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## New lieutenant sworn in

• DUSTIN NEWMAN TAKES HIS OATH

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On Friday, May 29, Patrol Sergeant Dustin Newman was sworn in as the Baker City Police Department's new Lieutenant. Newman, who joined the Baker City Police Department March 4, 2014, replaces Kirk McCormick who left the Department in April to take a Police Chief position out of the state. Newman began his

career in 1999 as a reserve with the Polk County Sheriff Department, and has been in law enforcement for over 15 years. Most recently, Newman was a Patrol Sergeant with Polk County, spending his last five years with the Department in that role. "I left a Patrol Sergeant spot to come over here for an officer spot and got promoted shortly after," said Newman. Only months after arriving in Baker City, in July of 2014, Newman was promoted to Patrol Sergeant, filling a vacancy created

when Sergeant Josh Bryant left the Department. Newman and his family, he said, "Love Baker City; it's a neat place. We came over to raise our kids and it's done everything we could've imagined." City Recorder/Human Resource Manager Luke Yeaton Administered the Oath to Newman in City Council Chambers to a small crowd that included Newman's family, City employees, law enforcement for the City Police Department, Baker County Sheriff Travis Ash, and members of OSP.

Newman's parents, who were traveling from the west side of the state were held up by a truck wreck near milepost 259 outside of La Grande, delaying the ceremony. A tractor trailer pulling two flatbeds of lumber failed to negotiate a curve, resulting in a rollover that spilled the lumber across all lanes of travel closing the interstate for hours while the lumber and wreckage were removed. ODOT took time to inspect a bridge support that was struck as well. SEE NEWMAN PAGE 5



Gina K. Swartz / The Baker County Press  
Lt. Dustin Newman shows a softer side, hugging his mom who traveled to witness his swearing in.



Brian Addison / The Baker County Press  
Local home food storage expert Janice Nelson displays home food storage techniques and hands out dehydrated fruits and vegetables during the Emergency Preparedness Fair, held at the Baker City National Guard Armory, Saturday, May 30.

## Citizens come out to prepare

• COUNTY'S FIRST ANNUAL PREPAREDNESS FAIR HELD AT ARMORY

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A diverse group of individuals and organizations came together Saturday, May 30, to offer the Baker City community the first Emergency Preparedness Fair. The event was presented by Baker County Emergency Management and U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Jason Yencopal, manager of Baker County Emergency Management and newly appointed director of 911 Consolidated Emergency Dispatch, was key in organizing the Emergency Preparedness Fair and hopes to build upon the positive start and make it an annual event. Yencopal targets the month of September for next years' Emergency Preparedness Fair to align it with national emergency preparedness month. The fair was supported by community partners including the American Red Cross, the Baker County Chapter of the Oath Keepers, The Baker County Sheriff's Department, the City of Baker City, and The Baker County Press. About 60 people attended the event throughout the day and were offered classes and vendor displays to learn how to recognize and prepare for emergencies and how to assemble an emergency survival kit.

"The purpose of the Emergency Preparedness Fair is for people to get general information on different types of emergencies and to begin making plans, building emergency kits, and being informed," said Yencopal. "Regardless of the type of emergency, the kit won't change—it'll work for all types of emergency." Upon entering the Baker City National Guard Armory, participants were greeted by Torie Andrews, Baker County Public Health Department Emergency Preparedness Coordinator. Andrews helped citizens sign-up for the Code Red Emergency telephone notification system. While all landlines in the Baker County area are automatically part of the system, Andrews explained that not all people have landlines and instead carry cellular phones. These individuals must sign-up and register their cellular phone numbers to be included in the Code Red Emergency system. The Code Red Emergency phone calls go out to inform citizens of public health emergencies which may include evacuation notices, missing children alerts, air quality warnings during fire seasons, food and disease outbreaks, or severe weather events. Most recently the Code Red Emergency system was deployed in 2013 to inform local citizens of the cryptosporidium contamination to the city water supply, according to Andrews. Anyone may register for the Code Red system by signing into the data base at: www.baker911.org. SEE PREPAREDNESS FAIR PAGE 5

