

WHAT'S HAPPENING



Eagle file photo

Tyler Nodine of John Day waits for a crew to extinguish a fire from the final blow of his derby car in last year's Whiskey Gulch Gang Demolition Derby at the Grant County Fairgrounds in John Day. The event is scheduled for July 22 this year.

The deadline for What's Happening items is 5 p.m. Friday. Call the Eagle, 541-575-0710, or email editor@bmeagle.com. For meetings this week, see our list in the classifieds on Page A17.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12

Solar eclipse meeting

- 4 p.m., Canyon City Community Hall

The Grant County Chamber of Commerce will host a meeting to update county residents about the Aug. 21 total solar eclipse. City, EMS officials and others will share how they're planning for the influx of visitors to the county.



SATURDAY, JULY 15

Mt. Vernon class reunion

- 1 p.m., Mt. Vernon Community Center

The graduates of Mt. Vernon classes 1955-1959, as well as anyone else interested, are welcome to attend the reunion. An optional dinner is provided; the cost for dinner is \$18. To RSVP for dinner or for more information, call Mary Ellen Brooks at 541-932-4540.

SUNDAY, JULY 16

Ritter, Range and Three-Mile schools 42nd reunion

- Noon, Ritter Hot Springs

Students, families and friends are invited to a potluck at noon. Coffee, lemonade, paper plates, silverware and napkins will be furnished. Call Vivian Morris, 541-421-3868, for more information.

SATURDAY, JULY 22

Demolition derby

- 7 p.m., Grant County Fairgrounds, John Day

The 28th annual event, sponsored by the Whiskey Gulch Gang, will feature a variety of prizes, including \$2,000 for first place, \$1,500 for second place and \$500 for third place. The entry fee is \$50 per car, which includes the driver and one pit crew person; pit passes are \$30 a person. Pre-sale tickets, \$10 for adults and \$6 for children 12 and younger, are available at John Day True Value, Nydam's Ace Hardware and Les Schwab Tire Center. Tickets at the gate will cost \$2 more. Children under 6 are free. For further information and rules, call Hugh Farrell at 541-575-0329 or 541-620-0931, or email farrellhugh@yahoo.com.

75 years ago
July 10, 1942

Shaw Sawmill, Fox Valley, Totally Destroyed by Fire Thursday Morning

The Shaw Lumber company sawmill in Fox Valley, owned by W.B. Shaw and Dick Graham, was totally destroyed and 160,000 feet of lumber consumed by flames early Thursday morning in a fire reported to have started under the boiler walls about 5 o'clock. The flames spread to a barrel of gasoline, which exploded and set off a box of dynamite in an adjoining building, resulting in a terrific explosion; however, all of the employees and people at the mill escaped injury.

Forty thousand feet of green lumber was piled alongside the mill creating a fire of most intense heat, and the fire was still burning at noon; however, it was well under control and none of the dwelling houses in the neighborhood were damaged except for a few broken windows caused by the explosion. The entire Fox neighborhood turned out to help and a Forest Service pumper was rushed to the scene to help keep the flames under control. Besides the mill, the bunkhouse, oil house and sawdust pile were all destroyed. Most of the machinery was damaged beyond repair; however, the planer and three big trucks were saved. There was no insurance to cover the loss.

50 years ago
July 13, 1967

Double Golden Wedding Anniversary Observed by Simmons Couples at Fox

Mr. and Mrs. Ervan Simmons of Mt. Vernon and Mr. and Mrs. Harve Simmons of Pendleton were honored guests at a double golden wedding anniversary celebration July 4 in conjunction with the annual Fox community picnic. The social was held at the Fox community center beginning with a potluck at noon. About 110 persons attended. The two couples were married in a double wedding ceremony in 1917 at Pendleton, and both returned to Fox where they made their homes for over 35 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervan Simmons have three children, Jim Simmons of Fox, Mrs. Cecil Lovan of Portland and Mrs. Bud Trowbridge of John Day. They have eight grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Harve Sim-

OUT OF THE PAST



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From July 9, 1992: Tegan Stewart, 13, of Dayville fords the John Day River on her way to the finish line and victory Saturday in the 10th annual Dayville Cross Country Horse Race. For her winning efforts, she received \$500 in cash, the championship belt buckle, a ribbon and trophy, and her name was added to the perpetual trophy. She completed the circuit in 12:00.60.

mons have five children, Jack and Wayne of John Day, Marvin of Stanfield, Calvin of Pocatello, Idaho, and Mrs. Wayne Burton of Pilot Rock. They have 12 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

25 years ago
July 9, 1992

Survey results in: too few deer and too high license and tag fees

A survey of Grant County hunters yielded predictable results - most agreed the number of deer in the county is too low and the cost of tags and license fees too high. The survey was mailed to members of the Grant County Chapter of the Oregon Hunter's Association. It was conducted March 3 through April 10, and it involved 16 questions. It should also be noted that the survey represents only the views of Grant County OHA members, and not necessarily the views of the OHA as a whole.

The first two questions asked whether hunters were satisfied with the number of deer and with the buck to doe ratio in the county. Of the 122 responding to the number of deer, 83 percent, or 101, said they were not satisfied with the number of deer. Regarding the ratio of bucks to does, 109, or 96 percent of the 114 responding, said they were dissatisfied.

The same questions regarding elk drew a more moderate response. Fifty-four percent of the 119 answering the survey were satisfied with the number of elk in the county, while 72 percent of the 108 responding

while ODFW was graded at 2.0.

A question on whether or not ODFW should be buying private land also drew a one-sided response. Of the 126 responding, 106, or 84 percent, said the agency should not purchase private land. A question on whether or not water quality is being protected within the county drew an even response with 55 percent of the 110 responding saying they do not believe it is being protected, while 45 percent felt it is being protected.

An open-ended question asked what the respondent felt was the biggest problem as far as wildlife habitat and water quality. Of the 132 people answering, management led the list with 30, followed by cattle, 16; logging, 11; and roads, 10.

The survey also asked whether chapter members would physically help to correct wildlife habitat and water problems within the county. Of the 100 responses, 21 said they could not help while 79 agreed they could help.

Two questions dealt with the cost of license fees and tags and the waiting period between making application and receiving notification. Of the 124 responding, 80 percent believe license and tag fees are too high, while 93 percent of the 113 responding about the waiting period feel the length of time is too long. Of the 126 people asked, 111, or 88 percent, said they were hunters while 15, or 12 percent, said they were not.

Copies of the survey, results and comments were sent to state and national political leaders, ODFW, the Malheur National Forest and regional forester, the governor, members of the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission and the executive director of the OHA.

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