

OUT OF THE PAST

**75 years ago  
Aug. 21, 1942**  
**Four bodies recovered from Army airplane wreckage**

The bodies of four men recovered from the wreckage of an Army airplane found on Wolf Mountain, about 12 miles south of Dayville as the crow flies, were taken to the Pendleton Air Field last Friday by a salvage crew. The bodies had to be taken by packhorse from the crash scene to the camp where the salvage crew had its headquarters and several days' time was required to complete the mission. The plane, a two-motored bomber, was discovered by R. Humphries Thursday morning of last week while searching for sheep on Wolf Mountain, a peak with an elevation of nearly 6,400 feet, states the Pendleton East Oregonian. The plane is one that disappeared while en route to Spokane from Sacramento, California, last Feb. 3. Names of the four flyers were not known at Pendleton or at the Second Air Force headquarters in Spokane. Advices



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**From Aug. 20, 1992: One of the most popular events at the Grant County Fair is the Jackpot Rodeo and Horse Race, and one of the most crowd-pleasing events is bull riding. Activities at the county fair opened yesterday and will continue through Sunday with fun and entertainment for the entire family.**

from the salvage crew from Pendleton Field said trees as large as three feet in diameter were sheared off by the plane when it crashed, and wreckage was scattered over an area of 150 yards. Our Dayville correspondent states that the wreckage was first discovered by Tall Stewart, a sheepherder employed by Mrs. Lulu Humphries.

**50 years ago  
Aug. 24, 1967**  
**Flights cover Malheur forest regularly for fires**

Toilet paper is not only a handy item in the home, it also plays an important role in aerial fire fighting. Many hours of flying time are recorded each summer by the Malheur National Forest for detecting fires. Aerial observation is a vital cog in preventing forest

fires. After an electrical storm, a fire check from the air is a must. From the air it is easy to spot a small isolated fire smoldering slowly on a tree or snag, but it is different on the ground. Rough terrain and high trees make it impossible to spot some fires, even at a relative close distance. When there is no direct radio contact between the airplane and ground fire crews, toilet paper

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There is a humongous one in Canyon City at the corner of Clark and Main covering a house. Bet it's cool in there! Mine looks a little sad since the outside water restriction has been in effect. I keep hoping it will grow deep roots – like the alfalfa does – six feet down. The cement for the ADA landing pad has been laid. Has to be inspected, of course. Then Joel can come back and get the ramp actually out of the building. What a long trail – and trial – this has turned out to be. But I believe I can see light at the end of the tunnel... Got the beets all harvested and cooked up and put in the freezer. There. The garden was another thing that turned out to be a trial this year. Better luck next time. Hope springs eternal, you know. We had some very tired guests for our meal. They had been peeling 100 pounds of potatoes for the breakfast at the Teen Center over the eclipse. I couldn't have helped them – I got a blister on my paring knife finger from slicing the beets. Anyway, it was good to have Pete and Harriet Currier with us. So taking advantage of a new face, I asked Pete to lead the flag

salute. And then Harriet won the gift certificate donated by Chuck's Little Diner. See, it pays to come to dinner. Ken Koser got the \$5 in trade at Prairie Hardware and Gifts. Tom's food for thought: Most children hate to begin a meal on an empty stomach. After Jack Retherford asked the blessing, we got down to the business of filling our empty stomachs with spaghetti and meat sauce, green salad, corn on the cob, rolls, and an orange 'poke' cake with ice cream for dessert. Yummy, yummy. Good job, Tom, Marjean, Julia, and Ellie. Thank you for a great meal. A letter in last week's paper talked about a photo of naked people that apparently was in a previous edition. I didn't see it, but it does bring up a pet peeve of mine. Why in various sports and other exhibitions is it a requirement that the male be fully clothed and the female practically naked? I, for one, am sick of it. I distinctly remember one ice skating contest that I saw where the couple had a fantastic routine and they did it by switching roles. She had on a male costume and he had on a female's. And the audience loved it. The judges, however, hated it. Wasn't according to their rules, you know. When the scores were shown, the judges got booed. Right on. We had to make a journey to get a new bike wheel for our 30+ years old garden cart. It had air-filled tires when we got it and we could never keep the air in them, so had Randy Moles make a different frame/axle and put on solid rubber tires back in the early '80's. I think that is a good testimony for the wheel that it lasted this long! Derrol just hauled too many heavy rocks...

Ps. 18:31 "For who is God besides the Lord? And who is the Rock except our God?"