## Toddler on road to recovery

• 15-MONTH-OLD NEARLY DROWNS, SIBLINGS ASSIST IN SAVING HIS LIFE

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Next Tuesday at the Haines School's year-end assembly, two grade-schoolers will be honored. Caleb and Wesley Kerns, in third and second grades respectively, were instrumental in saving their little brother, Thomas, from a near drowning last week. According to the Baker County Sheriff's department, on May 26, 2015 at about 4:17 p.m., Baker County Consolidated Dispatch received a 911 call from mother, Ori Kerns, after her 15-month-old son, Thomas had been found floating in a pond at her residence and was not breathing and unresponsive. Thomas had been found in the pond by his sister, Kiley (age 5) and was pulled from the water by his brother Wesley (age 8). Thomas' other brother, Caleb (age 9) dialed 911 for his mother. SEE TODDLER RECOVERING PAGE 8

## Baker City man missing since May 18

• STREET WAS SCHEDULED FOR HEARING, WIFE 'VERY WORRIED'

BY KERRY MCQUISTEN  
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The family of a Baker City man, Ken Street, recently filed a missing persons report with local law enforcement. According to Baker City Police Chief Wyn Lohner, and Street's wife, Sherrie, he was last seen on May 18, when he said he was leaving to go work at a house or cabin in the Medical Springs area. Law enforcement investigated the cabin but found no evidence as to whether Street had been there or not, said Lohner. Kenneth Street.



Photo Courtesy of the Baker County Sheriff's Office.

SEE MISSING MAN PAGE 8

Friday

Partly cloudy. Mostly clear skies with the minimal threat of a shower/thunderstorm. Highs around 78 and a low around 54.

Saturday

Partly cloudy. Mostly clear skies with a more probable threat (30%) of a shower/thunderstorm. Similar high/low to Friday.

Sunday

Partly sunny. Mostly clear skies with a 30% threat of showers/thunderstorms in the afternoon hours. High around 79. Low around 56.

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Local

— COMMUNITY CALENDAR —

ELKHORN MUZZLE LOADERS RENDEZVOUS

Thursday, June 4 through June 7 between Baker City and Durkee off Hwy. 30. Traditional muzzle loaders only. No inline firearms. Open iron sights. No scopes. Novelty shooting and specialty events. Individuals, couples and families welcome. Call 541-523-2706 or 541-519-2048 for information.

SUMPTER TRAIN ROBBERIES

Saturday, June 6 and Sunday the 7th, 10 a.m. Bring the whole family for a trip back to the Wild West! The Gold Rush Bandits are a historic shooting group that employs period firearms and costumes for their horseback mounted robberies.

RUN TO THE RUTS

Saturday, June 6 at the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center. 5K walk/run. 541-523-1843 for more information, or sign up at trailtenders.org.

KIDS FREE FISH DERBY

Saturday, June 6, 9 a.m. till noon at the 203 pond, located five miles north of Baker City at Exit 298. For more information contact Shannon Archulata at 541-523-1385. Ages 14 and younger.

PAN FISH TOURNAMENT

Saturday, June 6, 5:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. 13th Annual Brownlee Richland Pan fish Tournament. 503-930-5450 for more information. Held at Hewitt & John Holcomb Parks in Richland.

D-DAY RIDE

Saturday, June 6 a group will ride in the Catherine Creek area in remembrance of D-Day and the men that died in the battle. Leaves 10 a.m. Contact www.forestaccessforall.org for information.

OREGON SNIPER CHALLENGE

Friday, June 12 through June 14. 50 expert snipers square off in this international competition. Vendors and displays open to the public on Friday only. Hosted by the Powder River Sportsman's Club.

PUB TALK

Wednesday June 10, 2015 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Lefty's Tap House in Baker City. Small Ideas, Big Impact is the theme. Contact gene.stackle@msn.com for more information.

ELDERCARE DISCUSSION

Thursday, June 11, 1-3 p.m. at Baker County Community Connection. The topic this week is: Brining Your Elderly Parent into Your Home? Is it a good idea?

POCO-WING LIVESTOCK JUDGING

Monday, June 15, the annual livestock field judging day for the Poco-Wing 4-H club. 6 p.m. at the Thomas Ranch on Pocahontas Road.

BAKER CITY FARMERS' MARKET

Wednesday, June 17, 3:30-6:30 p.m. Come shake the hand of your local farmers and growers, taste the flavor of Baker County each Wednesday afternoon starting in June! Held at the Courtyard at the Baker County Events Center on East Street in Baker City.

HAGGEN COMMUNITY MEETING

5-6 p.m., Tuesday, June 30 at the Baker County Conference and Event Center to discuss the transition from Albertsons and future local nonprofit donations.

