

# Donations flow to the Pavilion

## Gift cards and prepaid credit cards are welcome

By Nancy McCarthy  
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JOHN DAY — Only two weeks ago, the Pavilion at the Grant County Fairgrounds was filled with vendors' booths as part of the Grant County Fair.

Now, it is filled with clothing, toiletries, canned foods, bottled water, pet food — donations from near and far to help those who have lost everything.

With such speed and fury, the Canyon Creek Complex fire streaked through the canyon, engulfing homes and structures in its path. More than 200 residents have been forced to evacuate their homes, leaving all their belongings behind.

As soon as people heard about the disaster, donations began coming in. Fair Manager Mary Weaver opened the pavilion to collect the deliveries from citizens and businesses.

The donations came from as far as Oregon City and also included items from Wheeler and Crook counties, Union and Pendleton. Local businesses helping out included Chester's Thriftway and Muzzy's 1-2-3.

"I have a list of 23 names of people who lost their homes," Weaver said. "I hear that more are coming in."

So many items have been donated that Weaver is trying to slow that flow. She also has stopped accepting donations of used clothing. However, monetary donations, in the form of gift cards and prepaid credit cards, are welcome.

Other items most needed are:

- Batteries
- Flashlights
- Generators or use of a generator
- Heavy duty exterior electric cords
- Snacks and food that can be eaten within a day. Donations of frozen food are difficult to store, but Weaver is trying to find more freezer space.
- Laundry detergent

The Pavilion is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday for those who need assistance and those who want to donate. Weaver said she hopes to find enough volunteers to keep the Pavilion open on weekends.

When no one is there, a contact phone number will be posted on the door, Weaver said.

Those wishing to make



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Donations ranging from clothing to canned food are available at the Pavilion for those who lost their homes or have been affected by the Canyon Creek Complex fire.



Pet food was among the donated supplies received at the Pavilion on the Grant County Fairgrounds. Assistance is being given to those who lost their homes or who had to evacuate and haven't been able to return to their properties.

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donations should call the fairgrounds' main number, 541-575-1900, before dropping by, Weaver said.

Anybody who has been displaced because of the fire will be assisted. Those who lost their homes will be able to access the monetary donations from a fund being established at the Old West Federal Credit Union.

"We are compiling lists of people and their needs. We are working with the sheriff's office and the police department," Weaver said.

Some people may not want to ask for help because they feel it is a "hand out," Weaver said.

"But people want to donate," she added. "It's as important to people doing the giving as it is to those who are receiving."



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Ranchers and others from the Grant County area and beyond team up to deliver hay to the Grant County Fairgrounds for displaced livestock. The group is accepting more hay donations for people who need hay for their animals, as well as anyone with equipment to load and transport it. Call Jim Hamsher, 541-620-2861.

### Grant County Road Department Surplus Sale

Bid Opening: Aug 26, 2015 at 9:15am

Description	Minimum Bid
Lot #1. 4'x8' Culvert with Door (used)	\$50.00
Lot #2. 5'x7' Flat Bottom Culvert (used)	\$75.00
Lot #3. 18"x40' Culvert (Rough Shape)	\$75.00
Lot #4. 3'x32' Culvert with band (used)	\$200.00
Lot #5. 3'x19' Culvert (used)	\$150.00
Lot #6. 4'x13.5' Culvert (used)	\$200.00
Lot #7. 3 pieces of 6'x27' Flat Bottom Culvert, (used)	\$350.00
Lot #8. 1992 Viking Truck Snowplow 11.5 wide	\$175.00
Lot #9. 1994 Frink Truck Snowplow 11.5 wide	\$175.00
Lot #10. 3 Tool Boxes (1 wooden, 2 metal)	\$50.00
Lot #11. 4 Pickup Tool Boxes (all metal)	\$100.00
Lot #12. Large Floor Jack	\$50.00
Lot #13. Swamp Cooler	\$50.00
Lot #14. 1992 Ford Explorer, 4x4 (Blue, 245,846 mi.)	\$200.00
Lot #15. 14'8"x7'4" Cattle Guard	\$500.00
Lot #16 2 Homemade Cattle Guards	\$100.00
Lot #17 8 Pieces of Aluminum water pipe, 6" wide	\$150.00
Lot #18 7 Pieces of Aluminum water pipe, 4" wide	\$175.00
Lot #19 Spring Cattle Guard	\$150.00
Lot #20 8 Wood Bridge Decking, 19'x various widths	\$500.00
Lot #21 8 Pieces of treated Timbers of various lengths	\$50.00
Lot #22 1973 Ford Water Truck (runs, but not drivable)	\$400.00
Lot #23 1994 Ford 250 Pickup (141,374 mi.)	\$1,500.00
Lot #24 2 Pallets of Lime	\$50.00
Lot #25 4 Furniture type card holders	\$100.00
Lot #26 3 Room Partitions	\$25.00
Lot #27 Broce Broom, 8' (used)	\$10.00

Items may be viewed at the Road Department, 27941 Lower Yard Road, John Day, OR between the hours of 7am - 4:30pm, Mon - Thur. For more info, call 541-575-0138 or 575-3782

**Sealed bids with Lot no. identified on the envelope must be received by the Grant County Court office, 201 S. Humbolt, No. 280, Canyon City, OR no later than 9am on Aug. 26, 2015**

### Nominate Your Educational Hero

Educators play an extremely important role in our community and are often underappreciated.

This year, Doug's Motor Vehicle Repair is saying "Thank you, educators" by honoring an "Educator of the Month."

Each month one local educator will be highlighted in the Blue Mountain Eagle and will receive a \$50 gift certificate from Doug's Repair. Educator of the Year will receive \$1,000 to be donated to school of their choice.

Nominate your Local Hero by picking up a nomination form at the Blue Mountain Eagle or Doug's Repair, or download a copy from the Blue Mountain Eagle's website -www.bluemountaineagle.com.



*"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."*  
- Helen Keller

There are endless benefits to becoming a volunteer. Whether you can donate hours or minutes, you are valued. Join us on August 20th at 5:30 pm at The Outpost in John Day to learn how your special skills can help Grant-Harney County CASA.



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• \$35\*  
• \$30\* GC students  
• 12 & under Free or cost of shirt (\$20)  
• \$30 for sweatshirts

**Call Megan Workman**  
541-620-1822  
for more information.

**Early registration due by Aug. 27th**

**Forms are available at:**  
Java Jungle in Prairie City and John Day  
If interested in volunteering, contact Megan

Proceeds will be donated to Muscular Dystrophy Association, in AJ Dicken's name and the other half will go into the Taner Gilliam Scholarship Fund in order to grant scholarships to Grant County students.

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