

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.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 2

Youth volleyball registration

• John Day-Canyon City Parks and Recreation office, 845 1/2 Bridge St.
Registration forms due. Volleyball for children in grades 3-6 costs \$40 for in district and \$45 for out of district. The first practices, held at the Humbolt Elementary gym in Canyon City, will be 3:45 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 6, for grades 3 and 4, and 3:45 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 7, for grades 5 and 6. For more information, call the Parks and Rec office at 541-575-0110.

Youth soccer registration

• John Day-Canyon City Parks and Recreation office, 845 1/2 Bridge St.
Registration forms due. Soccer for children ages 5-10 costs \$30 for in district and \$40 for out of district. Practice begins at 5 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 6 and 7, at Seventh Street. Leagues will be formed for ages 5-6 and 7-10. For more information, call the Parks and Rec office at 541-575-0110.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 3

Farmers Market

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



Eagle file photo

An eager crowd watches planes taxi during a previous Grant County Fly-in. This year's event is set for Saturday, Sept. 10, at the Grant County Regional Airport in John Day.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 10

Grant County Fly-in

• 7-11 a.m., Grant County Regional Airport, John Day
The fly-in will feature free airplane rides for children in first through 12th grades, starting at 7:30 a.m., as time and weather permit, sponsored by Grant County Air Search. Other attractions include a Star Spangled Banner flyover, aircraft on display, a Forest Service facility tour, candy drop and more. Breakfast by Cliff House Catering will be available for \$7, \$5 for children. Overnight camping at the airport is permitted; courtesy cars available. For more information, contact Airport Manager Haley Walker, 541-575-1151, airport@grantcounty-or.gov.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 4

Fossil beds auto tour

• 10:30 a.m., Thomas Condon Paleontology Center
Drive your own vehicle in a free tour group that begins at the paleontology center 9 miles west of Dayville. The 2.5-hour tour will travel through the Sheep Rock Unit of the John Day Fossil Beds National Monument, stopping to discuss geology and fossil sites. For more information, call 541-987-2333.

OUT OF THE PAST

**Aug. 31, 1916
Grant County Journal
100 years ago**

Over in Logan Valley there is about a township of as good farm land as there is in the John Day Valley, and there are enough people in this section who want to locate on it and make their home there to take every acre of it. In addition to these, there are people from other parts of the state who have looked it over, and declare that they would take up a piece of it in a minute if Uncle Sam would allow them to do so.

But Uncle Sam says that it is no fit place for them to live. He sends a soil expert in, and this gentleman reports that it is impossible, despite the fact that Ralph Fisk is already there and has demonstrated the fact that the land is excellent, and the climatic conditions such that fair crops can be produced. What is the explanation?

There is little timber on the land, and it cannot be classified as either mineral or timber land. If it is opened to entry, no wonderfully valuable piece of property is withdrawn from the public domain. But quite a number of families will be given homes and a chance in the world.

When the land is settled then it will have a value. Now it is merely a township of grazing land — then it will furnish homes for close to one hundred and fifty families.

What would be the result if all of the people who desire to make their home in Logan Valley went there and located on the land of their choice, and the whole valley was taken up in this manner? If the people built cabins and fences, put in gardens and demonstrated the fact that the government and its experts are not giving the would be settlers a fair shake? Could this land still be classified as non-agricultural, and valuable only for grazing purposes?

It does not seem reasonable. The land is fit for homes, and everyone who knows the country will testify to that fact. It is hard to explain the fact that the applications for homesteading it have been rejected, and it appears likely that the attempts to open Logan Valley for settlement will be continued until the efforts of the people who want to make homes on the land are successful.



File photo

From the Aug. 30, 2006, edition of the Blue Mountain Eagle: A dump truck supplied by the County Road Department empties a load of mature marijuana plants into a burn pit the morning of Aug. 26. Sheriff's deputies seized 3,302 plants in this most recent bust, valued between \$9-12 million. While there are fewer plants in this crop than the one seized Aug. 19, most of them were mature and budding with viable marijuana. Inset: the plants ablaze.

**Aug. 29, 1941
Blue Mountain Eagle
75 years ago**

Rabid Deer in Murderous Assault

Last Saturday evening a big, strong, rabid buck made a murderous attack upon Arthur Rohrer, as he was walking along Beech Creek highway a short distance out of Mt. Vernon.

Without warning, the buck appeared and jumped on him, knocking him down, much after the manner of attack upon a rattlesnake, jumping on and off and cutting with their hoofs. Rohrer had his face badly cut and also cuts and bruises all over his body and his clothing cut to ribbons. He got the deer by the neck and rose, hoping to twist its neck but it was too strong for him.

The animal was frenzied with rabies; foaming at the mouth and saliva dripping into the open wounds of Rohrer. With him down and trampled, the deer left. Rohrer came to and made his way along the highway toward Beech Creek where he is employed with the

Milne Construction Co. At five in the morning, some women driving a car saw a man staggering along, tattered and torn, and they turned around and made a retreat. They drove to the Justice place where help was secured and they brought the injured man to Long Creek. Dr. Fell, county health officer, was called and he put him under the Pasteur treatment for rabies. The case was caught in time. However, he will be treated and watched closely by Dr. Fell.

**Sept. 1, 1966
Blue Mountain Eagle
50 years ago
Tailings and Slash**

Denny Cook, we hear, caught a monstrous Chinook salmon over on the coast, but we weren't able to take a picture of it. Probably just as well — anything compared to Denny is bound to be small.

Lots of people getting ready for deer season. D-e-e-r, not d-e-a-r. We won't go into the "hunting bear" bit right now.

Gail Dieker says his wife is good at bird imitations — she watches him like a hawk.

Half acre of Olive Lake closed to boating, swimming

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A small portion of Olive Lake near Granite is now closed to boating and swimming due to a mechanical failure in the water release gate located at the bottom of the dam structure, District Ranger Ian Reid announced Thursday, Aug. 25.

The area closed to public entry is approximately

one-half acre and will be signed, fenced and defined by a string of buoys extending from the dam into the water about 200 feet to notify swimmers and boaters of the safety hazard and area to avoid.

The area is located on the northeast side of Olive Lake.

The campground and hiking trail around the lake remain open, and

boating and swimming are still allowed outside the restricted area. Currently less than one percent of the 149-acre lake surface area will be affected by the closure.

For more information about the closure area or permitted recreation activities on Olive Lake, contact the North Fork John Day Ranger District at 541-427-3231.

Charity adds freezer to raffle winnings

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Greater Smiles, a local charity, has added a Frigidaire 20.9-cubic foot upright freezer to its steer raffle fundraiser.

Along with a steer raised by the Voigt Ranch and cut, de-boned and wrapped by Russell's Custom Meats in John Day, the winner will

also have a place to store it.

Tickets for the Sept. 30 drawing can be purchased at local merchants in Grant and Harney counties.

Tickets are \$10 each, three for \$25, seven for \$50 or 17 for \$100.

The freezer will be on display at Chester's Thriftway in John Day from Aug. 31 to Sept. 14 and at Erick-

son's Thriftway in Burns from Sept. 14 to Sept. 28.

Greater Smiles is a project of Christian Communication and Ministry, a public charity based in John Day. Greater Smiles aims to provide assistance to veterans, domestic abuse victims and those who are working but can't afford dental care.

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