MASQUERADE BALL

Saturday, October 31, 7:30 - 11:30 p.m. at the Geiser Grand. Costumes and ambiance. Carriage rides, celebrity book signings, photography, music, and more! Buy tickets at www.thebakercountypress.com or at the front desk of the Geiser Grand.

JAIL ROSTER

ROBERTS, Mary DEEN, Josh BORK, Julia STEELE, Tiffany CULLEY, Lisa FLINT, Caleb KEYSER, Daniel ROPER JR, John SYPHERD, Crystol TURNER, Darren GRAY, Robert CAVYELL, Eric SMITH, Glen DAWES, James SULT, Jeff SANDERS, Jon STEVENS, Melissa

— NEWS OF RECORD —

ROBINSON, Damon CULLEY, Scott WACHACHA, Noah FAUGHENDER, Garret BLOOD, Daniel CARROLL, Richard JOHNSON, Beth ROMINE, David COLE, Michael COUNTS, Michael ODEA, Robert PETERSON, Linda DARNELL, Jason GILDA, Jeremy SIMONIS, Dyllan CANADA, Rick HAMILTON, Theresa CULLEY, Andrew PREVO, Loren

GRIGGS, Corey MYERS, Andrew GROVE, James PREVO, Mary PADILLA-ALBRADO, Jose KEYES, Bryan MUNSELL, Emily FREEMAN, David

POLICE LOG

Roberts, Mary Lynn. 6/2. Interfering with a peace officer. Bork, Julia Ann. 5/30. Warrant Arrest. Steele, Tiffany. 5/30. Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, assaulting a police officer, harassment and resisting arrest.

— OBITUARIES —

Lois Eileen Colton Baker City, 1942-2015

Lois Eileen Colton, 73, a long-time resident of Baker City, Oregon died Thursday, May 28, 2015 at St. Alphonsus Medical Center, Baker City. Recitation of the Rosary was said Wednesday, June 4 at 10:15 a.m. at St. Francis de Sales Cathedral. Mass of Christian burial followed at 11:00 a.m. in the cathedral. Vault interment followed at Mt. Hope cemetery. A luncheon for family and friends will follow the service in the Parish Hall.

Lois was born March 23, 1942 in LaGrande, Oregon to Chester O and Adele R. (Lewis) Williams. She was raised in Baker City, Oregon where she met and married Ronald Colton on June 1, 1958 in the Cathedral. She graduated from Baker High School in 1960.

Lois and Ron made their home in Baker County working on the Colton Ranch for many years where she was a partner. There were many memorable experiences on the Colton Ranch. One is that she milked the cows and bucket fed the calves the night before her daughter Rhonda was born. Other memories include pulling the hay wagon with her sister-in-law, Wanda to the lambing shed. Raising 27 bumper lambs and 1 baby colt.

She worked many years as a checker, bookkeeper and waitress. In the later years, she helped with the Colton Carriage Service. Lois would even help with shoeing the horses and if needed could use the buggy whip to get the horses to do what needed to be done, especially when they were being stubborn.

Lois enjoyed life to the fullest. She and Ron could be found square dancing with her in-laws Sandy & Howard Payton or playing

Crazy 8's and Pinochle with Gordon and Connie Colton. She enjoyed knitting and sewing, exercising and her monthly luncheons with girlfriends Kate, Carolyn, Connie, Toni, Norma Jack the Cat! Lois never lost her sense of humor. She recently admitted to putting a frog in her son Travis's sleeping bag which was actually his friends bag rather than his. Just a few weeks ago she was plotting her escape from the hospital while being transferred from one room to another with her daughter Chris.

She had a special love of her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She always talked about her four sons, Travis, Chad, Alan and Toby.

Lois is survived by her husband Ron Colton, Baker City, Oregon. Children, Travis (Donnie) Colton of Glade Park, CO; Chris (Toby) Shaver of Boise, ID; Rhonda (Alan) Stephens of Dayton, WA; Chad (Becca) Colton of Baker City, OR. Grandchildren, Levi, Alysa, Tanner, Travis, Katie, Jennifer, Trisha, Chaz, River, Journey and Boston. Great grandchildren, Mackenzie, Damien, Madison, Paityn, Treaghan, Kendhl and Harrison. Brother-in-law Tommy West, LaGrande, OR. Numerous nieces and nephews and cousins also survive.

