

SHOPPING LOCAL, EATING FRESH



Jean Miller, right, of Sagebrush Creations sells some baked goods to Mark Sotelo, as David Hamilton, in back, looks at the fresh baked bread at the Farmers Market in John Day.



Seamstress Michele Bishop, left, visits with her daughters, Makayla, center, and Dauna, who also make items for the booth at the John Day Farmers Market, including aprons, pillows, totes and more.



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Noah Pogne, 17, and Dawna Pogue, 12, of Kimberly entertain visitors at Saturday's John Day Farmers Market. The markets continue from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each Saturday until mid-October on SW Brent Street in John Day.

OUT OF THE PAST

A look back on news from Grant County over the past 100 years, pulled from past issues.

July 25, 1941

Blue Mountain Eagle 75 years ago

Insects reach a new high

The insect world is thriving. Every dog has his day and bugs have their season. Soft winters, damp springs and warm summers, and with nothing to interfere, the bug world has gone into the trillions and there are bugs everywhere and what a lovely season for earwigs and they are getting bigger and thicker than ever. Ants, beetles, slugs and snails and aphids and there seems to be a new bug for every flower and they even fee upon weeds. A law ought to be passed against them, or something done. At least we can talk about them.

July 28, 1966

Blue Mountain Eagle 50 years ago

John Day, Prairie Haircut Prices Up

Haircut prices in John Day and Prairie City have been increased by 25 cents. The new prices are effective August 1.

Prices for haircuts for children under 12 years-old and under will be \$1.75. Adults haircuts increased from \$1.75 to \$2.

Those who are raising the price are West's Barber Shop, Gene Roberts and Oliver Campbell, all of John Day, and Larry McCallister of Prairie City.

July 26, 2006

Blue Mountain Eagle 10 years ago

Campers survive attack of bore beetles

Surprise invasion startles group by the fire.

1619 ROAD — Part of the reason we live in Grant County is to enjoy the outdoors. Camping is a personal favorite of my family. It is a time to cut loose, a time when everyday rules no longer apply. For instance, eating with dirty hands, not showering, spending every waking minute outside and dealing with the elements are just a few of the things that await us on our camping trips. However on our latest excursion, we were in for a surprise. Mother nature was about to give us a new experience.

My family and I were camping with friends on July 15. We were sitting around a campfire enjoying the camaraderie that can only be shared under the stars around an open fire. About two hours earlier, my husband, Kirt, had fallen a dead lodgepole pine and pulled it to camp with his truck. The snag was about 30-feet long. He cut it into rounds that were about 18 inches across. They also made nice little stools for around our campfire.

The attack started slow. "Hey, you have a bug on you," someone would say, quickly smacking the invader.

One or two would be



Eagle file photo

From the July 25, 1990 edition of the Blue Mountain Eagle: Grant County Little League members bounced back from an opening game setback to capture second-place honors in the District 3 Little League Majors Division tournament held last week in La Grande. Joining in the festivities were (from left to right) Mitch Saul, Kelsy Wright, Josh Mollett, Bo Workman and John Hicks. In the rear are (left to right) Tyler Garrison, Ty Cronin, Seth Cooksey, Wade Burgett and Andy Carey. Coaching and managing the team were Mike Workman (rear left) and Mike Burgett. Not pictured are Morgan Bowe, Jasper Buchbower, Josh Wood, Brandon Voigt and manager Ken Purnell.

found on one of the campers, but that was no big deal; one expects a certain amount of insects during a camping trip.

Within about 10 minutes, everyone in camp was finding several of the large, black bugs on them. That was a large number of bugs considering there were 16 of us. They seemed to be coming from everywhere.

They flew low and before long utter chaos ensued.

The sight may have been comical. We were jumping around frantically smacking the bugs off each other and ourselves.

"What are they?" we shouted. No one knew for sure what kind of bugs they were or whether they would bite.

It soon occurred to us that they were coming from the firewood Kirt had cut up. Those foolish enough to be sitting on the makeshift stools were the first to notice where the invaders were coming from.

We quickly began trying to

rid ourselves of the unknown pests the only way we knew how.

"My first reaction was to throw all the wood in the fire and burn them all up," Kirt said.

And that is exactly what we did. Everyone began pitching the logs and their insect occupants into the fire. Before long, every log was gone, which seemed like a good idea, until we realized that the little critters were still flying around looking for a new residence.

