

WHAT'S HAPPENING

The deadline for What's Happening items is 5 p.m. Friday. Call Cheryl at the Eagle, 541-575-0710.

SATURDAY, AUG. 1

20th annual Kruzers car show

• 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Prairie City
The 20th annual Grant County Kruzers car show, a display of classic vehicles from throughout Grant County and beyond, rolls into Prairie City. Registration is from 9-11 a.m., and a poker walk with participating city merchants will be from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Prizes will be awarded at 3 p.m., in such classes as best of show, special interest, 1980 and newer, teen-owned, farthest traveled, and several time period categories. There will also be a special 20th anniversary grand prize drawing, and oldies music playing all day to keep everyone in a "classic" mood. Registration is \$20 per car, which includes a goodie bag, dash plaque and poker walk entry. Breakfast will be served by the Prairie City School FFA, and lunch by the PC girls basketball team. Call 541-542-2525 or 541-820-3745, email gckruzers@ortelco.net, or visit www.ortelco.net/~kruzers/.

SUNDAY, AUG. 2

Cinnabar Mountain Playday

• 9 a.m., Grant County Fairgrounds, John Day
This is the fourth playday of the season. Registration is at 9 a.m. and the rodeo starts at 10 a.m. Events include barrel racing, pole bending, goat tying, dummy roping, keyhole, flag race and figure 8. Membership cost is \$30 a person or \$45 per family. Entry fees are \$2 per event or \$10 for the day. For more information call 541-571-8591 or 541-620-4158, email cmplaydays@gmail.com, or visit Cinnabar Mountain Playdays on Facebook.

Worship in the park

• 5:30 p.m., Sproul Park, Canyon City
The Ministerial Association will host "worship in the park," with music by The Joint Heirs. The concert is free and all are welcome.

TUESDAY, AUG. 4

Time to cut the relish

• 7 a.m., Grant County Fairgrounds, John Day
Members of Ellis Tracy American Legion and Auxiliary will hold a relish-cutting gathering to prepare the vegetables for relish for the county fair burgers. Anyone interested in helping is welcome. Call Art Pereira, 541-575-1841.

WEDNESDAY-SATURDAY, AUG. 5-8

Grant County Fair

• Fairgrounds, John Day
The theme for the 106th county fair is "Blue Jeans and Country Dreams." Highlighted acts include Brady Goss Band, Magic with Hart, Blue Mountain Old Time Fiddlers and The Saddle Boyz. Other returning activities include the trike races, watermelon seed spitting contest, talent search, as well as the pavilion exhibits. And yes, there is a carnival again this year. The Kids parade is at 1 p.m. Friday, and the main parade is at 10 a.m. Saturday, with grand marshals Marge and Art Walton of Prairie City. Fair Queen is Reitta Wyllie. Admission to the fair is free for everyone on Wednesday, and free every day for seniors 65 and older, and children 5 and under. Daily admission is \$5, or \$10 for the entire fair. Call the fair office, 541-575-1900, for more information.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY, AUG. 7-8

NPR A Rodeo

• 7-9 p.m., Fairgrounds arena, John Day
Professional competitors will be kicking up the dirt as they buck, ride and rope their way toward the winner's circle. Admission is \$5 a person each day, plus a fair pass. Call the fair office, 541-575-1900 for more information.

SUNDAY, AUG. 9

CowKids Rodeo

• 10 a.m., Fairgrounds arena, John Day
Events include calf riding, steer riding, wooly bullies, dummy roping, breakaway roping, pole bending, barrels, goat tail undecorating, goal tail tying, goat tying and stickhorse race. Deadline for entries is Sunday, Aug. 9. For more information, call Simmie Waddell, 541-620-0596.

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20 years of chrome and dice

Kruzers car show set to sparkle in PC Aug. 1

By Cheryl Hoefer
Blue Mountain Eagle

PRAIRIE CITY – Is it the tuck-and-roll upholstery? The fuzzy dice? The fins and shimmering chrome?

Chances are, the attraction of vintage vehicles – both for the owners and interested on-lookers – tugs at something deeper, such as the reminiscence of days gone by or a particular memory or event.

Whatever the reason, owners and spectators will meet again for a step back in time at the Grant County Kruzers 20th annual car show Saturday, Aug. 1, in Prairie City's city park.

The show itself runs from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., with the schedule as follows:

- 9-11 a.m. – Check in and registration.
- 10 a.m.-2 p.m. – Poker walk with city merchants.
- 2 p.m. – Turn in poker hands and car show ballots.
- 3 p.m. – Prizes and announcements.

Prairie City School FFA will offer breakfast from 7:30-11:30 a.m. and the PC girls basketball team will serve lunch from 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

Oldies music from the 50s, 60s and 70s will play throughout the day, to keep everyone in a rockin' and rollin' mood.

And yes, there are prizes at stake.

First of all, there will be a special big prize drawing in honor of the show's 20th year. Other trophies and gas card prizes will be awarded in several classes: best of show, first- and second-place in several vintage year categories,



Eagle file photo

A shimmering showcase of vintage vehicles fills the park and nearby streets in Prairie City during the 2014 Grant County Kruzers car show.

convertibles, trucks and utility vehicles. Plus, additional classes such as special interest, 1980 and newer, teen-owned, and farthest traveled.

Many entrants come from Grant County, various locations throughout Oregon, and some from nearby states. For many years, a regular entrant from Arizona won the farthest-traveled honor.

The prizes are all sponsored and supported by local businesses.

Registration fee is \$20, which includes a goodie bag, dash plaque and poker walk entry. There's no admission to just come and look, and enjoy the oldies ambiance.

So how did this all start? According to Kruzers member Jennifer Barker, the club and the car show began simply enough when two classic car owners, Leonard Wolf and Joey Oatman, moved to Prairie City from Redmond and wanted to start

a car club here.

They called people they knew who also had old vehicles, and things accelerated from there.

That was in 1996.

The first show was co-sponsored by the Kruzers and the Prairie City Merchants Association. It was a longer event, running well into the evening and included several contests: hot pepper, 50s retro costume and watermelon eating. A poker walk, oldies music, trophies and prizes were also part of the festivities.

The number of entrants over the years has averaged in the 40-50 range. Last year's show drew 51 participants and their vehicles, filling Prairie City's park and surrounding streets.

From the beginning, the show has always been held on the first Saturday in August and has always been in Prairie City.

According to Barker, people who come to the car show enjoy the ambiance and closeness of the town.

New club members are always welcome to join. Kruzers meet at 6 p.m. the second Monday of the month – except for August and January – to discuss car shows members have attended and other activities. Meetings are held at various area restaurants.

The group also supports automotive activities in high school shop classes throughout the county, and donates to area grad nights too.

Kruzers also gather for a members picnic in July.

Membership dues are \$20 per year.

For more information about the club or the car show, call 541-542-2525 or 541-820-3745, or email gckruzers@ortelco.net. Visit the Grant County Kruzers on Facebook and online at www.ortelco.net/~kruzers/.

Work forces temporary road closure

Blue Mountain Eagle

Work on a county radio tower replacement near the Dixie Butte lookout will force a temporary intermittent closure of Forest Road 2610.

According to Malheur National Forest officials, the last mile of the road will be closed for safety reasons for one month, with work scheduled to begin July 27. The narrow road has a steep side slope and no areas for safe turn-

arounds prior to the lookout.

Official forest road closure orders are online at www.fs.usda.gov/malheur.

For more information, call 541-575-3000, or visit U.S. Forest Service-Malheur National Forest on Facebook.

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