Memorial contributions in Lois's memory may be directed to the Lupus Foundation of America. This may be done through Coles Tribute Center, 1950 Place Street, Baker City, OR 97814.

Marian Stratford Hyde Brady

Baker City, 1926-2015 Marian Stratford Hyde Brady, 89, longtime resident of Baker City, Oregon, passed away peacefully at home in Provo, Utah, on May 24, 2015.

Funeral services in Provo were Wednesday, June 3, at 1:00 at the Carterville LDS chapel, 900 West 2150 North. A viewing preceded

the service from 12:00 to 12:45.

Funeral services in Baker City will be Friday, June 5, at 11:00 at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2625 Hughes Lane. A viewing will precede the service from 10:00 to 10:45. Vault interment will follow at Mount Hope Cemetery.

Marian was born January 24, 1926, at Washington, D.C., the first child of George Osmond and Lona Stratford Hyde. Marian enjoyed a childhood filled with experiences unique to her Washington environment. She was perched on her father's shoulders in the crowd to greet Charles Lindbergh after he returned from his famous solo flight across the Atlantic. She learned to walk up steps at the Lincoln Memorial and hunted for Easter eggs on the lawn of the White House.

She loved the Japanese cherry trees around the tidal basin in Washington and visited monuments and memorials much as children elsewhere might go to a neighborhood park.

Although Marian grew up during the Great Depression, her memories of that time were happy ones, filled with extended family associations and church activity.

Her parents managed to absorb much of the economic concern of the time to provide their family a sense of stability and security. Her family's involvement in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints provided spiritual, social, and service opportunities. Marian remained a faithful member of the Church throughout her life.

After graduating from high school in 1943, Marian attended Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, majoring in economics. Since the distance was so great and train fares costly, Marian could not go home for



Marian Brady

the holiday breaks from school. Christmas Day 1945, Marian met Garn Anderson Brady, recently returned from service in the Naval Air Corps, at a dance in Downey, Idaho, where she was visiting her Hyde grandparents.

Marian completed her bachelor's degree in 1947, and the following year she and Garn were married on July 9 at the LDS temple in Logan, Utah. The city girl thus embarked upon the challenging adventure of life as a farmer's wife and, in time, the mother of five children: Suzanne, Ruth, Scott, Robert, and Rebecca.

Except for two years in California, the Bradys lived and farmed in Idaho and Oregon, eventually settling in July 1960 in Baker City, where they also opened the first Arctic Circle Drive-In in Oregon (now Burger Bob's).

The drive-in and farming ventures in Baker City apparently kept them too busy to think about moving again, and the family put down roots there. Garn passed away May 8, 2001, and Marian remained in Baker City until November 2012.

During a visit with Rebecca's family in Provo, Utah, Marian became unable to walk due to Parkinson's disease and needed to remain with them. Her good cheer and determination to find joy in whatever life might bring blessed the lives of a whole new circle of friends and continued to inspire the many family members and long-time friends who visited her there.

Marian was preceded in death by an infant grandson, her parents, and her husband of nearly fifty-three years. She is survived by her four sisters and one brother, five children, twenty-one grandchildren, and thirty-five great-grandchildren.

The family is grateful to the staff of Sunrise Home Health and Hospice, whom Marian loved as special helpers and as dear friends.

Woman arrested for preventing arrest

Mary Roberts of Baker City was arrested June 2 for interfering with a peace officer. Police were attempted to arrest her husband, Karl Roberts, who ran inside the house and then fled, eluding officers. Mary Roberts shut and blocked the door allowing the escape, thus resulting in her own arrest.

Eagle Cap Nursery Open now! A gorgeous variety of flowers & vegetables available. Our store and barn have new treasures! Located in Keating Valley. From Baker City, take Hwy. 86 to mile marker 10. Turn at Keating Cutoff. Keep right at Keating school. 3 miles, follow signs. Open 7 days a week, 10 a.m to 4 p.m. | 541-523-6627

MOST WANTED Edward Lee Britton DOB: 04/04/1957 Sex: Male Race: White Hair Color: Brown Eye Color: Hazel Height: 5'08" Weight: 130 Larry Charles Thiel DOB: 12/12/1979 Sex: Male Race: White Hair Color: Brown Eye Color: Brown Height: 5'06" Weight: 145 ABOVE ARE TWO OF BAKER COUNTY'S MOST WANTED WITH OUTSTANDING ARREST WARRANTS. IF YOU SEE THEM CALL PAROLE AND PROBATION AT 541-523-8217 OR YOUR NEAREST POLICE DEPARTMENT.

