FIRE AT TONGUE POINT — A Lewis and Clark firefighter sends a powerful stream of water from his hose into a burning vacant house on Tongue Point in Astoria, Ore., on Thursday, Dec. 5, 2019. Three fire stations responded to the blaze that sent smoke floating across Astoria.
THUNDER ROLLS! Storm clouds seem to roll on the east side of the Apache Co-Op Branch in Elgin Friday, May 24, as storms continued to pelt southwest Oklahoma.
Photos show devastation by a tornado that touched down Saturday, May 18, 2019, in the area of SE 45th and New Hope Road.

A fatal collision on US Highway 62 near Cherry Road involving a semitruck and a car left one dead and another severely injured Wednesday, May 22. First responders used the Jaws of Life to free the driver and a juvenile passenger that were pinned for close to 45 minutes inside a Buick Lacrosse after it was struck head on by a commercial motor vehicle. The driver of the car died at the scene. Medi Flight arrived to transport a 12-year-old male passenger to OU Medical Center in critical condition with multiple head, leg, arm and internal and external bodily injuries.
Austin Bond takes his turn on the Cycocycle in front of Terry’s Bicycles tent during the Thursday, Sept. 5, Ware on C Block Party. A uniquely designed tricycle, the Cycocycle was built with offset back wheels and no handlebars.
On Saturday, June 22, 2019, a large group assembled at Shepler Park in Lawton to protest after a recent decision was announced to house about 1,400 undocumented migrant children at Fort Sill. This was a second stop after the group was asked to leave a vicinity near the Army base.
A heavy tanker drops fire retardant on the near homes during efforts to suppress the Saddle Butte Fire on Sept. 1. No homes were lost in the blaze.
A classic car is pushed out from near the Jackson Hole Computer Clinic as a fire burns on Saddle Butte. (Sept. 1, 2019)
On Nov. 4, San Bernardino County firefighters battled a structural fire in Rimforest that destroyed two homes.
REGATTA QUEEN — Mara Dowaliby, 17, is crowned Queen of the 125th Astoria Regatta on Wednesday, Aug. 7, 2019. The Regatta is the oldest festival west of the Rocky Mountains and celebrates the history and heritage of the northern Oregon Coast and Lower Columbia region.
Beautiful fall weather returned to the area just in time for the weekend, after several weeks of random rainfall. A kayaker is shown enjoying one of Oklahoma's lakes on Sunday, Oct. 21. Looks like mild fall weather is in the forecast for the upcoming week, as well. Great time to get out and enjoy the outdoors!
DOG DAYS OF SUMMER — Fields of sunflowers were planted at the Jahn family farm in Cyril with hopes of drawing in crowds seeking freshcut flowers and unique photography sessions. Blasted by the relentless sun and stunted by a lack of rain, the Jahn's first attempt at a sunflower crop didn't grow as well as anticipated. The Jahn's plan to try again next year with a different variety of sunflowers. If the weather permits, by early to mid-Aug. of next year, a more diverse, brightly colored crop of sunflowers will be available to the public to enjoy. (May 22, 2019)
HIGH CENTER — Basher gets stuck on the school bus during the show at Grady County Fairgrounds on Saturday night. (Nov. 21, 2018)
THE RAIN ON THE PLAINS has been devastating according to state agricultural officials. Wheat harvest has been affected and how the planting and growing season for corn or a switch to soybeans is now anyone’s guess. This flooded field is located in Comanche County, southwest of the Lawton-Fort Sill Regional Airport.
Stan Oldham and his youngest son Austin laugh about some of the inside jokes they’ve shared while working together over the years. (June 17, 2019)
Electric Circus, a Houston-based band, traveled to Mount Pleasant Friday night to perform at Hot Night Cool Music on Third Street. The band played music from different genres and decades. (June 19, 2019)
A dancer from the Community School of Excellence in St. Paul performs a series of backflips for a lotus warrior dance June 9 at Wat Promwachirayan in St. Louis Park.
Amanda Bench recalls how thoughtful her late husband Darren was, as she holds a card he gave her on Mother’s Day of 2018. Since his sudden passing in October, she has found strength to move forward with the help of her family, her faith and her friends. “He was always happy, always smiling,” she said. “Although it’s painful, he wouldn’t want me to be crying, he wouldn’t want me to be sad.”
Members of various regional tribes dance together in traditional regalia Sept. 21 to begin the first-ever Teton Pow Wow at the Teton County Fairgrounds. The five-hour free event was open to the public and hosted by Central Wyoming College's United Tribes Club.
Summer Casady remains in control of Paloosa while navigating through a smoke bomb on the fourth day of class at the Teton County Fairgrounds on May 5. The riders were subjected to smoke bombs and firecrackers on the third and fourth days of class to familiarize their horses with fireworks, a distraction commonly encountered at city events throughout the summer.
STRAIGHT FROM THE HORSE’S MOUTH — Gayle Bell admires a horse at the horse farm of Janet Taylor and Glenn Yasser Friday during the Second Annual Nash County Horse Farm Tour. The tour featured three horse farm visits along with lunch.
Alivia Hurtea dances with her grandfather at Nash County’s annual Daddy Daughter Dance held Saturday night at Nash Community College.
Stanton residents were treated to a spectacular sight in the night sky on Oct. 13, when an orange “hunter’s moon” rose above the horizon. The moon is pictured here, rising just behind the grain elevators.
FINGERTIPS — Knappa’s Kanai Phillip and Heppner’s Kason Cimmiyotti leap for a pass intended for Phillip at the semi-finals of the Oregon 2A Football State Championship on Saturday, Nov. 23, 2019. Heppner ended Knappa’s season with a 55-18 win and continued on to win the 2A State Title.
SENIOR CAPTAINS: Elgin celebrated Senior Night on Friday, Oct. 26, and all the Senior football players went on the field for the coin flip. The back row of those captains are lined up with their helmets. Pictured left to right are Lance Bianchini, Ashton Thomas, Zac Kazmeriski, James Spencer, Brock Buhlig, Trevor Bianchini and Holly Monostori. The Seniors standing at mid-field are Austin Tuck, Evan McCracken, Mitchell Ritter and JJ Johnson.
RAIN, RAIN GO AWAY — The 30th Annual Tour de Meers gets started under heavy cloud cover as the top of Mount Sheridan is hidden by the low clouds. The rain held off and riders enjoyed cooler temperatures on Saturday, May 25, in the Wichita Mountains.
HANGIN’ ON — Tres Hardzog, Sterling, riding a wild bronc in the Elgin Rodeo Friday, Aug. 16, at the Trent McIntosh Memorial Rodeo Arena.
MPHS varsity Tigers won Friday’s game against the Hallsville Bobcats with a score of 21-7. (Above) #3 Caleb Jones on his way to score a touchdown for the Tigers. (Oct. 23, 2019)
JOSE DOMINGUEZ tackles an Alvord Bulldog during Friday’s Class 2A Division I Bi-District Championship Game at Abilene Wylie. Dominguez had eight tackles for Ozona against the Bulldogs. Lions ended a seven-year drought winning 45-0. Ozona will face #6 Post for the Area Championship at 7 p.m. Friday in Stanton. (Nov. 20, 2019)
Bodacious, driven by Jeremy Ware from Fort Collins, Colo., barrels through the mud that filled the pit during mud bogs on Sunday during RPM Days at the Weston County Fairgrounds.
TOUGH IN THE PAINT — Northern Nash’s Hannah Evans (with ball) tries to drive against Franklinton’s Meaghan Dohnert during last Thursday’s league girls basketball contest at the FHG Gymnasium.