

OUT OF THE PAST

75 years ago
March 26, 1943

Ritter goes over the top in Red Cross War Fund drive
Carl Driskall, county chairman of the Red Cross War Fund campaign, states that the first community in the county to go “over the top” is Ritter. Violet Haley, chairman for the Ritter community, reported this week that their quota of \$50 has already been over-subscribed. At this writing, they have raised \$65 for the Red Cross War Fund.

50 years ago
March 28, 1968

Large reservoir seen for Monument dam proposal
A dam 225 feet high and backing up water nearly 15 miles is a possibility being considered by the Army Corps of Engineers for the proposed Monument dam project. Frank Parsons, spokesman from the Walla Walla district office, discussed the proposal Thursday at the annual meeting of the Monument Soil and Water Conservation District in Monument. The Corps is presently in phase three, general investiga-

tion, of the project. Money has been funded for the investigation. Four steps are remaining. First is Congressional okay for construction, then approval of money for construction, final designs of acceptance and awarding the bid of construction. Benefits of the project include flood control, power, irrigation and recreation. Recreation and reservoir fish will be affected most by an unstable pool level, noted Parsons. He said relocation costs for the town of Monument, which would be inundated, would be high, and present benefits over cost are rather small. The government interest rate could affect the cost benefit ratio greatly. Another prime consideration that could prove costly is fish facilities. Three pool sizes are being considered for the Monument project. The dam sites are located just west of Monument. Present planning indicates about 250,000 acre feet gross storage with 37,000 acre feet sediment storage and about the same for a conservation pool. Draw down would be about two-thirds of gross volume, said Parsons.



Eagle file photo

From March 28, 1968: LOG DUMP — Work is nearing completion for the new log dump at the west end of the San Juan Lumber Co. mill pond in John Day. The log pond is being enlarged to handle approximately 700,000 board feet. The present pond accommodates about 200,000 board feet. One reason for the enlarged pond is that it allows frosted logs to thaw out by the time they are ready to be processed. The present road in the middle of the pond will be taken out.

25 years ago
March 25, 1993
Wildlife management committee named

Grant County Court members have named a nine-member committee to begin drafting a wildlife management element for adoption into the county’s Comprehensive Plan that guides land-use, growth and development within the county.

Those selected of the 23 applicants were Phil Wirth, Chrissy Tenderella, Rick Henslee, Don Moss, John Coombs, Mike Kilpatrick, Steve Courtney, Bob Pereira and Ken Holliday. County Planning Director Dick Brown noted the complexity of issues facing land-use planners and, following adoption late last year of a new riparian element to the county’s

plan, welcomed the local input in developing a new part of the county plan. “We learn a lot from people out there on the ground every day,” Brown said. “Hopefully through this process, we can come up with something more applicable to our specific area than the state process.” The move to appoint the committee and draft a wildlife management plan is a bold step for the county because it could subjugate state and federal agency controls and regulations to conform to the county’s Comprehensive Plan. The same tact was taken in developing the riparian element, which is under appeal by the Land Conservation and Development Commission and Water Watch of Oregon, Inc. Commissioner Bob Kimberling expressed concern over pursuing any additional land-use planning regulations that could make it more difficult for private landowners to develop their property. Kimberling asked whether a wildlife element to the county’s plan could be used to prevent someone from building a home or other structure in an area because the area was designated

as a wildlife migratory route. Brown said that same debate has been ongoing for more than 15 years, and it likely would not come into play with single structures. The debate more frequently crops up when discussing applications to subdivide parcels of land and in talks of housing density, within the county, and not fish or other wildlife. **10 years ago
March 26, 2008
Sleepy Hollow comes to Dayville** The Dayville Community Hall was the place to be. The students recently treated the community to a presentation of “The Legend of Sleepy Hollow.” Primarily a production of the high school, elementary students also participated, filling out the cast as townspeople of Sleepy Hollow. Soon after landing in Sleepy Hollow, Ichabod Crane (Cody Flower) stumbles into romantic entanglements with a farmer’s daughter, Katrina Van Tassel (Rachel Sagaser). Van Tassel, however, already has another suitor, strong and handsome Brom Bones (Cody Gibson).

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Rose Coombs

Food for thought: Enthusiasm is the yeast that makes people rise. So we all rose to follow Jean Kline as she led us in the flag salute. Ginger announced that Prospector Ice is donating 10 bags of ice to us every month. Thank you so much for doing that. We certainly appreciate it. Our faithful delivery drivers Ken, Larry, and Carlos did their thing. Del and Bonnie help clean up every week. Marjean has to be gone sometimes, so we will need kitchen helpers when that happens. If you feel so inclined, come early on Wednesday to lend a hand. Don't forget that March 28 is another game day at the hall. Pinochle party. The Prairie City PTA is going to have another bingo party on April 13, so get your money out and go. The winner of the gift certificate donated by Chuck's Little Diner was – our cook. Marjean can have someone else cook a meal for her. Jack Retherford asked the blessing. Marjean put the new rice cooker to work for our meal this day. It worked good too. We had Asian chicken thighs, pineapple fried rice, pasta salad, peaches, and yellow cake with coconut frosting

for dessert. Yummy, yummy in the tummy. There were 50 names on the registration book. We had a board meeting after lunch. If you have any concerns, be sure and tell someone. We worked on several and made progress toward resolution of them. Derrol's physical therapy is going quite well. Still sleeping in the recliner so he won't roll over and re-injure the shoulder... Should get the bandage off before Easter. Speaking of Easter, don't forget the Prairie City Ministerial Association's annual combined Easter Sunday service at the old gym at Prairie City High School. It's like a city-wide reunion. Lots of good music and preaching and praying. Even food. What a deal. So, the seed catalog came. And I ordered the seeds. And they came. And they are waiting to be planted. Hard to do in our Grant County spring, huh? Been trying to figure out how to make a little cold-frame on the front of the house. It's always warm there, right by the heater exhaust... (ahem). But I keep getting deterred by this voice coming from the depths of the recliner. Oh, well. This too shall pass. One thing I wish would pass is the deer who eats the tops of the tulips. *Deuteronomy 14:3-5 "Do not eat any detestable thing. These are the animals you may eat: the ox, the sheep, the goat, the deer, the gazelle, the roe deer, the wild goat, the ibex, the antelope and the mountain sheep."*