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# Business & Ag

## Cutter’s Edge trains first responders to use new rescue saw

• SAW WAS DONATED TO GREATER BOWEN VALLEY LAST MONTH

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Last Wednesday evening, May 27, volunteers with the Greater Bowen Valley Fire and Rescue department assembled for a training session provided by Tom Ruzich, President of Cutters Edge in Baker City, who gifted the group a fire rescue saw, mentioned in the May 8, 2015 issue of *The Baker County Press*.

The group from the department included Fire Chief Jim Devlin, Assistant Fire Chief Keith Jensen, Allen and Tabitha Jensen, Cal Foster, Chris Galiszewski, Brent Kragness, and Rick Badgley. Steve Brown, Head of Production for Cutters Edge, assisted Ruzich with the training.

Ruzich explained that three different saws are assembled and internationally sold by Cutters Edge. One is a chainsaw, with a carbide-tipped chain, the Bullet Chain, Cutters Edge developed nearly 30 years ago, he said. The saw is capable of cutting every type of building material except structural concrete.

Another chainsaw, equipped with a diamond-tipped chain, is lubricated with water, and is capable of cutting up to 16 inches of reinforced concrete.

The third saw, a rotary saw, uses a diamond blade that can cut through virtually any material, and can also use a special chain, the Bullet Chain, attached to a rotary blade, the Bullet Blade, a set up that’s repairable and replaceable, Ruzich said. Moving three times faster on the blade, the chain can cut through a wider range of material than if it were on the



Todd Arriola / The Baker County Press

Volunteers from the Greater Bowen Valley Fire and Rescue got lessons last week from Tom Ruzich (front, second from right) on using rescue saws.

chainsaw, he said. This is a product that was recently developed especially for cutting through aircraft metal, Ruzich said.

He said that the saw heads (the main body of the saws) are modified with a larger air intake, increasing horse power, and providing other benefits, since the saws would be used in harsh environments, where a normal internal combustion engine would have issues.

A specially developed metal depth gauge, the D-8, placed on the chainsaw, was demonstrated. The gauge, which requires no tools to remove or install, allows the saw to cut through a roof, for example, without accidentally cutting too deep, through rafters. It also serves as a chain guard to protect the user. Ruzich said this gauge was another development gained from experience over the last 30 years. His background is in firefighting, having served as a volunteer all his life, he said.

He said there are two Cutters Edge facilities—the Corporate Headquarters and Factory in Baker City, with nine employees, and the other, the Authorized

Service Center, in New Cumberland, Pennsylvania, with eleven employees.

At about 6 p.m., the group headed to the training grounds, just west of the 7,500 square foot Cutters Edge facility on 23rd Street. Donning nearly 100% of the gear they would normally wear, the exception being oxygen masks, they listened to Ruzich as he explained the operation of the saws and the training scenarios (Keith Jensen was in plain clothes due to a previous injury).

They had several cutting scenarios, set up by Ruzich and Brown, which included a variety of materials. The first was a steel pipe, which Ruzich cut through with the rotary blade, demonstrating the cutting operation for the group. Devlin was the first to volunteer after that to cut the pipe, followed by the rest.

The next scenario involved a metal guard rail, attached to a concrete barrier and pipe with straps. Each one in the group took turns cutting the rail, after it was first demonstrated by Ruzich.

He demonstrated the next cut, through the concrete

pipe, with the water-cooled rotary saw. This scenario required that the user cut through half of the pipe from one side, and then finish the cut from the other side.

Two metal doors were the focus of the next scenario, and each member of the group took turns cutting through replaceable plates on the latch side of the doors. Upon completion of each cut, they pried open the doors.

A wooden building located on the training grounds was used to demonstrate cutting through exterior walls, with the chainsaw and the rotary saw. Devlin and Allen Jensen volunteered to make both vertical cuts and horizontal cuts in order to remove sections of the wall, using both saws.

After that, both the rotary and chain saws were demonstrated on layers of asphalt shingles which were strapped to a wooden pallet.

This session was a portion of the training the Greater Bowen Valley Fire and Rescue volunteers will receive from Cutters Edge, and another session is tentatively scheduled later in the summer.

