



## John Day temps cool in September

Blue Mountain Eagle

According to preliminary data received by NOAA's National Weather Service in Pendleton, temperatures at John Day averaged colder than normal during September.

The average temperature was 56.8 degrees, which was 3.0 degrees below normal. High temperatures averaged 74.9 degrees, which was 3.9 degrees below normal. The highest was 96 degrees on Sept. 13. Low

temperatures averaged 38.6 degrees, which was 2.1 degrees below normal. The lowest was 31 degrees, on Sept. 4.

There were two days with the low temperature below 32 degrees. On two days, the temperature exceeded 90 degrees.

Precipitation totaled 0.39 inches during September, which was 0.24 inches below normal. Measurable precipitation – at least .01 inch – was received on four days with the heaviest, 0.22

inches, reported on Sept. 5. The highest wind gust was 25 mph on Sept. 12.

The outlook for October from NOAA's Climate Prediction Center calls for above normal temperatures and near normal precipitation. Normal highs for John Day fall from 73.0 degrees at the start of October to 57.0 degrees at the end of the month. Normal lows fall from 36.0 degrees to 31.0 degrees. The 30 year normal precipitation is 0.99 inches.



Contributed photos

Grinning Henry Miller, 6, is ready to speed away on his new bicycle.

## WINNING RIDERS

Two children win bikes in library summer program

By Cheryl Hoefler  
Blue Mountain Eagle

JOHN DAY – Two young readers are now new bike owners, thanks to the Grant County Library.

Emma Charette, 2, and Henry Miller, 6, each won a new set of wheels in the library's 2015 summer reading program. Each time a child attended story time, their name was put into a jar for the drawing. Emma and Henry's names were drawn at the conclusion of the program.

The bikes were donated by the Grant County Library Foundation.



Emma Charette, 2, gets ready to ride away on her new wheels.

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## TRACK

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The Prairie City Athletic Complex Committee formed in 2001 with the intent on renovating the facility, and groundbreaking began in 2006.

The work, which includ-

ed moving the football field, building the track and adding lighting, has been in several phases, with funding coming from a variety of sources in grants, donations and fundraisers.

Lighting at the facility's Don L. Parker Memorial football field was completed in September 2011, allowing the Prairie City Panthers to play

night football games for the first time in four years.

Joe Hitz of Sisul Engineering has been the consultant and project engineer on the project.

The school requests people in the community who walk and run on the track to use the outside lanes, 4-8, preserving the inside ones for school track athletes.

## National Fossil Day celebrated

By Blue Mountain Eagle

John Day Fossil Beds National Monument celebrated National Fossil Day on Saturday with two public programs.

Park Paleontologist Dr.

Joshua Samuels led a tour of the fossil exhibit at the Thomas Paleontology Center in the morning. Later in the afternoon, Samuels led a group of about a dozen people on a hike along the Island in Time Trail at Blue Basin.

National Fossil Day, part of Earth Science Week, is officially celebrated October 17 as a way to promote public awareness and stewardship of fossils and a greater appreciation of their scientific and educational values.

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