

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, AUG. 30

Democrats meeting

• 6:30 p.m., Canyon City Community Hall
All local Democrats are encouraged to attend. For more information, call 541-542-2633.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 1

Evaluating groundwater resources presentation

• 2-6 p.m., Grant County Regional Airport
AquaGeo Frameworks will have geologists and geophysicists present to explain how to understand and evaluate local groundwater resources, aquifers and their recharge capacity. The John Day Resource Center, Tomorrow's Water and the Grant County Citizen Water Group are sponsoring the presentation, and all are welcome to attend.

First Friday

• 6-9 p.m., downtown John Day
Some downtown businesses will extend their hours to participate in this free, monthly event. This month features a book signing by Kathy Moss, a carving demonstration by Mike Stinnett and Ashley Stevick Photography. Refreshments provided. For more information, call 541-620-2638.



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Chad Finley of Mt. Vernon competes in tie-down roping in a time of 9.4 at the Grant County NPRA Rodeo last year. The event is scheduled Sept. 8-9 this year.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 2

John Day Farmers Market

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

FRIDAY-SATURDAY, SEPT. 8-9

NPRA Rodeo

• 6 p.m., Grant County Fairgrounds arena
Tickets at the gate cost \$10. Pre-sale tickets cost \$8 and are available from the fairgrounds office, Wild West Hair Company or any fair court member. Seniors are half price and children 5 and under are free. Concessions and a bar will be available. A queen's dance will be held Saturday after the rodeo, with no cover charge. The dance will be family friendly with food and a no-host bar. For more information, contact the fairgrounds office at 541-575-1900.

MONDAY, SEPT. 11

Grant County Senior Citizens Advisory Council

• 1 p.m., John Day Senior Center
The meeting will introduce new members of the council, present a letter of appreciation to Bruce Kaufman and address future financial standings, possible future grants and the Grant County Safety Policies and Procedures Plan as it relates to the three senior centers. The public is welcome to attend.

OUT OF THE PAST

75 years ago Aug. 28, 1942

V-Mail provides safe means of communication to soldiers overseas

The Post Office Department announced today that the V-Mail Service, inaugurated June 15, is now past the experimental stage, with each week showing large increases in the number of letters mailed to American soldiers overseas. The War Department has increased its facilities to handle promptly the volume expected in the future.

Facilities are for photographing and reproducing V-Mail to and from the United States and the British Isles, Australia, India, Hawaii and other points where the volume may warrant.

Pointing out that V-Mail provides a safe means of communication with members of our armed forces, the Post Office Department gave assurance that the film upon which the communications are reproduced are given the most expeditious dispatch available. Because of the small space taken up by the rolls of film, they often can be carried on ferry planes or bombers.

Every pound of weight that can be saved on air transports to overseas, said the department, means that an equivalent amount of weight can be allotted vital military material. V-Mail letter sheets have been distributed at all post offices and have been provided to all military and naval personnel at overseas points through Army and Navy post offices and military channels. Private firms and individuals have also been permitted by the Post Office Department to reproduce the letter sheets. The sheets also will be available soon to all stores selling stationery.

V-Mail Service provides for the use by patrons of a special letter sheet form that is a combination letter and envelope of uniform size and design. The patron writes his message, completes the name and address of the addressee and the return card in the space provided, folds, seals, and mails the letter in the usual manner.