John Day Seniors

Nicky Essex



Monday, August 7, Merry Henry and Ron Dowse greeted. Blue Mountain Hospital Auxiliary members Gloria Kulis and Mary Jones served at the tables after making meal deliveries to John Day and Canyon City. Larry and Rodney from Step Forward delivered meals to Mt. Vernon. Total regular meals delivered were 23, with total frozen meals delivered 61. Thanks so much. Mary Jones opened our time by leading our salute to the flag. Dale Stennett gave the blessing on our meal. We enjoyed Shay's wonderful rendition of pinto beans and ham with fried potatoes, cornbread muffins and watermelon, and "Lisa's Surprise" for dessert. I failed to welcome Yvonne Major last week. We welcomed Evelyn Sheets, and after some years of absence, welcome back, Carol Roe! We served 22 diners in the center. I failed to note drawing winners. Thursday, August 10, Drew Harmer and Jeanette Julsrud were on the desk to greet our friends. Cornerstone Church

members Zola Pike, Donna Mulder, Linda Sprouffske and Donna Johnson served us. Buzz Glass and Brenda Taramasso delivered meals to John Day and Canyon City while the guys from Step Forward took the Mt. Vernon route. Total meals delivered were 36. Great job to all of you. We love and appreciate our volunteers. Donna Johnson opened our time together by leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance. We also learned that it was National S'mores Day. The winners from the drawings were Jerry Williamson, Valley View; Jan Ellison, Chester's Thriftway gift certificate; and Donna Johnson won the Harrison Ranch Produce Certificate. Linda Sprouffske gave the lunch blessing, which was our "Fair Meal" (entrée donated by The Methodist Church Resale Shop). Barbecued pork ribs, baked potatoes, fresh veggie salad and dinner rolls, and "Lisa's S'mores" for dessert made for an exceptional meal. Thanks to all of you who serve us so generously. We love our kitchen crew and helpers. We love our volunteers, too. Psalm 28:7 NIV "The Lord is my strength and my Shield; my heart trusts in Him and He helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise Him."

Not only was it a madhouse in Bend at all the stores, I thought it was quite busy here at the Monument Senior lunch as well. We had 53 guests on the books. Terry Cade and Carrie Jewell cooked us chicken with fried rice, fresh green salad, and cookies for our dessert. Our greeters were Bodean Andersen, Jimmy Cole, and Linda Blakeslee. Bodean led us in the flag salute, made the announcements, and prayed over the blessing of our meal. Jimmy and Linda collected and counted the money. Our winners for the free meal were Jim Davenport and Christian Yukawa. We welcome Jim and Tina Davenport to our community. They are the new owners of Wally and Marva Walker's ranch. My hubby showed me the big traffic jam around the Prineville/Mitchell area. I am so glad we went to Bend when we did. I've been hearing of how the towns of Prineville and Madras are all out of gas. Wow. I am steering clear of those areas for a while. Friday was the day I volunteered to help out at the senior center

Monument Seniors

Soo Yukawa



along with a bunch of others. We all worked together to bring about cooking some breakfast, lunch, and supper. I left before 2 p.m. but other people came and took the evening shifts. The crowds that were expected hadn't shown up quite yet but I'm pretty sure there will be by Saturday and Sunday. I am thinking that the Monday, the day of the eclipse, is going to be pretty crazy. By the time you read this, it will be yesterday's news, literally. Ha. When we were in Bend, the stores were packed. We went to Cash N Carry, and the meat section was quite bare, not to mention the lines were long. The Costco was busy too. I didn't get my broccoli because there was none, and other things were flying out the door. The strangest sight I saw on the shopping trip was when I took my little girl to the restroom at Wal-Mart. We saw a grown man (I think he was in his early 20's) sitting in a shopping cart like a little kid in front of the restroom. Later saw the same man at the deli section talking to a friend declaring he needed three meals a day and snacks wouldn't cut it for him for the next nine days. I thought, "Good luck with that with no fridge." The companion said something about food being good for three days at camp. Oh dear. Joel 2:30 "I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth. Blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke."

is dropped adjacent to the fire so it can be located quickly. Sometimes a pilot may have to make a low swoop and bank off to a side to direct ground crews to fires. Wing flapping is another method of communicating with ground crews. Accompanying the pilot on an aerial fire check is an observer. Once a fire is spotted, the observer pinpoints the fire on the map, notices the roads leading to the fire, and gives other details to the District Ranger Office or to a ground crew. The plane may circle the fire until firefighters arrive at the scene or until the situation improves. Then the plane flies on, searching the fore for other fires. In case of a major fire, the plane may remain to direct ground fighting operations such as demonstrated at the recent Lost Creek fire. The plane may also be used for observing the rate of fire spread and direction, fuel types, dangerous situations and other fire information for the fire boss on the ground. Routine fire flights over the 1,500,000 acres of the Malheur National Forest are made daily during extreme fire danger periods. Sometimes several flights a day are made. The plane usually flies for about two hours. Routine flights cover an area of the most distant, and those that are blind from manned lookouts. Flights are made from John Day and Burns. The John Day flights cover the northern portion of the forest and the Strawberry Mountain range region. The Burns flight covers the southern portion of the forest. For an inexperienced air passenger, flying with a fire plane can be like riding on a roller coaster. And it is a good idea to have a bag ready for the discharged contents of the stomach. But the loops and dips are just part of flying for fires, requiring highly skilled pilots such as Dick Meyers, Phil Boyer and Oscar and Carl Davis. Meyers is a pilot for John McCaige of the Flying Hat ranch west of Mt. Vernon, and Boyer is the John Day Airport manager. The Davises fly for the Burns ranger district. Flying as an observer for the John Day flights has been Joe Peniska, former Grant Union coach now at Payette.

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