### — WEEKLY HAY REPORT —

Friday, May 29, 2015 — Eastern Oregon

Prices trended generally steady compared to the same quality last week. Trade activity and demand was slow this week. Most producers are sold out for the season.

Tons	Price Range	Wtd Avg
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Alfalfa		
Large Square	- Good	
400	190.00-190.00	190.00

Alfalfa/Timothy Mix		
Large Square	- Premium	
25	200.00-200.00	200.00

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### — CATTLE MARKET REPORT —

Wednesday, May 27, 2015  
Vale, Oregon

Cattle sold through the auction: 542

#### Steer Calves

300-400#	Bulk 257.00 - 284.00	Top 289.00
400-500#	Bulk 264.00 - 297.00	Top 313.00
500-600#	Bulk 245.00 - 273.00	Top 280.00

#### Heifer Calves

300-400#	Bulk 237.00 - 258.00	Top 262.00
400-500#	Bulk 232.00 - 247.00	Top 259.50
500-600#	Bulk 228.00 - 247.00	Top 260.00

#### Yearling Steers

600-700#	Bulk 226.00 - 240.00	Top 241.00
700-800#	Bulk 207.00 - 221.00	Top 222.00
800-900#	Bulk 193.00 - 202.00	Top 204.00
900-1,000#	Bulk N/A	Top N/A

#### Yearling Heifers

600-700#	Bulk 210.00 - 224.00	Top 226.00
700-800#	Bulk N/A	Top N/A
800-900#	Bulk N/A	Top N/A
900-1,000#	Bulk N/A	Top N/A

Thin Shelly Cows	84.00 - 94.00
Butcher Cows	96.00 - 110.00
Butcher Bulls	126.00 - 141.00
Pairs BM	N/A
Younger Hfrts.	122.00 - 139.00
Young Pairs	- N/A

ProducersLivestock.com  
541-473-3136

### — LOG PRICE REPORT —

Price per 1,000 board feet: Northeast Oregon

Doug Fir is \$415.00/mbf  
White fir is \$365.00/mbf  
Ponderosa Pine is brought sold on diameter splits  
6 to 11 inch dib \$300 to \$310/MBF  
12 to 17 inch dib \$350 to \$375/MBF  
18 to 23 inch dib \$400 to \$430/MBF  
24 inch plus dib \$450 to \$500/MBF

DIB is diameter inside bark at small end of log.  
MBF is thousand board feet lumber, net scale.  
People interested in selling logs should call and get specific quotes from saw mills.

Courtesy of Arvid Andersen,  
Andersen Forestry Consulting

### — PRECIOUS METALS REPORT —

Price per ounce, USD  
Gold: \$1174.60  
Silver: \$16.17  
Platinum: \$1,098.24  
Palladium: \$755.18

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### — AG COMMODITIES —

Corn: \$362.70/bu/USD  
Wheat: \$519.75/bu/USD  
Soybeans: \$943.55/bu/USD  
Oats: \$245.70 bu/USD  
Rough Rice: \$9.91/cwt/USD  
Canola: \$494.60 CAD/mwt  
Live Cattle: \$150.95/lb./USD  
Feeder Cattle: \$221.60/lb./USD  
Lean Hogs: \$80.93/lb./USD

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## Forest supervisors issue open letter to forest users

Dear Citizens of the Blue Mountains National Forests,

The Malheur, Umatilla and Wallowa-Whitman National Forests are committed to keeping an open dialogue continuing with the communities we serve and as such would like to update you all on our progress in the Blue Mountains Forest Plans revision process.

We want to thank many of you for your recent efforts in helping us think through and develop a re-engagement strategy for the communities in the Blue Mountains.

As we announced last month, we have met with a broad spectrum of stakeholders so far this year to discuss the best ways to reengage with folks in the Blues. Through their council and advice we are exploring a range of re-engagement activities including community, stakeholder and Forest Service hosted meetings.

We want to be clear that

these meetings will be open to public; Our hope is that these meetings will provide opportunities to discuss and develop ideas that will help us to improve the final Revised Forest Plans, and provide clarity on our final decisions.

As previously announced, this past February, we began asking local organizations, including counties, tribes, members of the public at large and special interest groups, if they would be interested in hosting or participating in public meetings in their communities on issues brought forward through the Draft Environmental Impact Statement comment process.