The children in the group were OK at first, but when the bugs came out in earnest, well, they were no longer calm. Andrea Combs took the four littlest ones to tone of the tents for a soothing story.

With the youngsters out of the way, we had a bug slaughter. It didn't take long for the remaining insects to realize that they weren't wanted, and, with their previous home on fire, they flew into the forest to find another, more friendly domain. The excitement was over and we went back to our campfire, adding a new story to our list: "Attack of the Bugs."

I wanted to find out what kind of bugs they were and if they were any threat to humans. The next morning I picked up a bug carcass for my investigation and put it in a small Styrofoam cup.

Sonna Smith, my neighbor and a biology teacher at Grant Union, was my first source of information. Sonna said it looked like a bore beetle, but she wasn't sure.

My next source of information came from the Forest Service. According to Ed Uebler, forester and silvicultural analyst, they are wood borers. They are a type of beetle that bores into trees, makes a home and lays its larvae there.

"They are a secondary invader. They mostly attack dead or dying trees, trees that are already being stressed from some other source," Uebler said.

They are not a threat to people and probably only landed on us because we had destroyed their home.

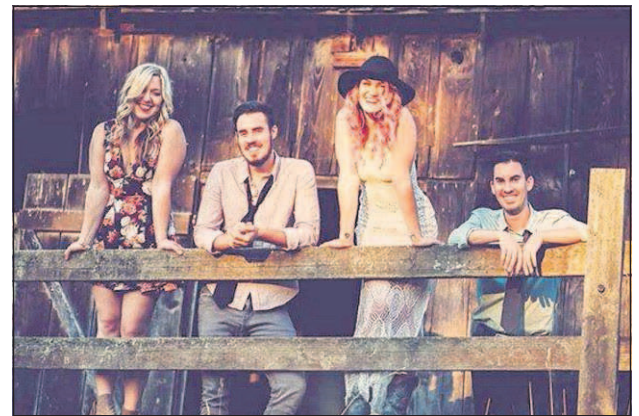
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WHAT'S HAPPENING



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Rabbit Wilde will perform at 8 p.m. Aug. 6 at the Diamond Hitch Mule Ranch in Kimberly.

The deadline for What's Happening items is 5 p.m. Friday. Call the Eagle, 541-575-0710, or email editor@bmeagle.com. For recurring meetings, see our list in the classifieds on Page A15.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27

Wind Down Wednesday

• 5-8 p.m., John Day Elks Lodge patio and parking lot, 140 N.E. Dayton St.

An open-air market featuring food and drink specials, games, entertainment and shopping from local vendors will take place Wednesdays through Aug. 3. An Elks membership is not required. For more information or vendor applications, contact Sandie Gilson, 541-575-1529, or the lodge, 541-575-1824.



SATURDAY, JULY 30

Farmers Market

• 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Southwest Brent Street, John Day

Weekly features include vendors offering a variety of locally grown produce, homemade food and handmade crafts, plants and more. This week features entertainment from Youth Arts Program participants. John Fiedor from the Chamber of Commerce will speak about the horse's family tree, with fossils for viewing, at 10 a.m., 11 a.m. and noon. The markets continue every Saturday through mid-October. Call 831-596-0656, email johndayfarmersmarket@gmail.com or visit johndayfarmersmarket.com.

Spaghetti dinner fundraiser

• 4 p.m., Mt. Vernon Community Hall

Cinnabar Mountain Rendezvous is hosting a fundraiser for Lisa Shaffer, who will be having surgery for kidney cancer July 29. A silent auction will end at 6 p.m. A raffle and door prizes will also be available. Volunteers welcome. For more information, call Kristin, 541-620-8384; Wade, 541-620-0550; Drew, 541-792-0393; or Leslie, 541-620-0442.

SATURDAY, AUG. 6

Rabbit Wilde in concert

• 8 p.m., Diamond Hitch Mule Ranch, Kimberly

The northwest Americana folk band will perform at the ranch two miles south of Kimberly on Highway 19 between mile posts 107 and 108. Tickets cost \$20, and camping costs \$15. A street taco dinner provided by the Monument Flying Tigers at 6:30 p.m. costs \$8. For more information, visit mulesacrossamerica.com or call 541-934-2140.

WEDNESDAY-SATURDAY, AUG. 10-13

Grant County Fair

• 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday

• 8 a.m. to 12 a.m. Friday and Saturday

• Grant County Fairgrounds, John Day

For more information, visit grantcountyfairgrounds.com.

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