

COOKIE POWER!

Prairie City bakers prepare treats for spike camp crews

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PRAIRIE CITY — It was a cookie campaign that spread about as fast as a wildfire.

On Tuesday, Aug. 25, Linda Kinnaman of Prairie City announced on social media her plan to give fire crews up in the spike camps homebaked cookies with their dinner one night.

Within hours that day, a big batch of bakers from all over were pulling out their recipes, bowls and baking pans to contribute to the cause.

"It blew up like the fire," Kinnaman said.

By the end of the week, Friday, Aug. 28, Kinnaman and three volunteers — Linda Rockhill, Dolores Young and Amanda Rockhill — were busy in the backroom of The Hitchin' Post in Prairie City, bagging up cookies and loading them into boxes.

The successful effort provided 350 individual baggies, each containing a variety of half a dozen



Linda Rockhill, left, and Linda Kinnaman prepare to take a load of homebaked cookies and other treats from Prairie City bakers and Blue Mountain Care Center residents down to the John Day fire camp to go with dinners for spike camp crews.



Thanks to a team of local bakers, baggies of homemade cookies are ready to be transported with dinners for spike camp crews on Aug. 28.

cookies, brownies and zucchini bread.

Kinnaman and Linda Rockhill then drove the goodies down to the fire camp in John Day in time to ride along with the dinners being taken up to crews in the spike camps that night.

The load included treats from Blue Mountain Care Center: Residents and staff packaged juice, candy, goodie bags and cookies

and added notes of thanks to the firefighters and prayers for their safety, health and endurance.

The day before Kinnaman launched the cookie campaign, she baked about 15 dozen cookies on her own to send up to the spike camps.

Encouraged by their appreciative response, she decided to solicit other interested bakers, via social

media, for the effort's second batch.

Kinnaman said she's overwhelmed and grateful for all the help.

"I want to thank everyone in the community for responding so well and so quickly," she said.

She added it was such a success they are considering doing it again.

Fundraiser benefits Eastern Oregon wildfire victims

LA GRANDE — A public auction to raise money for area residents affected by wildfires is set for 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 5, in the Gilbert Center at Eastern Oregon University.

Valerie Purnell-Kandle, of Elgin, is organizing the fundraiser with help from Chris Cronin, regional director for EOU's Grant County Center in John Day, and Dixie Lund, retired interim EOU president and current governing board trustee.

Funds raised will benefit all Eastern Oregon fire victims who have lost their homes and livelihoods, particularly those in Grant, Baker and Wallowa counties.

Purnell-Kandle grew up in the John Day area and personally knows about half of the families impacted by the Canyon Creek Complex fire that has destroyed 43 residences and consumed 105,687 acres since Aug. 12.

"There's been a tremendous outpouring of support for Grant County," Purnell-Kandle said, "but families in Troy and other areas need help too, and unfortu-

nately not all of them are getting it."

At least five residences have been reported lost in Troy where the Grizzly Bear Complex is burning over 74,000 acres. Progress was made over the weekend near Medical Springs, where the Eagle Complex is now 60 percent contained at 12,504 acres.

Purnell-Kandle attended EOU and is a former university employee. By holding the auction in La Grande, she hopes to engage more organizations and individuals in the relief efforts for these communities. Approximately 75 businesses have already contributed specific items or gift cards, and the university is donating use of the Gilbert Center.

The live auction starts at 6 p.m. and a silent auction will be ongoing throughout the event.

Tax-deductible cash donations are also being accepted by Emergency Equipment Solutions in Burns. Call Jeffrey Cotton at 541-573-6139, or Purnell-Kandle, at 541-663-6050, for more information on how to donate.

OBITUARY

Peggy Bond

Oct. 1, 1928 — Aug. 23, 2015

REDMOND — Peggy Bond, 86, of John Day, died Aug. 23, surrounded by her children. A service will be held in John Day at a later date.

Mrs. Bond was born Oct. 1, 1928, in Butternut, Wis., the oldest of 14 children to Boyd and Millie Griffith.

In 1951, she married Lewis Bond — whom she met in the Seneca-John Day area — in Ely, Nev. They had four children, Joe (Carrie) Bond, Larry (Brenda) Bond, LaVelle (Randy) Evans and Heather (Tom) Halter.

The couple's travels took them to Eugene for several years. After her husband died in 1976, she moved back to John Day to be near family.

She enjoyed spending time with family and friends, attending local events and gatherings and telling her stories to young relatives to keep the family history alive. Her kind heart loved children, nature and animals.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Christina; and three brothers, Bruce, Jerry and John.

Memorial contributions may be made to Partners in Care Hospice House in Bend.



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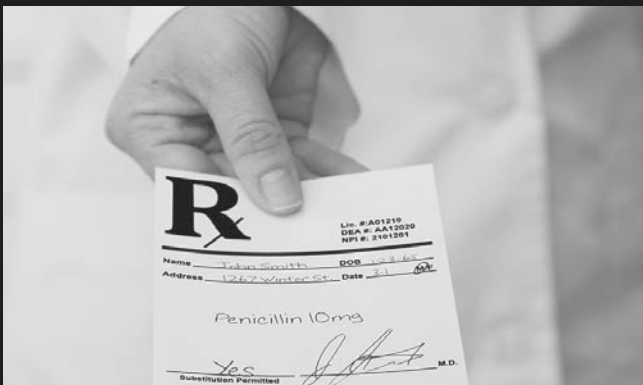
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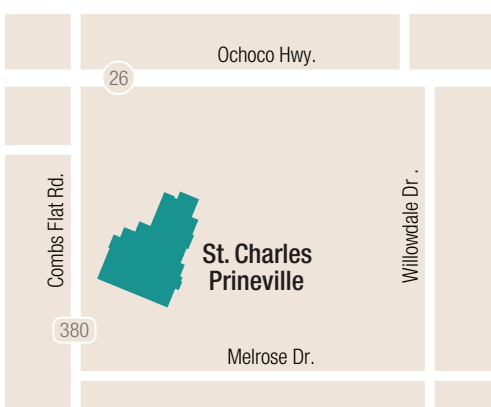
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20% chance of showers		Wednesday 74/41
20% chance of showers		Thursday 67/36
Chance of P.M. T-storms		Friday 68/39
Slight chance of showers		Saturday 66/34
Slight chance of P.M. T-storms		Sunday 72/32
Sunny		Monday 77/40
Partly sunny		Tuesday 83/44

LAST WEEK

	Aug. 25	26	27	28	29	30	31
John Day	90/NA	94/56	90/56	84/56	83/60	70/53	79/47

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