

Raffle

Proceeds Benefit Fire Victims

TWO DRAWINGS!

August 24 & September 8
Raffle Put On by Your Grant County Chamber of Commerce

\$12,000 of Donations

Valuable Donations by County Businesses & Supporters

TICKETS \$5 Each or 5 for \$20

135+ Chances to Win!

See the list at the bottom for Locations where you can purchase your Tickets!
Must be 18 to participate

CASH DONATIONS: Oster Professional Group, Oregon Telephone Corp., Country Preferred Realtors, Norco Medical Supplies, Eastern Oregon Realty, KJDY, The Blue Mountain Eagle

AUGUST 24TH DRAWING			SEPTEMBER 8TH DRAWING		
DONOR	DONATION	VALUE	DONOR	DONATION	VALUE
Malheur Lumber	Choice of 1 pallet of Bricks or Pellets	225.00	Chester's Thriftway	3 Minute Shopping Spree	300.00 to 500.00
No-Hi Enterprises-Baker City	Electric Garage Door System	335.00	John Day True Value Hardware	Quality Weber BBQ	400.00
Tidewater Contractors Inc.	10 yd Load of Driveway Rock	160.00	Malheur Lumber	Your Choice 1 Pallet Bricks or Pellets	225.00
Allen Mullen	1 Ton of Hay	160.00	Tidewater Contractors Inc.	10 yds Driveway Rock	160.00
Velvet Touch Car Wash	10 Car Washes	90.00	Life Flight	1 yr Mem., Hat, Hoodie, Mug	100.00
T&H Automotive	Windshield Replacement	250.00	Bob Baggett	1/2 hr Airplane Ride	120.00
Greg & Melody Jackson	Grant County Greenbacks	50.00	Greg & Melody Jackson	Grant County Greenbacks	50.00
Radio Shack	2 Video Game Units	180.00	Radio Shack	2 Video Game Units	180.00
Prairie Trading Post	John Wayne Portrait - Framed	65.00	Nydams Ace Hardware	Ruger 10/22 w/ Simmon Scope	310.00
Len's Drug	Gift Card	50.00	Len's Drug	Gift Card	50.00
Prairie Hardware & Gifts	Yard Torch	65.00	Prairie Hardware & Gifts	Gift Basket	87.00
Clark's Disposal	1 Year Free Pickup - 1 Can	180.00	Andy's Plumbing & Sports	5 Day Survival Backpack	80.00
Family Tree Service	Gift Certificate	200.00	McKinley Logging	1 Cord Juniper Fire Wood	60.00
John Day Polaris	ATV Tool Box	80.00	Mosier's Home Furnishings	Gift Certificate	200.00
Les Schwab Tire Center	Emergency Road Kit	35.00	Pat & Hedi Voigt Ranch	GIBCO Gift Certificate	250.00
Mills Building Supply	Danner Romeos	99.00	Les Schwab Tire Center	Emergency Road Kit	35.00
Blue Mountain Chiropractic	CDL Exam	95.00	John Day Eye Center	Exam	164.00
ER Printing & Graphics	1,000 Business Cards	125.00	John Day Napa Auto Parts	Black & Decker Lithium Drill & Tool Set	150.00
4 Seasons Plumbing	New Toilet and Installation	205.00	Driskill Memorial Chapel	2 Nights Wapiti Cabin on Powder River	300.00
Dr. Virginia McMillan DDS	1/2 hour Airplane Ride	120.00	1st Choice Auto Body	Credit to New Windshield	100.00
Hitz's Taxidermy	Gift Certificate-Any Taxidermy	100.00	MD Enterprizes	Residential Service Call	50.00
MD Enterprizes	Commercial Service Call	75.00	Gardner Enterprizes	2 Cases Beverage	60.00
Gardner Enterprizes	2 T-Shirts and 1 Case Beverage	30.00	John Day Golf Course	2 Rounds Golf + Cart	84.00
Sunrise Construction	2 hrs Tractor Work	120.00	Darrell McKroia Const.	1 Window and Installation	400.00
JD Rents	Gift Certificate	25.00	Voigt Chevron	Oil Change	49.00
State Farm Insurance	Gift Certificate to Dark Horse Booth #8	100.00	Good Deals	Gift Certificate	25.00
Doug's Vehicle Repair	Lube, Oil & Filter	40.00	Silver Spur	Dinner for 2	40.00
Pioneer Feed	Gift Certificate	25.00	Maria's Mexican Restaurant	Gift Certificate	20.00
Snaffle Bit	Gift Certificate	50.00	Bear Valley Roadhouse	Gift Card	25.00
Huffman's Select Market	Gift Certificate	50.00	Grumpy's Embroidery	2 Hooded Sweatshirts	40.00
Mobile Glass	Windshield Replacement	350.00	America's Best Value Inn	1 Night's Lodging	84.00
Cindy's Dog Grooming	Small Dog Clipping	35.00	Cloud 9 Salon	1 Cut & Style	25.00
Len's Drug	Gift Card	50.00	Dairy Queen	Gift Card	50.00
Sherry Fieger	9 x 13 Decorated Cake	25.00	King's Dept. Store	Cast Iron Cookware	49.00
Oxbow Trade, Museum & Antiques	Custom License Plate Rooster	49.00	Hoffman's Yes We Do Cleaning	Gift Certificate	50.00
