

OUT OF THE PAST

75 years ago
Aug. 7, 1942

'Keep Oregon Green'
slogan very important now

By J.C. Iler, forest supervisor

Dry forests and ranges present a hazard to the security of our people through possible loss of vital materials, draining off manpower and equipment and interference with the military effort when smoke and flame are visible to enemy agents.

Forested areas have been placed under restriction to the extent of required registration of each individual before entry and entry only for business purposes in high hazard areas. These restrictions alone will not prevent the 97,000 to 170,000 forest fires for which people are responsible each year in the United States. Only a few of these man-caused fires occur each year in the Malheur National Forest.

50 years ago
Aug. 10, 1967

Geologists, officials to view sites

Two busloads of geologists, highway officials, representatives of various federal and state agencies and Grant County citizens will tour selected geological sites in the county Tuesday and Wednesday.

Headed by Tom Thayer, geologist with the Department of Interior, and W.D. Wilkinson, geologist from Oregon State University, the geologists are working with the State Highway Department on turnout areas for interpretive highway signs to coordinate with a leaflet.

The department is planning to publish a leaflet on geology from a recreational standpoint in Grant County.

The purpose of the trip is to familiarize the agencies with the project.



Eagle file photo

From Aug. 8, 2007: Front, left to right: Jacob Lallatin, Connor Smith, (back) Shaylee Joslin, Justin Joslin and Rozanne Mullin practice rafting skills Aug. 1 at Gleason Pool in John Day.

25 years ago

Aug. 6, 1992

NOHA 'just says no' to Canyon City

The Northeast Oregon Housing Authority has flatly rejected a request from Canyon City City Council members to terminate an agreement between the city and NOHA to build low-income housing units in the city. "NOHA has no intention of cancelling our Cooperation Agreement with Can-

yon City," said Maggie Dean, NOHA executive director, in a letter sent to Mayor Tom Switzer and council members July 30. "There have been several request by the city council in which I thought our position was made very clear," Dean said. "We plan to hold the town of Canyon City to the Cooperation Agreement they signed, date Jan. 17, 1990, which allowed NOHA to apply for and develop public housing. We are

not willing to voluntarily cancel the Cooperation Agreement."

Dean said NOHA has upheld its end of the agreement with the city, and her letter chides city council members for their position on providing public housing. "It is unfortunate that, even with the new members of the city council, you are no longer in support of public housing development." She said an analysis of 1990 census figures identifies a need for low-income housing in Canyon City and Grant County. An additional eight housing units are planned for Mt. Vernon with five penciled in for Dayville.

10 years ago

Aug. 8, 2007

Let's get ready to raft

Gleason Pool was closed to the public the evening of Aug. 1, as 12 youths and 12 adults gathered there for an orientation to river rafting. John Decker, river ranger for the

Bureau of Land Management, described what to expect and what to do on a river trip.

He had small groups board a raft and flip it, then practice climbing back in, retrieving other swimmers.

The training was planned by the leaders of a youth program through the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to prepare for a trip the group would take down the Deschutes River. Mark Witty, leader of the young men's program, planned the event.

"There are two types of boaters," Decker said. "Those who have flipped and those who will again."

The audience took his advice seriously.

"I learned to pay attention, and do what you're told, when you're told to do it," Shaylee Joslin said.

Three boats traveled on the Deschutes Aug. 4, one to stay dry and the others for those who wanted to get wet.

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