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John Day Seniors

Nicky Essex

On Monday, March 19th, Bonnie Kocis and Merry Henry greeted some chilled, wet friends who came into the center. But it didn't take long to warm them up. We had a shift in our Monday schedule, so for the time being, Step Forward will be doing all of the meal deliveries. That is a big job! David Gill and his crew delivered 30 regular and 20 frozen, which took them all over John Day, Canyon City and Mt. Vernon. Thank you all, so much. A big thanks to the gang here for doing table service and clean up. You all really step up when needed. It feels like a real family to me, how about you? Welcome to visitor Nancy Viggers. Gene Essex led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, then we had drawings: winner of the Len's Drug gift card was Tom Roark and the free meal went to Merry Henry, who then gave the blessing on our meal. We ate grilled provolone and cheddar sandwiches on sourdough bread, incredible homemade cream of tomato soup, relish tray of pickles, olives and celery stuffed with a yummy cream cheese filling by Curt Pereira. Lisa made chocolate caramel cupcakes for dessert, to celebrate National Chocolate Caramel Day. Thursday, the 22nd, Sandra Gladish, Chief of Interpretation from the Fossil Beds, came to share about future plans for the park, and also

to take suggestions and ideas back from us about ways to make it more accessible for all who come to enjoy it. Olivia Cornel and Jeanette Julsrud were at the greeter's desk to check us in, and St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church served at tables. David Turner and Jimmy Maple took meals to John Day and Canyon City while David Gill and his guys from Step Forward did the Mt. Vernon route. Altogether, there were 35 meals delivered. Thank you all so much. Walt Hall led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, then our drawings produced winners. Jennifer Marcucci for Chester's Thriftway and Joyce Nodine won the Valley View meal. We had special visitors from Blue Mountain Hospital Guild, our meal sponsors. Chris Yriarte introduced the ladies of the guild, telling us about their membership drive. They would like to encourage any and all to consider joining their group in the many activities they do to help support the hospital. Archie Osburn from Monument also visited to meet new friends, as he is going to be on our ballots in the next election. Father Christie from St. Elizabeth's gave a devotional and led us in the blessing of our food. We dined on chicken cacciatore with rice, cheesy garlic bread, Caesar salad and Lisa continued to spoil us with a lovely peach crisp. We filled seven tables and had great fellowship. Next Thursday we will have our special Easter meal of cinnamon-glazed ham. *Psalm 116:8-9 KJV "For thou hast delivered my soul from death, mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling. I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living."*

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Monument Seniors

Soo Yuhawa

Looks like the month of March is coming to a close already. April and Easter are just around the corner. I can almost smell spring in the air. I'm getting excited about planting stuff outside. I know that won't happen for a while but one can daydream about it. We got a little snow, just when I thought the winter was over, but I see evidence of the next season with the slowly growing green grass coming on. We had quite a large crowd for our Tuesday meal. Terry Cade, Carrie Jewell, and Teawna Conklin prepared for us fish and chicken with some tasty fries, cole slaw, sliced peaches, and chocolate and peanut butter cookies. We thank our cooks for their hard work. There were 55 guests on the books and one takeout. We had Harold Preston from Prairie City honor us with his presence. We also had Taran and Tamara Homan from Prineville join us for lunch. We had Craig Jackson and Dave Rush from Long Creek. From Sedalia, CO, we had Tyler, Jamie, and Matthew Arbogast. Lastly, we had Kathleen Hoffman from Canyon City for lunch also. Our greeters were Bodean Andersen, Jimmy Cole, and Linda Abraham. Bodean led us in the flag salute, made the announcements, and prayed the blessing over our meal. Jimmy and Linda collected and counted the money.

The gift card winner was Jan Ensign. The winner of the free meal was Miranda Hoodenpyl. We thank all our supporters for their generous donations. Harold Preston came over to let us all know about the medical transport that is available for anyone that is eligible. If you are found eligible, it would cost you nothing to be taken to your doctor appointments. More information will be found on the board in the senior center foyer. I have great news for all you vets out here in Monument. Kathleen Hoffman will be coming to Monument once a month to assist any of our vets. You won't have to drive all the way to the nearest VA office anymore. I will let you know when that Tuesday of the month she will be in. I have some very sad news if you haven't already heard. One of our newest members of the community, Jay Ball, has passed away. Our prayers are with his family and friends. Well, I am less two baby goats. Two of the male goats went to their new home. One of the mama goats, Dolly, was quite upset. The next day, I went to pet Bonnie and Dolly kept coming over crying at me thinking I might take Bonnie too! Hopefully she will soon forget that she is missing one of her babies. I took a baby from each mama so they wouldn't get traumatized and miss their babies and to keep them from getting mastitis. I might have to rename Pherb to Clyde. Can't have a Bonnie without a Clyde, right? *1 Corinthians 14:1 "Follow after charity, and desire spiritual gifts but rather that ye may prophesy."*

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