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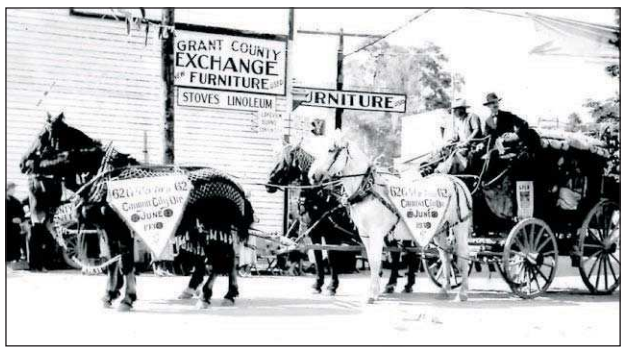
Oct. 18, 1940 - Blue Mountain Eagle Cafe for Fox Valley

It was stated here yesterday that Frank McGirr had arranged to put in a cafe at Fox which goes to show that Fox is really going to town.

Oct. 21, 1965 - Blue Mountain Eagle Rope Team Slates TV

SENECA - The Seneca Rope Jumpers are slated to appear on channel seven KTVB Boise at 2:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 29, announced Mrs. Esma Reynolds.

Mrs. Reynolds and Mrs. Dorothy Klabo, directors of the group, will accompany the popular rope jumpers to Boise for the television appearance. The Edward Hines Lumber Co. will sponsor the jumpers. The group will appear on Periscope with Shirley Mix as the hostess. It will be the fourth television appearance for the Rope Jumpers. The Rope Jumpers have appeared



Buck Elliott drives the '62 Days float in the Grant County Fair Parade, 1930.

at many special events, including the Seattle's World Fair, during the past 20 years. Eleven girls will be making the trip to Boise for the television appearance.

Oct. 18, 1990 - Blue Mountain Eagle Anti-drug Week Observed

JOHN DAY - The John Day City Council has proclaimed the week of Oct. 20-28 as Red Ribbon Week, in recognition of the nationwide campaign against drug

abuse. The event is sponsored by the National Federation of Parents.

Downtown businesses have been asked to decorate their shops with red ribbons, and Chester's Thriftway has ordered enough ribbons for every student in Grant County.

The ribbons symbolize the commitment to a drug-free, healthy lifestyle.

Oct. 19, 2005 - Blue Mountain Eagle Haunted Hotel

Newsweek magazine, the New York Times, the Oregonian, and several books have written about the alleged ghosts found in the Geiser Grand Hotel. Is there truth to the legend? It sure is good fun to wonder - especially at Halloween!

The season kicks off Oct. 27 and 28. Paul Warshauer returns with another mystery - "Murder at the 1929 Geiser Grand Masquerade." Halloween weekend is the perfect time, and the Geiser Grand the place for a mystery.

Is the hotel really haunted? You be the judge! \$49 per person includes your gourmet four course dinner. Overnight packages include the VIP brunch the morning after. Advanced tickets are on sale.

Haunted Hotel? This year, you be the judge. Oct. 31, there'll be free treats from 4 to 6 p.m. for all on Main Street. Stay overnight and watch the scary movie (rated PG)- party complete with popcorn.

Seneca man found after search

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SENECA - Early Sunday morning, after an overnight search, the Grant County Sheriff's Office found a Seneca man who went missing Saturday afternoon.

The Sheriff's Office received an overdue person report after Michael David-

son, 72, went for a drive to look for firewood left in hunting camps after the recent deer season, and didn't return.

At about 3 a.m. on Sunday, southeast of Seneca, Sheriff's deputies found Davidson's vehicle, which was stuck, but not Davidson. Search and Rescue was activated.

At about 8 a.m., Sheriff Glenn Palmer came across Davidson, who was walking back to Seneca.

Davidson, who reportedly has medical issues and a form of dementia, had walked through the night and sought shelter under a tree for a while.

He was returned to Seneca.

Barrel, small fire burning OK'ed

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According to Chief Ron Smith of the Grant County Fire Defense District, effective Oct. 20, burning is al-

lowed in barrels and small piles, with permits, from the hours of 6 a.m.-10 p.m.

The effort is to stay in line with Oregon Department of

Forestry's fire regulations.

People are encouraged to check with their local jurisdictions for permits and more information.

Lawmakers haven't raised gun initiatives

By Hillary Borrud
Capital Bureau

SALEM - The mass shooting at Umpqua Community College renewed the debate over gun control and on Oct. 8, Senate Democrats announced plans to close loopholes in the federal background check system and crack down on straw purchasing.

But in Oregon, lawmakers have yet to propose any new measures aimed at preventing gun violence.

"I think people are just coming out of shock right now, and we did a big push for the background checks in the 2015 session," said state Senate Majority Leader Ginny Burdick, D-Portland. "I just need to have some conversations with people ... my caucus members and people on the other side of the aisle, to see if there's a pathway for something to happen in 2016. It's a short session. It's not meant to be a major policy issue session."

The Legislature has already closed some of the background check loopholes that remain at the federal level. Earlier this year, legislators passed a law that requires background checks for nearly all private firearm transfers. The state also began last year investigating people who failed background checks when they attempted to buy weapons at gun shows and licensed dealers. That policy change came at the request of Senate Minority Leader Sen. Ted Ferrioli, R-John Day, after Ferrioli learned the Oregon State Police had not been investigating the incidents.

It is illegal in Oregon for someone prohibited from purchasing a firearm to attempt to purchase one.

Some of the state's efforts to prevent shootings, or improve the response, are still unfolding.

The day before the Umpqua Community College shooting, Oregon State Police Superintendent Richard Evans gave an update to state lawmakers on

what Evans said was "my passion, school safety."

Evans is part of a 14-member state task force on school safety, which lawmakers created in 2014 in response to the December 2012 shootings at Clackamas Town Center and Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn.

A couple months after the bill to create the task force became law, there was another shooting in Oregon, at Reynolds High School in Troutdale.

Evans told lawmakers on Sept. 30 the top priority for the task force is to create a tip line where people can report threats of school shootings, plus a broad range of other issues including bullying, potential suicides and abuse.

"What we've learned in our research is 81 percent of the time, somebody else knew that that school shooting was going to occur," Evans said. "And what we're finding is that there's no way, really, in Oregon to report that."

Forest Service eases public use restrictions

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JOHN DAY - Because of recent and forecast wet weather patterns, the Mal-

heur National Forest changed public use restrictions to seasonal restrictions, effective Oct. 20, with an Industrial Fire Precaution at Level I.

Public use restrictions pertaining to chainsaw use, smoking and off-road travel will be lifted. Firewood cutting is permitted all day, with a one-hour fire watch following chainsaw shutdown. Seasonal campfire restrictions will remain in place until Oct. 31. For details on restrictions, call the Blue Mountain Ranger District at 541-575-3000, Prairie City Ranger District, 541-820-3800, or Emigrant Creek Ranger District, 541-573-4300.

For more information, visit www.fs.usda.gov/malheur.



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