

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.

THURSDAY, JULY 20

Chamber of Commerce meeting

• 11 a.m., Chamber office, 301 W. Main St., John Day
The public is welcome to attend the business and board meeting of the Grant County Chamber of Commerce, with an adjournment to the Outpost Restaurant at noon. Guest speakers will be Don Merritt, curator of the Kam Wah Chung museum, and Shelley Hall, superintendent of the John Day Fossil Beds National Monument. Call the Chamber of Commerce for more information, 541-575-0547.

SATURDAY, JULY 22

John Day Farmers Market

• 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., SW Brent St., John Day
The market features crafts, baked goods, produce, kids activities, entertainment and information booths. For more information, call 541-792-0958 or email johndayfarmersmarket@gmail.com.

Pie and ice cream social

• 5:30-8:30 p.m., United Methodist Church, 123 NW Canton St., John Day
Residents are welcome to enjoy a dessert social. For more information, call the church at 541-575-1326.

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



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Grima Horgan loads rhubarb into a bag at the John Day Farmers Market June 16. The markets continue each Saturday until mid-October. Crafts, baked goods, produce and information booths are usually available, as well as kids activities.

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.

MONDAY-FRIDAY, JULY 24-28

Vacation Bible school

• 5:30-8 p.m., Prairie Baptist Church, 238 N. McHaley St., Prairie City

Children in kindergarten through sixth grades are welcome to attend. Family members are invited to join nightly dinners at 5 p.m. and stay to watch the activities. For more information, contact the church at 541-820-3696.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26

Health care film showing

• 6:30 p.m., Canyon City Community Hall
A viewing of the recently released film "Now is the Time - Healthcare for Everybody" will be available to the public. Grant County Democrats are sponsoring the film. Discussion and refreshments will follow.

SATURDAY, JULY 29

Cinnabar Mountain Playdays youth rodeo

• 8 a.m., Grant County Fairgrounds, John Day
The youth rodeo starts at 9 a.m. Membership is \$30 per person or \$45 per family, and membership is required. Entry fees are \$2 per event or \$10 for the day. For more information, call 541-575-3520 or 541-792-0077, or email cmlaydays@gmail.com.

FRIDAY, AUG. 4

Micky & the Motorcars concert

• 7:30 p.m., Madden Brothers Performing Arts Center, 116 NW Bridge St., John Day

The band will be joined by guest performer Dustin Schaefer, featuring country/rock and Americana music. Doors open at 5:30 for VIP and at 6:30 for general admission. Ten pairs of VIP tickets are available, including two front row seats, prime rib and beverages. Suds Pub will provide food and beverages, and all ages are welcome. Tickets start at \$25 and may be purchased at maddenbrothers.tix.com or by calling 1-800-595-4849.

OUT OF THE PAST

75 years ago July 17, 1942

Severe Grasshopper Infestation Develops in Grant County

Severe injury to crops, lawns, shrubs and in fact anything green is in store for Grant County people, unless immediate steps are taken to poison the hoard of young grasshoppers that have recently appeared in the county, according to L.E. Cowden, Bureau of Entomology, from The Dalles, who spent two days surveying conditions in Grant County last week at the request of M.E. Knickerbocker, County Agent.

Mr. Cowden stated that the only effective control is by means of the spreading of a poisoned brand sawdust mixture, and that a large measure of success is obtained by this method only when baiting is done on a community-wide basis.

The type of grasshoppers found in the greatest numbers is the Clear Wing or Warrior grasshopper, which is a great migrant, and upon reaching the adult stage will travel as far as 200 miles to find green food, Cowden stated.

When the hoppers mature, much more damage is done than at the present stage, and because of the fact when they mature there is greater difficulty in successfully poisoning them, it is important to start control measures as soon as possible, Cowden believes.

Infestations ranging up to a population count of 140 per square yard were found by Mr. Cowden. Some damage can be expected when counts show a population of 10 to 20 per square yard and the normal is only one to two, he stated.

The county agent reported that mixing stations have been established in Prairie City, Canyon City, Mt. Vernon, and the Mead Gilman and Roy Cork place in the Monument area. More stations can be established in other areas whenever the need develops.

Five tons of bran and four barrels of sodium arsenite have been obtained for poisoning purposes. Bait is most



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From July 18, 2007: A building burns at the JV Ranch July 15.



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From July 18, 2007: An Army National Guard UH-60 Blackhawk out of Salem waits to be dispatched to any of the local fires.

effectively distributed in the early morning when the temperature ranges from 60 to 90 degrees and should be broadcasted thinly over the ground to avoid poisoning of livestock, Knickerbocker said.

50 years ago

July 20, 1967

County Fair Plans Jell Early - 'Fun for Everyone'

"Fun for everyone" is guaranteed at this year's Grant County Fair, according to fair managers Mr. and Mrs. L.J. "Pete" Baucum.