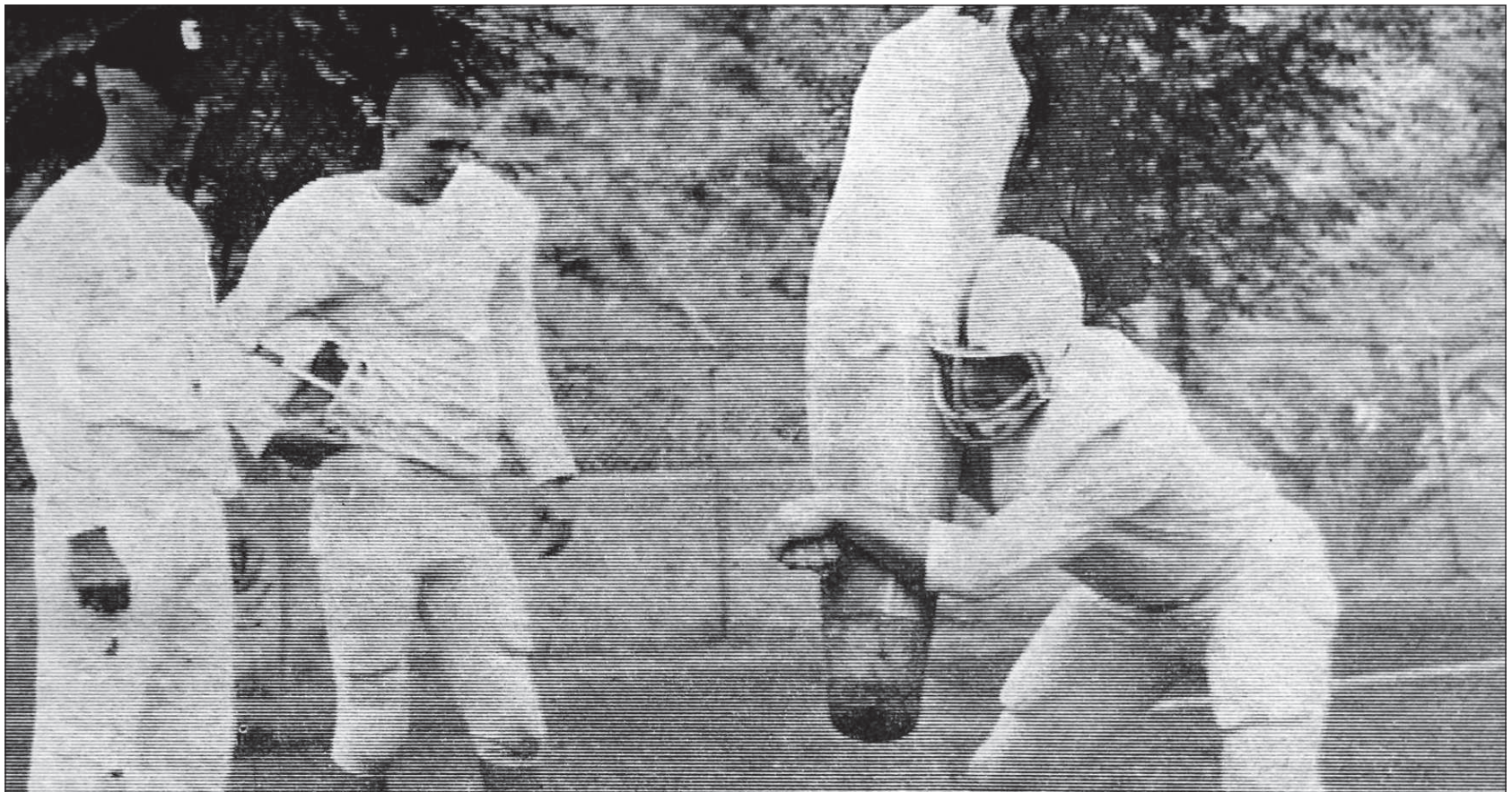
V-Mail letters are photographed on micro-film by automatic machines at the rate of 2,000 to 2,500 per hour and the film rolls containing 1,500 letters each are transmitted to destinations. Reproductions are then made by other automatic machines and delivered to the addressee in individual sealed window penalty envelopes.

The War, Navy and Post Office departments all cooperated in developing this service, largely with a view to decreasing the volume of mail to be carried overseas and providing an expeditious service. The public is urged to use it at every opportunity.

50 years ago Aug. 31, 1967

National forests closed; recreation usage limited

All National Forests in Oregon will be closed effective midnight Thursday, it was announced this afternoon by Chas. A. Connaughton, Regional Forester, U.S. Forest



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From Aug. 31, 1967: TACKLING PRACTICE: All-league lineman Moose Simmons gives a tackling dummy a hard workout as assistant coach Toni Kosydar and halfback Steve Jolley watch. Simmons and Jolley will be co-captains for the Grant Union Prospectors. The tackling machine is a new addition to the football program at Grant Union.



