

Bazaars pack fairgrounds with local, handmade goods

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JOHN DAY — Two buildings at the Grant County Fairgrounds were full of vendors offering a variety of items at two holiday bazaars Saturday.

The Blue Mountain Hospital Auxiliary bazaar was maxed out on vendors in Trowbridge Hall for the first time in several years, coordinator Mary Jones said. The auxiliary has been hosting the bazaar to benefit the group that purchases items for the hospital since 1975, she said.

The fairgrounds bazaar filled Keerins Hall as well, hosting more vendors and the Festival of Trees.

Marcus Teague, of John Day, was selling handmade antler knives and said the turnout was great.

“We’ve been really successful,” he said, adding that he’d sold 17 knives by noon.

Selling handmade wooden ornaments, John Day substitute teacher Rick Callahan said he was pleased with his



Robin Olterman, right, peruses the collection of wooden ornaments made by John Day substitute teacher Rick Callahan at the auxiliary bazaar Saturday.

sales as well. David and Crish Hamilton, who live between Mt. Vernon and John Day, said they have been selling

honey at the bazaar for years. “The best part about it is all the people we get to see that we don’t see very often,”

Crish Hamilton said. “Dave and I moved here in 1993, and it was the big event of the year, and it still is.”



Vendors sold a variety of items at the two holiday bazaars Saturday in John Day.



Wildflower honey was among the assortment of goods available at the bazaars on Saturday. David Hamilton said he has been selling honey there for years. “I don’t make the honey,” he said. “The bees do, and I just steal it.”

OUT OF THE PAST

Dec. 10, 1914 — Grant County Journal — 101 years ago

A Steady Growth

From the time that the first house was built in Prairie this town has enjoyed a substantial and steady growth, and the immediate prospects are now better than they have ever been. Prairie has the best stores, the best buildings, the best schools and more cement walks than any other town in this section, and there is no doubt but that the hopes of the business men that the town will make a considerable growth in the coming 12 months will be realized.

Another month’s work, or at the most six weeks, will complete the Long Creek road, and open up a large field for trading with Prairie City. All of the north end of the county will then be handier to this place than to any other railroad point and have better roads from here to haul over. This means that Prairie will be their rail point and that they will do a large amount of trading here.

Prairie now has the only accredited high school in this section, and with the union with four other districts this school will receive even greater improvement. When choosing a place to live, school facilities are always one of the first considerations of the desirable citizen, and more than one family will make their future home here on that account.

Every house in town is occupied and more are needed; a new hospital will open here the first of the year; business conditions generally are the best of anywhere in the state, and there is every reason to believe that Prairie City’s steady growth is about to take on a spurt.

Dec. 6, 1940 — Blue Mountain Eagle — 75 years ago

McNutt’s Customer Goes to Jail

The car had a Washington license and it drove to the George McNutt Service station and ordered the tank filled up, and that was \$2.50 please and the car drove on. It was a git and run driver. Get the gas and run. Officers were called and the car overhauled at Mt. Vernon. Charges of drunken driving and running away from the service station were filed and Justice of the Peace McCallum imposed a sentence of 40 days in the county jail.

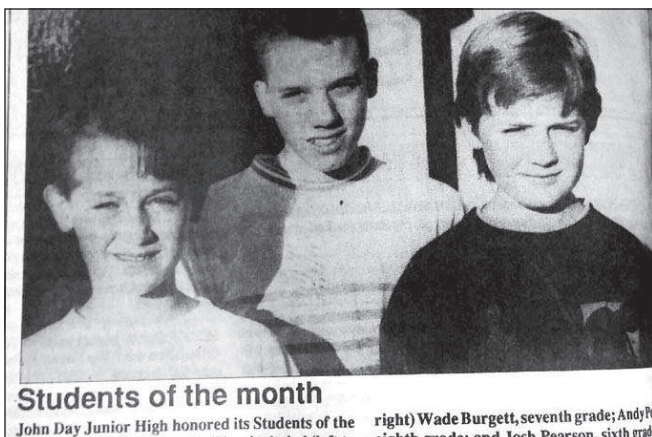
Dec. 9, 1965 — Blue Mountain Eagle — 50 years ago

Studded Tire Use Illegal

With the advent of winter, Oregon motorists are reminded that tires with metal studs projecting beyond tread or traction surfaces are illegal in Oregon, according to the Department of Motor Vehicles. Motorists are subject to arrest if they use the tires, but there is no law prohibiting their sale.

Some states have legalized the studded tires, but a similar bill introduced in the 1965 Oregon Legislature did not pass.

Tests of studded tires, reported in the September issue



Students of the month
John Day Junior High honored its Students of the Month for October. They included (left to right) Wade Burgett, seventh grade; Andy Pereira, eighth grade; and Josh Pearson, sixth grade.

Eagle file photo

From 1990: John Day Junior High honored its Students of the Month for October. They included (left to right) Wade Burgett, seventh grade; Andy Pereira, eighth grade; and Josh Pearson, sixth grade.

of The Speaker, published by the Traffic Safety and Education Division of the Department of Motor Vehicles, thus far indicate that studded tires do not offer better stopping ability than tire chains.

The tests also show that studded tires rank between chains and snow tires traction ability on ice.

Major tire and oil companies were advised last year that studded tires are not legal for use in Oregon. In spite of this, studded tires are being actively advertised in at least one area in Oregon.

Drivers should be reminded that while the law does not prohibit purchase of the tires, their use is illegal in Oregon.

Dec. 6, 1990 — Blue Mountain Eagle — 25 years ago

Cronin wins state competition

Jason Cronin, a junior at Grant Union High School, took first place honors Saturday at the Music Teacher’s National Association (MTNA) high school division state piano competition at Western Oregon State College in Monmouth to advance to the regional competition planned this January in Cheney, Washington.

Cronin, 17, is the son of Dan and Chris Cronin of John Day, and he currently studies with Dr. Rachelle McCabe, professor of piano at Oregon State University in Corvallis. He began his studies at age 9 with Al Olson of John Day.

Sponsored by Yamaha,

Cadenza by Beethoven.

In the second part of the competition, participants got to select the pieces of music they played. Cronin played the Prelude and Fugue in D Major WTC I by Bach; the Etude in the Sonata No. 3 in A Minor by Prokofiev; and Allegro Barbaro by Bartok.

Last summer, Cronin attended the Johanssen International School of the Arts in Victoria, British Columbia, where he studied piano.

Dec. 7, 2005 — Blue Mountain Eagle — 10 years ago

Local boy tags record bull

MONUMENT — The morning of Nov. 6th was a lucky day for Kegan Hawkins.

He and his stepfather/guide, Brian Hawkins, were hunting in the Northside hunting area.

Kegan had a second season hair tag and was hunting with his mom’s .30-06.

Suddenly, Kegan spotted some elk about 75 yards away.

“I started shaking, shaking badly,” Kegan said.

Kegan’s shaking didn’t prevent him from making a good

shot. He hit the six-by-six in the neck.

The bull scored a 366.

This is Kegan’s third year of

hunting but only his first year of hunting elk.

“I’ll probably never get a big one like that again,” he said.

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