

Whiskey Gulch Gang rides again

Carl Lino is '62 Days grand marshal

By Angel Carpenter
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It'll be just like old times when the Whiskey Gulch Gang holds their 97th annual '62 Days celebration Friday and Saturday, June 8-9, in Canyon City.



Carl Lino

The festivities, including the Gold Rush Walk and Run, parade, hanging re-enactment and bed races, all commemorate the Canyon City gold rush in 1862.

New this year will be a Portland-based Chinese dragon and lion dance group in the parade and folks dressed in historical garb, from the Grant County Historical Museum, mingling with the crowd.

St. Thomas Episcopal Church will offer tours of their historic building and hold their traditional pie social.

Hugh Farrell, vice president of the Whiskey Gulch Gang, said the parade will mark the start of the celebration.

"Hopefully, everyone can come and have fun," he said. "Gold was discovered in 1862 (at Whiskey Gulch), and that's how the Whiskey Gulch Gang was named."

He said the group was formed in 1922. Hugh's son Colby Farrell is the current president.

Longtime John Day resident Carl Lino is this year's parade grand marshal.

Lino became Grant Union High School's principal in 1980, retiring in 1995.

He's filled many positions



Whiskey Gulch Gang members fire away during a previous '62 Days parade. The event, held every June since 1922, commemorates the discovery of gold in 1862 in Canyon City.

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'62 Days events

- Friday**
9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.: Grant County Historical Museum is open
4 p.m.: Sels Brewery opens
9 p.m.: Music by Copper Ridge at Sels Brewery
- Saturday**
7 a.m.: Hope 4 Paws breakfast at the fire hall provided by Squeeze-In Restaurant
8 a.m.: Gold Rush Run and Walk
9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.: Grant County Historical Museum is open
9:30 a.m.: Parade registration and lineup at Humbolt Elementary School
11 a.m.: Parade
After parade: Ugly Truth barbecue at the fire hall, Wrestling Club hamburgers, up to 20 vendors, games in the park
11:30 a.m.: St. Thomas Episcopal Church pie social and tours of the historical building
1 p.m.: Grant County Historical Museum re-enactment
1:30 p.m.: Hanging re-enactment
2 p.m.: Bed races
2:30 p.m.: Ax throw
3 p.m.: Grant County Historical Museum re-enactment
5 p.m.: Street dance
9 p.m.: Music by Copper Ridge at Sels Brewery



Children make a run for candy during last year's '62 Days parade in Canyon City.



Two young boys share their cache of candy.

of volunteer service with the Elks Lodge at the local, state and national level.

He is a past state Elks president for Oregon, and the past nine years he's served as a member of the national Elks Ritual Committee, the last two years as chairman.

Lino's wife, Sondra, who passed away in 2011, was Oregon's Girls State director for the American Legion Auxiliary.

Their two daughters are

Lisa (Tom) Berry of Boise and Jody (Keith) Hammack of Bend, and they have three granddaughters.

Lino has traveled to all seven continents and all 50 states and said he enjoyed traveling abroad yearly when he was able.

He has also found much to enjoy in Grant County.

"'62 Days was always fun and a day to get together with friends, chewing the fat, so to speak," Lino said. "I've al-

ways said John Day-Canyon City is not a place, it's a way of life, and everyone is sitting around having a good time reminiscing."

He said the community has had everything he wanted.

"A good community and a good golf course, and the fellowship," he said. "The school has a high reputation and the programs are well respected. We had good leadership when Dean Nodine was superintendent — he was the

one who hired me."

Del Raymond will drive a horse-drawn buggy in Saturday's parade, and if Lino is unable to attend due to illness, a group of his past Grant Union students will be in the parade in his honor.

Melissa Galbreath, one of this year's '62 Days organizers, said starting this year the parades will have a general theme of "old times" — "Whatever makes you think of 1862."

Galbreath, who was a Grant Union student while Lino was principal, said he continued to care about his students after they graduated.

"He can remember the name of every student who walked the halls during his reign and likely tell a story about them," she said. "He is a kind, gentle man who has a heart of gold."

For more information, call Galbreath at 541-620-0898.

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Natural Resource Camp engages teens in outdoors

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Grant County teens who will be in grades 7-9 this fall can sign up to join the June 25-29 Natural Resource Camp at Lake Creek Youth Camp in Logan Valley.

This year's camp theme is "The Natural World and You."

Students will learn about natural resource careers while enjoying time with youths their age in the Strawberry Mountains.

Classes and activities include: wetland ecology, Logan Valley geology, aspen management, archery, fire ecology, range health, leather craft photojournalism, flintknapping and archeology, fly tying, woodworking and more.

The camp usually costs \$250 but is being offered for \$70 because of support from local businesses and grants, said camp officials. Additional scholarships are also available.

Elise Delgado of Blue Mountains Forest Partners is this year's camp coordinator.

The application deadline is Sunday, June 10.



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Youth at a previous Natural Resource Camp enjoy a science lesson.

To register or for more information, call the OSU Extension Service at 541-575-1911 or register online at <https://apps.ideal-logic.com/osuextension>.

2018 Grant County Health Fair

Friday, June 15th
0600-1200
Grant Union Jr/Sr High School

Dental, WIC, Airlink, Blood Pressure, Hearing (small charge to vendor), Oncology, Veterans Services, Home Health and so much more

PRESENTATIONS IN LUNCH ROOM:

- 0800 - Tai chi
- 0900 - Dr. Hall on Hep C
- 1000 - Yao and Katherine on Sleep Hygiene
- 1100 - Tai chi

Blood Draws* - \$17.00
Below costs paid directly to GCHD during Health fair, insurance cards accepted:
Tetanus - \$33.00
Tdap - \$35.00
Pneumonia - \$93.00
Prevnar 13 - \$181.00
HgbA1C - \$10.00
Iron Level - free

*See pre-registration for blood draw information

Pre-registration begins on June 11th at Blue Mountain Hospital from 8 - 5.

Call 541-575-1480 with questions.

FREE Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event

Saturday, June 9 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Grant County Road Department
27941 Lower Yard Road, John Day, OR

CONTACT Matt Slafkosky, 541-298-7255 ext. 236 slafkosky.matt@deq.state.or.us

Drop off your household hazardous waste (at no cost to you) so we can dispose of it in a manner that is safer for the environment.

What to bring

- Pesticides and Poisons
- Thermometers*
- Thermostats
- Mercury and Mercury-containing items
- Fluorescent Lights/Ballasts
- Polishes
- Household Cleaners
- Pool Chemicals
- Rust Remover
- Solvents
- Degreasers
- Motor Oil
- Antifreeze
- Engine and Brake Cleaner
- Transmission and Brake Fluid
- Paint and Paint Thinners
- Automotive/Marine Paint
- Wood Preservatives
- Kerosene/Gas
- Aerosols
- Batteries
- Arts and Crafts Supplies
- Adhesives
- Photographic Chemicals

* Receive a free medical digital thermometer in exchange for a mercury medical thermometer

What not to bring

- Radioactive Waste
- Ammunition
- Explosives
- Sharps

Safety Tips

- Keep products in original containers if possible
- Do not mix any products
- Keep waste away from passengers

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