- Non-motorized:**
- 1st, Emma Field
 - 2nd, Daylon Keith and cousins
- Walking group:**
- 1st, Chester’s Thriftway
- Horse-drawn vehicle:**
- 1st, Katrina’s Barber Shop
- Mounted individual:**
- 1st, Terry Hanson – Grant County Search & Rescue
- Royalty:**
- Queen Reitta Wyllie – Grant County Fair & Rodeo
- Mounted group:**
- 1st, Brianna Zweygardt and Mamie Woodbury
 - 2nd, Buck and Beam Family - Frankie and Zoey Beam
- Decorated vehicle:**
- 1st, Prairie City Hall
 - 2nd, Eastern Oregon Hydrographic
 - 3rd, Blue Mountain Care Center
- ATV/motor bikes:**
- 1st, Old West Federal Credit Union
 - 2nd, Canyon Creek Mining Company
 - 3rd, Prairie City Boys Basketball
- Derby cars:**
- 1st, Tyler Nodine
 - 2nd, Steve Patterson
- Trucks:**
- 1st, Forest Service – Smokey Bear
- Emergency vehicles:**
- 1st, Prairie City Fire Department
 - 2nd, John Day Fire Department
 - 3rd, Grant County Search & Rescue



Contributed photo/Heather Bailey
Grand Marshals Lynette and Jim Sullens ride in style down Front Street in an old-time Prairie City Fire Department truck. Jim, driving, is a retired Prairie City fire chief.



Contributed photo/Heather Bailey
Veterans on the American Legion float wave their flags during the Prairie City Fourth of July Parade. The entry won first place in the floats division and was the sweepstakes winner.



Contributed photo/Wendy Burril
Brett Burril and Beau Van Cleave enjoy the Prairie City Fourth of July parade.



Contributed photo/Heather Bailey
Queen Reitta Wyllie represents the Grant County Fair and Rodeo in the Prairie City Fourth of July Parade.



Contributed photo/Heather Bailey
The Quilts and Beyond float, winning third place in the float division, was a patriotic sight in the Prairie City Fourth of July Parade.

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Friends and families gathered in the park afterward for Jake Burgers, a pie-eating contest, a pie-in-the-face contest and scavenger hunt.

The firework display was held Friday evening, offering county travelers the opportunity to see other displays Saturday and more activities followed Sunday with the Dayville Dash 5K.

Dayville Parade results:

Kids Division

- 1st, Streeter Grand Girls
- 2nd, Kendell Skillings
- 3rd, Grayson Schmadeka

Horse Division

- 1st, Reitta Wyllie on Breeze
- 2nd, McKenzie Canon on Tamara
- 3rd, Kelly Collins on Beasty

Motorized Division

- 1st, Lee Schrier driving self restored 1946 Super A International tractor
- 2nd, Citizens for Public Access
- 3rd, Dayville 4-H Club

Family Division

- 1st, Brandon and Sydney Thompson family
- 2nd, Moore Family

- Business Division**
- 1st, Mobile Glass
 - 2nd, John Day Fossil Beds
- Best of Parade**
- Lee Schrier
- Family Trophy**
- Sydney and Brandon Thompson family (Brandon, Sydney, Ethan, Tyler, Carson, McKenzie and friends)



Contributed photo/Heather Rookstool
Fireworks light up the night sky in Dayville.



The Eagle/Angel Carpenter
Grand Marshal Marina Martin is driven by her daughter Kori Martin.



The Eagle
Angel Carpenter
The Dayville 4-H Club members have fun with their colorful float in the Dayville parade.