

OUT OF THE PAST

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

Aug. 24, 1916

Grant County Journal 100 years ago Ready For School

One week from next Monday school opens in Prairie. During the past week, new equipment and supplies have been installed and it is expected that on the appointed day all will be in readiness.

All of the teachers hired will be on hand. Prof. Boitnott has been here through the summer, and is aiding in the preparations. His two assistants in the High school have sent word that they would be in during the coming week.

A letter received this week from this week from Bure Hays, of Colorado, states that he will be in Prairie in a few days. Mr. Hays will teach the seventh and eighth grades.

V. E. Daniels, of Canyon City, will have charge of the fifth and sixth, and is already for the opening.

Miss Mayme Schwartz, who has taught the third and

fourth grades for the past two years, is visiting relatives in North Dakota and Montana, on her return from a trip to her home in Minnesota.

Miss Kathryn Pooler, who taught in the Meador District last year, will have charge of the primary, and is now residing with Miss Emma Meador near town.

So all of the seven teachers will be on hand, and all the indications point to a very auspicious beginning the first year in the new building.

All of the new equipment is first class, and of the most modern type. The desks for the high school are of a style never before used in this section, and are exceptionally comfortable.

Prof. Boitnott has received a number of inquiries from out of town pupils, and the attendance will undoubtedly be by far the largest ever enrolled at a school in Grant County.

Aug. 22, 1941

Blue Mountain Eagle 75 years ago

Rattlesnake takes a ride

Frank Baier took a ride with a rattlesnake, or rather,

the rattlesnake took a ride with Mr. Baier, who lives seven miles up Canyon Creek. He went into the garage to get his car, and there was a four foot rattler which he killed with little ado, because he is used to it, and then got into his car. When he got to Canyon City and stopped in front of the Geo. Smith place, another four-foot rattler wiggled out of the car and started for the MacRae home. It was killed. One can never tell just what kind of company they will pickup and so far as the record reveals that is the first rattlesnake that was a hitch-hiker.

Aug. 22, 1991

Blue Mountain Eagle 25 years ago

Coelho ropes a winner Long Creek rider cited for rodeo skills and grades

Jeff Coelho, a sophomore from Long Creek, just completed a spectacular rookie year in the Oregon High School Rodeo Association.

The 16-year-old qualified as an individual from Grant County for the Oregon State Finals in Hillsboro last June. He won the same champion-



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From the Aug. 25, 1966, edition of the Blue Mountain Eagle: 4-H EXHIBITORS—Here are just a few of the youngsters who benefited from last Saturday's 4-H livestock auction. They are, from left to right, Debbie Wilson, Cathy Holland, Marianne Farrell and her grand champion lamb, Lenard Porfily, Mike Farrel and his reserve grand champ lamb, Eric Zobell and Valerie Heesch.

ship in boy's cutting, placed seventh in calf roping, was awarded a silver buckle for the Rookie of the Year, and was presented with a Director's award for scholastic honor roll.

As Cutting champion, Coelho was part of a team sent to represent Oregon at the National High School at Shawnee, Okla. Canada and thirty-seven states, including Hawaii, competed at the

finals. Of ninety-eight boys entered in the cutting, Coelho placed ninth in the nation, and was one of the top ten awarded an academic scholarship. Oregon placed tenth in the team competition.

Coelho's calf roping earned him an invitation to the silver State International Rodeo, where he again represented Oregon. Held in Fallow, Nev., this rodeo is for contestants who place from fifth to eighth place at their state finals. More than 30 states and Canada were represented. Out of 117 calf ropers, Coelho placed twelfth. Entrants may enter another event, and Coelho chose team roping. He and his partner, Kerry Burgess, or Jordan Valley, won a preliminary go-round, and captured the reserve championship from a field of 80 teams.

The 1991-92 season for Oregon begins soon with the first high school rodeo at Condon during the Labor Day weekend. Coelho will compete in cutting, calf roping, and team roping, and hopes to qualify for Nationals again, this time in more than one event.

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PRAIRIE CITY – Well, well. Derrol's file finally floated to the top and we have an appointment with the cardiologist - in two weeks. After which the clinic called and wondered when we were

going to schedule his pre-op appointment. Talk about the right hand not knowing what the left is doing. Of course, I'm perfect, too.

Frances Preston had great success at our Senior Sale last weekend, so we're looking for more "treasures" to find new homes for. We were also blessed again with a large check from Ye Olde Thrift Shoppe, so the Treasurer is happy! Thanks to all.

Our early morning crew consisted of Buzz and son Jerry Harris, Jim Howard and Harold Preston. Ken Koser and Larry Wright helped with the home deliveries. Buzz led the flag salute and Jack Retherford asked the blessing. Blue Mountain Care Center CNA Shauntele Hicks won the \$5 in trade donated by Prairie Hardware & Gifts. Gary Jacobson won the Chuck's Little Diner certificate. The 50/50 winner was Alma Joslin. We had 85 names on the book for the meal on this bright shiny day. We enjoyed juice, green salad, fried potatoes, pork loin roast, rolls and strawberry cheesecake for dessert. Mmmm, good.

Shauntele, Krystin, Avenie and Kim brought Dorothy Blasing, Helen Ricco, Lois Hill, Marilyn Randall and Otho Laurence

from Blue Mountain Care Center. Other visitors included Jim Thomason, Wally & Darlene Muzzy, Story Mooser, Nancy Spence and Jerry Harris. Another couple got some take-outs because they were in the midst of a house repair and couldn't come to dinner. Hope they can make it next week. They are new residents of our fair town and you need to meet them - and they need to meet you.