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From Aug. 27, 1992: A bird's eye view: The 83rd Annual Grant County Fair concluded Sunday with the annual Jackpot Rodeo and Horse Race. One of the most popular attractions at this year's fair was a helicopter ride that whisked passengers high above the county fairgrounds and around the John Day Valley.

Service. The unprecedented closure will be made because of the extreme fire danger, the long drought and uncontrolled fires in the state, Connaughton said.

The state forester has been asked to recommend the closure to the governor's office under provisions of state forest law.

The closure will be lifted immediately upon an appreciable change in the weather, Connaughton assured. Some change is predicted for northwestern Oregon Friday night or Saturday, but no helpful moisture is forecast.

The closure will stop any logging still being done in the national forests of Oregon. Main highways will be open, but most forest access roads will be closed. Recreationists will be hard hit. Some campgrounds and other facilities will be open for use.

Back country and other undeveloped areas will be closed to all activity. Hikers, riders, berry pickers, fishermen, etc. will not be permitted in the woods. Which recreational areas and campgrounds will remain open will be decided by individual national forest supervisors. Recreationists are asked to contact local national forest or ranger district offices for information.

25 years ago Aug. 27, 1992

Prairie City post office opens

Prairie City residents who have long been waiting to get a post office box will wait no more – the post office has moved into its new, larger quarters on Main Street. Prairie City Postmaster Barbara Bass said the city has been seeking a larger building for about 15 years. Post offices needing more space are put on a U.S. Postal Service waiting list.

The waiting list for individual post office boxes began three or four years ago. Prairie City's number finally came up in January 1991. The new, modern grey and white building houses 790 boxes – 280 more than before – as well as more storage and parking space.

Most box holders have the same box number after the move, but a few, whose box numbers don't exist in the new building, have had to take a new number. Bass said many people had already checked on the status of their number before the move.

A moving company transported most of the old office's furnishings and equipment to the Main Street location over the weekend. Hours and services will remain the same as usual in the new building, Bass said.

REPORTER

The Blue Mountain Eagle, a family-owned weekly newspaper in a stunningly beautiful Oregon community, seeks an energetic, dedicated reporter.

The Eagle is located in John Day, where seeing deer in front yards is normal and traffic is unheard of, just three hours from Bend and Pendleton. Surrounded by scenic forests and dissected by mountain streams, the location offers year-round recreational opportunities, including fishing, hunting, backpacking, camping, snowmobiling and horseback riding.

Despite the picturesque environment, the community is at the center of an evolving natural resource restoration economy, which gains statewide and even national attention.

Despite the small-town charm, the residents are engaged and politically active in local and national debates, and hard-hitting stories are never hard to find. Ongoing topics include state and federal policies, forest health, logging, public lands grazing, water supply, wildlife habitat improvements and wildfire resilience, in addition to coverage of small-town life and local government. The position offers a wealth of breaking news and enterprise opportunities.

Serving the community for 146 years, the Eagle is the oldest weekly newspaper in Oregon and is part of EO Media Group, an award-winning and innovative news organization with an active family of owners. This position offers excellent advancement opportunities in a company that prefers to hire from within. EO Media Group owns 11 newspapers and 17 websites that provide accurate, fair and timely reporting about the people and issues impacting the communities we serve in the Pacific Northwest, reflecting the responsibility and spirit of a free press.

We seek a journalist who is passionate about local news and excited about the opportunity to publish in print, online and through social media. Candidates must be able to develop story ideas, take photographs, develop sources, prepare website and social media updates and work in a cooperative team environment. Journalistic integrity is a must.

Journalism education or experience is required for this full-time position offering insurances, a 401(k)/401(k) Roth retirement plan and paid time off (PTO). Send resume, letter of interest and up to five clips to EO Media Group, P.O. Box 2048, Salem, OR 97308-2048; by fax to (503) 371-2935 or by email to hr@eomediagroup.com.

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