

OUT OF THE PAST

**Feb. 10, 1916**  
**Grant County Journal**  
**100 years ago**

Fritz McKay cut off his left thumb Monday, while trying to cut wood. He was doing that old familiar stunt of holding the stick in one hand and handling the ax with the other, when he made the miss lick and cut off his thumb just below the joint. Dr. Belknap treated the injured member, but there was no chance for saving it.


**Feb. 7, 1941**  
**Blue Mountain Eagle**  
**75 years ago**

Noel Lemons of Mt. Vernon was batting about here on Tuesday, or maybe it was Wednesday. "What's new?" asked the reporter. "You know," says he, "I came here in the early part of the 15th century and this was a good country then. There were more than 100,000 sheep near Dayville and every family had from eight to a dozen kids, and there were all those three-toed horses in the fossil beds or fields or hill or what you call them. Yes, yes, them were the days." "Well, what do you do now; have any fun, do anything good, bad or anything?" "No," said Noel. "I'll tell you Haight," says he, "when a feller gets as old as we are he just can't do nothin', good, bad or at all." Maybe; that may be the situation with Noel Lemons but it is evident that with long years of acquaintance that Noel Lemons still don't know Clint Haight.

**Feb. 10, 1966**  
**Blue Mountain Eagle**  
**50 years ago**

TV Filming Set For Cattle Drive  
A familiar scene of the old west — the cattle drive —

**Cowboy Chapel Hour**  
KJDY  
Sunday, 7 a.m.  
"What does a Woman Want?"




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From the Jan. 31, 1991, edition of the Blue Mountain Eagle: The Gold Dust Dance Team of John Day and Canyon City recently placed third overall at La Grande for best costumes and captured first place honors overall in their A-AA Division at Pendleton. Team members include (front left to right) Kendra Flippence, Sherrie Cobb, Mikayla Spell, Cathy Williams, Danielle Jones and Jenna Huffman. In the rear (left to right) are David Thompson, Elizabeth Thompson, Roxanna DeLoe, Daedra Studniarz, Chris Pryor and Kathy Edmiston, the team coach.

will take place in John Day Sunday morning as Clyde Holliday will bring his herd from Bear Valley to his ranch east of John Day.

Joseph Tompkins, a free lance television photographer from Salem, will be on hand to film the annual spectacle. The film will be used for television programs.

The cattle drive will come through John Day sometime Sunday around 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

**Jan. 31, 1991**  
**Blue Mountain Eagle**  
**25 years ago**  
Dancing toward success  
The Gold Dust Dance

Team of John Day and Canyon City recently placed third overall at La Grande for best costumes and captured first place honors overall in their A-AA Division at Pendleton. Individual firsts at Pendleton includes kicks, splits, showmanship and

inspection while Kendra Flippence won the Miss Super Sensational title. At the All-State competition Jan. 12 at McNary High School, Mikayla Spell, team captain, and Elizabeth Thomp-

son, co-captain, were nominated to the finalist team. They expect notification in March. The group, affiliated with Grant Union High School, began practice in October.

**Feb. 8, 2006**  
**Blue Mountain Eagle**  
**10 years ago**  
Remember to be more loving

Valentine's Day (Feb. 14) is celebrated internationally. Its beginnings are subject to scrutiny; there are several different ideas about its origin. One of the most popular and romantic involves a young priest who served as a soldier under the Roman emperor Claudius II during the third century. Claudius figured single men would make better soldiers than married men with families, so he decreed that young men could not marry. Valentine defied Claudius and covertly married youthful lovers. When Claudius discovered what Valentine was up to, he ordered him put to death.

The 18th century saw the introduction of the Valentine card, and it has grown

in popularity with retailers and young lovers everywhere. Here's what a couple of Grant County citizens have to say about their Valentine's Day experiences.

Eula Thompson of Prairie City has a good reason to remember Valentine's Day.

"My most wonderful one was when I went to the doctor and found out I was pregnant with my son, Ted Lee," said Thompson. "I remember I was hoping I was pregnant. My husband always bought me Valentine candy, and gave the kids Valentine cards too. It will always be special to me."

David DesJardin, 10, from John Day, had a very different take on the day.

"Well, this happened a very long time ago," said DesJardin. "I can hardly remember it. I was walking along and tripped on a rock, and hit another rock and gouged my cheek. That's about all I can remember."

Whatever origins or memories we have, Valentine's Day is a day to share with the ones you love, and one to remember to be more loving.

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