Since the campaign season is in full swing, here are a few tidbits about some of our previous presidents: James Garfield was ambidextrous and multilingual. He could write Greek with his right hand and Latin with his left hand - at the same time!

Every morning the grooms in George Washington's stables had to brush the teeth of his six white horses.

Zachary Taylor was several days late acknowledging that he would accept the presidency because he refused to pay the ten cents postage due on the letter that was sent to tell him he had won.

Dolly Madison, wife of President James Madison, was trying to redecorate the White House and bought a new mirror. The Senate found out that the mirror was imported and were so upset that she was wasting money on foreign goods that they launched an investigation to find out the cost. The investigation cost \$2000. The mirror cost \$40.

Martha Washington's parties always ended at 9 p.m. - her bedtime.

James Madison stood only 5'4" and weighed less than a hundred pounds.

I Peter 4:10 "... use whatever gift you have received to serve others, faithfully..."

Protection Service for Abuse. If you want to get in touch with her, you can get the number from Veanne at 541-575-2949.

Jan Ellison won the Len's Drug gift card and Nadine Smith won the free meal.

On Aug. 18, I didn't attend due to illness, so thank you, Shay and Veanne, for getting me the info.

I heard it was all good. They fixed baked pork chops with apples and onions, served with parmesan ranch potato wedges and steamed broccoli and cauliflower. Dessert was an ice cream cake sundae. The entree was furnished by Oster Professional Group.

There were approximately 56 diners present with 41 meals being delivered by Ken and Shermayne Boethin. Margaret Glass and Merrie Henry greeted us and our servers were from the United Methodist Church. Representing the church were PJ Winters, Barbara Baucum, Sherrie Feiger and Dolores Belmont. This was Dolores' first time so we hope she comes back. PJ led the flag salute and Sherrie asked the blessing.

Veanne asked for prayers for Jean Willey, who fell recently.

Bill Toop won the Chester's Thriftway gift card and Ron Dowse won the Valley View lunch for two.

On Thursday, Aug. 25, we will have Swiss steak with noodles and on Monday, Aug. 29, we will have sausage with onions and peppers, served with rice and banana split parfaits.

John Day Seniors

Alma Joslin



JOHN DAY –

On Aug. 15, we had a small group of diners. There were only approximately 30 diners with 35 lunches being delivered to homes by Pastor Al Altnow and Rick Rhinehart. They also

delivered 28 frozen lunches to shut-ins. Veanne Weddle took care of the Mt. Vernon route.

Shay and Lisa cooked up some bacon wrapped chicken breasts served with rice pilaf, baked tomatoes and French bread. It was National Lemon Meringue Pie Day so we had lemon pie (with the meringue being replaced by whipped topping.) It was all very delicious.

Marianne Morris and Ron Dowse greeted us and our servers were from First Christian Church. They only had Karen Barrieta to serve so Pat Amling and Veanne helped her serve. Jan Ellison helped with the cleanup. Jan also led the flag salute and I asked the blessing.

A big thank you to Art Pereira for donating a lot of veggies to the kitchen on behalf of the American Legion.

Tracy Robertson introduced herself. She is with the Adult

Monument Seniors

Soo Yukawa



MONUMENT –

On Aug. 16, Terry Cade and Carrie Jewell fed a hungry group of 47 guests and dished out five take-outs. They happily served us chili dogs with all the fixings, french fries, a fresh

green salad and cookies with cherry/cream cheese frosting on top. Bob Blakeslee and Marva Walker were our greeters for the day. Marva made the announcements and yours truly prayed the blessing over our meal. Debbie Reid won a gift card to Len's Drug and Sharon Falls and Bob Blakeslee both won free meals. Jimmy Cole won the 50/50 this week.

We also had some visitors join us for lunch, Wally and Marva Walker's granddaughter Sierra and her two daughters Sailor and Maceigh, from Grandmond. Bob and Sylvia Cockrell brought some visitors: Bob's brother Bud and wife Elaine with their grandchildren Morgan and Rilen from Long View, Washington. We hope they enjoyed their stay.

Christ Bravos had hip replacement and the news is that all went well and he is recovering nicely.

Are you counting the days till the Fall Festival? I sure am! I am looking forward to great food, great time visiting with folks, bidding on several items that will be auctioned and just an all around wonderful event that Judy Harris is bringing back to life here in Monument. Show your support of Monument, the fun from the "good

ol' days," and remembering times past by coming to our Buckaroo Feast and Fall Festival on Saturday, Sept. 24.

Conclusion from previous articles... So what to do with the issue of Smokey and the pup? Well, I solved the issue of the pup getting into Smokey's house and yanking things out by turning her house sideways, wedged between the two doghouses. The entrance to her house now faces the side of one doghouse. There is only about a six inch space between them. I put a concrete block in front of Smokey's house and the other side of her entrance, in case the rascally pup tries to move her house. It made me feel victorious thinking I would frustrate the pup because he wouldn't be able to get into Smokey's house, yahoo. I was actually doing the happy dance. Now the issue of the litter box, I still needed to resolve that. So I thought about what I could use as a substitution that the pup wouldn't be able to demolish. Voila! I recalled having found an old metal food pan. It had a tiny hole in it so we couldn't use it for holding water. It was perfect for Smokey's new litter pan. My bratty pup wouldn't be able to chew it to smithereens or move it around much either since it's heavier. Ha! I won! Smokey had her kittens shortly after I fixed our little puppy issues and still resides in the kennel. Funny thing is, when I let the dogs out, she doesn't even try to escape. She is actually quite content in there, and because she is in there, for the first time, her kittens are plump and well fed. I just have one more problem. I don't know how to prevent the pup from eating her poop. I have yet to find any to dump and I've caught him in the act once. Sigh...

Ephesians 3:10 "To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God."