Fair activities kick off on Aug. 20 at 10 a.m. with the Grant County Open Class Horse Show. Aug. 12 is the closing date for entries. This year there will be no exceptions.

The fairgrounds will be open for reception of animals and displays from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 6, and again on Thursday, Sept. 7, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Judging will take place the rest of Thursday and the grounds will not be open to the public. Open class livestock this year will include registered and grade cattle swine, sheep, poultry and rabbits.

John Day Kiwanis Club will sponsor the first of two parades on Friday. The same prizes and money will be awarded as in past years. Saturday's parade will have the theme of Nursery Rhymes. There will be a children's division this year and the winners of the Kiwanis parade competition will be in the

Saturday event. The Herman Oliver Award will be changed to three places of prize money for the best organizational riding groups. Horses and equipment as well as riders will be judged.

Community Booth scoring will receive a boost this year as an additional \$30 will be awarded to each entry which scores 75 out of 100 points. This is in addition to the regular prize money.

Portland's Oregon Journal Juniors will provide entertainment and music Friday, and will offer a variety show Saturday night at the Fair. Local talent will be invited to join in the variety show.

The crowd-pleasing Grant County Fair Rodeo will be held Sept. 8-9 - an evening show on Sept. 8 and an afternoon event on Sept. 9. Thursday night, Sept. 7, there will be jackpot team roping.

As an added event, Grant Union High School will kick off their football season with the first home game.

25 years ago

July 16, 1992

Long Creek co-gen plant could close

An agreement reached between the Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative and Blue Mountain Forest Products of

Long Creek is expected to save OTEC customers an estimated \$57 million in power purchase costs over the next several years, but it also likely means the shutdown of the co-generation power facility in Long Creek.

The initial power purchase agreement with BMFP was negotiated by CP National, which provided Eastern Oregon electrical service before OTEC's formation in 1988.

The agreement was inherited by OTEC as part of its takeover of CP National. Under the agreement, OTEC would pay steadily increasing costs for power from the Long Creek co-generation power facility.

The buy-out of the contract with BMFP may well force the shutdown of the Long Creek power facility unless a new power purchase agreement can be negotiated with another utility company.

Bruce Malcolm, president of BMFP, said the Long Creek plant will continue in operation until Oct. 1. "We'll probably have to mothball the plant then until we can find a buyer," he said. "We'll try and absorb the employees into the sawmill."

He said the co-generation plants employs about 12 workers, and the sawmill operation can run independent of the co-generation plant.

Presently, OTEC purchases wholesale power from the Long Creek plant at a rate of - cents per kilowatt hour (kwh). Under the agreement, that rate would increase to 23 kwh if the agreement remained in effect through its 2010 expiration date.

By contrast, OTEC purchases wholesale power from the Bonneville Power Administration for 2.5 cents per kwh. OTEC members will see now immediate change in their electric bills because of the settlement which will relieve the pressure for future rate increases because of the savings accrued in the buy-out of the contract, according to General Manager George King.

OTEC will use \$8.5 million in pre-payment from the BPA through its residential exchange program plus a

\$500,000 loan from the Co-operative Finance Corporation - the co-op's banker - to complete the buy-out of the contract.

With the settlement, OTEC will save money by purchasing a greater percentage of its power from the BPA, which offers a far lower wholesale rate to Pacific Northwest customers, said an OTEC spokesperson.

10 years ago

July 18, 2007

Monument fires merge, explode

The Monument Complex fires, sparked by lightning July 13, exploded since last week to cover more than 23,390 acres by Tuesday, July 17. The fire grew by more than 10,000 acres on July 15 alone, doubling its size. The complex was created when several blazes - including the Red Hill, Lovlett Corral and Wall Creek fires - merged. The fires were burning on Umatilla National Forest, Oregon Department of Forestry and BLM-protected lands about 5 miles north of Monument.

As it spread, the fire ran up ridges and jumped roads to come close to the rural residences around Monument, at one time threatening some 245 structures. On Tuesday, fire officials reported that three unoccupied structures or outbuildings had burned, and 20 structures remained threatened.

Over the weekend, the fire spread onto the historic JV Ranch, fueled by heavy grasses and driven by gusty winds. One spot fire touched off a meadow at the ranch headquarters, threatening main buildings there. However, two ODF engines responded and were able to stave off the flames. Those buildings survived the blaze, but the ODF reported that other ranch structures were damaged.

Fire officials on Monday were keeping a close eye on the residences within a few miles or so of the fire's edge. However, they stressed that no evacuations had been ordered as of Tuesday.

GRANT COUNTY ENTREPRENEURS!

Share your ideas about what makes a good business or ask questions about starting a business in Grant County. Maybe you are working on something and you want feedback on your idea.

THIS IS THE PLACE:

Tuesday, July 25th at Timbers Bistro 742 W. Main St. at 10:00 am.

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