Better Blooms & Gardens	Gift Certificate	40.00	Body Fitness & Dance	Gift Certificate	40.00
Fields GrassFed Beef	Gift Certificate	60.00	JD Rents	Gift Certificate	75.00
Ed Staub & Sons	Propane Tank & Hat	38.00	John Day River Vet. Clinic	1 Spay or Neuter Dog or Cat	180.00
Land Title Company	Bath Towel Set	40.00	Historic Hotel Prairie	1 Nights Lodging & Drinks	119.00
Tanni Wenger Photography	1 Photo Session	65.00	North River Electric	Gift Card to Dayville Café	50.00
John Day Floral	Gift Certificate	25.00	Newport Tradewinds	5 Hour Fishing Trip	Goes With Golf
Chuck's Little Diner	Gift Certificate	20.00	Agate Beach Golf Course	9 Holes of Golf for 2	14.00
Quilts & Beyond	Quilt Kit & 30 Gift Certificate	55.00	Bed and Breakfast by the River	Gift Basket	86.00
Bar W B	Silver Necklace & Earrings	67.00	Wright Chevrolet	Lube, Oil & Filter	40.00
One Guy & A Wrench	Lube, Oil & Filter	40.00	Grant County Automotive	5 Gallon Fuel Container	33.00
Radio Shack	Standing Air Purifier	200.00	Len's Drug	Gift Card	50.00
Grubsteak Mining Company	Gift Certificate	40.00	McDonald's Restaurant	Gift Certificate	100.00
Hitching Post	Dinner for 4 + Milkshakes	45.00	Dreamer's Lodge	1 Room From 10/15 to 3/15/16	75.00
John Day Video Shoppe	Gift Certificate Movies or Games	25.00	Jim's Antiques Shop	Gift Certificate - Vacuum or Sewing Machine Repair	38.00
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Squeeze Inn Restaurant	Gift Certificate	24.00	Andy's Plumbing & Sports	Zombie Bear Target	30.00
Silver Spur	2 Pies	30.00	Doug's Motor Vehicle Repair	Lube, Oil & Filter	40.00
Grant Co. Building Supply	Gift Certificate	25.00	Mary Miles Massage	30 Minute Session	30.00
Mary Miles Massage	30 Minute Session	30.00	Long Creek Lodge	Room for 2	60.00
Lou's Heartfelt Quilting	Quilting Gift Basket	75.00	Pioneer Feed	Gift Certificate	25.00
John Day Video Shoppe	Gift Certificate Movies or Games	25.00	Prime Time Video	15 Movie Star Card	30.00
Becker Consulting	Computer Tuneup	35.00	Duke Warner Realty	Gift Certificate to Dayville Cafe	35.00
Stampede Café	Gift Certificate	25.00	Outpost Pizza, Pub & Grill	Gift Card	25.00
Oxbow Restaurant - Prairie City	Gift Certificate	50.00	Eberhards Dairy	2 Tubs Ice Cream	18.00
Sherry Fieger	9 x 13 Decorated Cake	25.00	Shiny Thimble Quilt Studio	Quilt Book & Gift Certificate	60.00
Greg & Melody Jackson	Grant County Greenbacks	50.00	John Day Polaris	ATV Tool Bag	20.00
Flower Shop N More	Gift Certificate	25.00	GIBCO & Gardner Enterprises	Birdseed & 2 Cases Pop	30.00
Thomas Orchards	Fresh Fruit	30.00	Spoiled Rotten Boutique	Camo Hat & Necklace	30.00
Eberhards Dairy	2 Tubs of Ice Cream	18.00	1st Baptist Church	Gift Certificate & Basket	40.00
Stampede Café (Long Creek)	Gift Certificate	25.00	Figaro's Pizza	Two Pizza and Movie Nights	40.00
Triangle Oil	12 Quarts or Oil	26.00	Triangle Oil	12 Quarts of Oil	26.00
Susan Hutchison	"WV" New Cookie Lee Gift Certificate	57.00	Mossy Oak Properties/Copper Creek Land Co.	Gift Certificate	50.00
Austin House	Gift Certificate	25.00	Austin House	Gift Certificate	25.00
Virginia McMillan DDS	Sonic Professional Care Toothbrush	120.00			

***TICKET PURCHASE LOCATIONS:**
JOHN DAY True Value Hardware, Len's Drug, Chamber of Commerce, Nydams Ace Hardware, Squeeze Inn, John Day Napa Auto Parts, JD Rents
PRAIRIE CITY Prairie Hardware & Gifts **MT. VERNON** Silver Spur
DAYVILLE Dayville Merc, Dayville Café **LONG CREEK** Stampede Café
BEAR VALLEY Bear Valley Store, Bear Valley Road House

MERCHANT SALES AWARD: 1st Blue Tooth Automotive Music/Hands free \$170
 2nd Velvet Touch Carwash/10 Car Washes \$90 • 3rd 1188 Brew Pub/Gift Certificate \$50



The Eagle/Angel Carpenter
 The remains of a charred travel trailer and an antique basin are just a few remnants in Dean and Betty Elliott's yard after the Canyon Creek Complex fire roared through last Friday.

GONE

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They started gathering their things, but just 20 minutes later, they were told to leave right away.

"There were red ashes falling in the yard, and I thought I could hear his pick-up and that there was something wrong with the motor because it was so loud," Betty said. "It was the fire — he didn't have his

pick-up on."
 "The wind was fierce," Dean said. It roared like a locomotive.

Betty tried to find their three cats. Her son, Rick, called.

"I told Rick, 'I can't talk, we're evacuating, and I have to catch the cats,'" she said.

She found the three pets, but one escaped. They were out of time.

The vortex swept down the canyon, they said. The fire sucked all the oxygen out of the air.

If they had stayed another

15 minutes, Dean said, the fire would have killed them.

Now, they are trying to piece their lives together. A friend told them a home was available. They stopped their the newspaper delivery. Dean obtained a temporary driver's license.

"We're going to have to buy you a wallet," Betty told him.

They miss their home, nestled in 30 timbered acres.

"We did a bunch of work to make that place livable," Dean said.

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and Canyon City. OTEC crews imported a 2.5-megawatt generator from Seattle as a precaution if all four lines were to go down. So far, the utility's 138-kilovolt line out of Hines has managed to withstand the heat.

"With the generator on site, we would be able to continue to feed the system enough power for critical emergency services, such as the hospital, gas service station and grocery supply," Ratterman said. "Hopefully we will not need it now."

Resources stretched thin

The Canyon Creek Complex is the Northwest's highest priority wildfire, with more than 560 personnel assigned to the inferno and more on the way.

And, while demand for fire resources has surged across the West, the supply is quickly becoming tapped.

The Pacific Northwest is one of three regions nationwide under a wildfire Preparedness Level 5, which means there are more than 14 uncontained large fires exhausting local agencies.

The National Interagency Fire Center in Boise has given the Northwest top priority, though northern California and the northern Rocky Mountains are also at Preparedness Level 5, and the Great Basin region — made up of portions of southern Idaho, Nevada, Utah and northern Arizona — is at Level 4.

All together, there are approximately 95 large wildfires burning 1.1 million acres of land in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, California, Nevada and Colorado. Incident commanders are forced to compete for available firefighters and equipment.

"Most of the teams are not getting the support they want because resources are so thin," said Kari Boyd-Peck, spokeswoman for the National Interagency Fire Center.

The situation is so dire that,



Contributed photos
 Flames and smoke burst against the nighttime sky in this photo by Koby Essex.

for the first time since 2006, the Department of Defense has agreed to send 200 active duty personnel from John Base Lewis-McChord, Washington, to assist firefighters.

In Oregon alone, there are 12 uncontained large fires burning nearly 300,000 acres, according to the Northwest Interagency Coordination Center in Portland, as of Aug. 17.

Spokeswoman Koshare Eagle said the center prioritizes fires based first on threats to public safety, followed by threats to communities and infrastructure. Numerous fires meet those criteria, Eagle said, but because resources are so thin they have 60 orders for hotshot crews that have gone unfilled.

The majority of acres on fire — more than 225,000 — are also on fires that are less than 30 percent contained, Eagle said, which means they have a long way to go.

"The most challenging thing for the folks working here is knowing the need that's out there and not being able to get those resources sent out," Eagle said. "It's difficult on everyone."

An unusual year

Given the amount of strain, Gov. Kate Brown issued an executive order Monday suspending the hours of service rules that usually apply to trucks hauling fuel for firefighting aircraft.

There are 17 air tankers available for Northwest fires, stationed strategically across the region in Moses Lake, Wash., as well as La Grande and Redmond.

U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Oregon, also weighed in, saying he will work with the state and U.S. Forest Service to make sure all available resources are deployed as quickly as possible.

Jim Whittington, spokesman with the state Bureau of Land Management and regional forest service fire staff, said crews prepared well in advance for a difficult fire season based on a third consecutive year of drought and record-low snowpack last winter.

What's made this year unusual, he said, is the intensity of the season in such a short period of time, with the region hammered by a perfect storm of lightning and wind over the past two weeks.

"There's an intensity here that probably has not been matched in a number of years, or ever," Whittington said.

So far, the Northwest has spent more than \$167 million fighting fire in 2015. Nationwide, that total is \$1.5 billion.

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