We are working with those who have responded to plan and/or participate in a variety of forums to be announced soon. We welcome additional efforts if there is interest. We are open to meet with the public and any entity interested in discussing the draft.

We heard a strong desire for further discussion around Forest access, back country, wilderness and the pace and scale of restoration, so you can anticipate meetings around these topics, as well as some other more localized issues.

We hope to identify some common ground and create solutions. We look forward to these discussions

It is important to know that while the analysis for the Malheur, Umatilla and Wallowa-Whitman National Forests will be included in one environmental impact statement; each Forest will have its own unique plan specific to the Forest and their communities.

We want Forest Plans that provide resiliency for our communities in Eastern Oregon and Washington; Plans that support the local economy and the social values of the people who use and depend on them. We also want resiliency in ecosystems that can

withstand: drought, floods, wildfire, invasive species, human impacts and have the strength to return to healthy ecosystems in the long run. Our Forest Plans should provide the vision of how to do just that and we will continue to need your help in shaping them.

Please come to a meeting. If you cannot come to a meeting, contact your local Forest Service office with your input. If you are interested in discussing or hosting an engagement event please contact Katy Gray, Wallowa-Whitman National Forest, Public Affairs Officer, kathrynlgay@fs.fed.us 541-523-1246.

We look forward to seeing and hearing from you in the coming months as we believe together we can plan for a bright future for our forests.

Thank you,  
Steve Beverlin; Malheur NF, Kevin Martin; Umatilla NF, Tom Montoya; Wallowa-Whitman NF



# Local / Opinion

— LETTERS TO THE EDITOR —

**Editorial was incorrect**

To the Editor:

I would like to address the concerns submitted by “GDP” in the recent *The Record Courier* editorial “Public Lands Resolution 15-01 Presented to Commissioners” dated May, 28, 2015.

The editorial addressed the May 20, 2015 County Commissioners Session and titled it, “Is there an Agenda with the Agenda?”

My reply is: there is **no hidden agenda!**

All County Commission Sessions have time set aside for “Citizen Participation” and this is where anyone can come before the Commissioners with anything they would like to address or present. This is not anything new to the Agenda and I encourage anyone to use this opportunity!

This was the case with the Republican Resolution 15-01 that Chuck Chase presented to us during the Citizen Participation. I was not aware that this was why Mr. Chase was in attendance. *The Record Courier* suggests that “there were rumblings the Republican Resolution was going to be presented at the Commissioner meeting.”

I am not sure where *The Record Courier’s* source is for “rumblings” but they may want to check it out a little more closely next time.

With regard to Montana State Representative Kerry White being present, I was able to visit with him at the Forest Access for All Banquet, and he hoped to attend our meeting and listen to what we have going on in Baker County. He was not sure of what all he and his wife had going on with friends while they were here, but I said he was welcome if it worked out.

*The Record Courier* was again incorrect in stating, “It is my understanding that all three of the Commissioners were in attendance of the May 16, Forest Access for All Banquet.” Commissioner Kerns was not in attendance, so again *The Record Courier* was mistaken in their editorial and their understanding of what is true.

Next time I would encourage GDP to simply ask me about these issues prior to printing an incorrect editorial.

**Bill Harvey**  
*Haines*

**Resolution isn’t as presented in recent editorial**

To the Editor:

The recent editorial from *The Record Courier* titled “Public Lands resolution 15-01 Presented to Commissioners” makes one wonder if the level of reporting by their staff has degenerated into bias and slanted editorials by their paper.

As a duly elected Republican Precinct Committee Person, I was asked to head or Chair the Republican Party Natural Resource Committee. I was tasked to help come up with a resolution to give state and county control over our public lands. It was put out for comment, additions or subtractions before the final vote. Most of the Western States have already taken this step to take control over there public lands. Several of them including Utah are suing to take back control of their public lands. Some states, including Hawaii, have already demanded their public lands and have gotten them back, as with all the states East of Colorado.

As I read the slanted editorial on my presenting the Commissioners with the Resolution from the Baker County Republican Party, I became a little concerned. The Resolution had been voted on by the Republican Party and passed by a vote of the majority of those present to be presented to the Commissioners in the Public Session of the Commission meeting. If the PCP members not at the meeting had wanted a say in the passing of the Resolution they should have attended our meetings. It was not as *The Record-Courier* alluded to in their editorial.

I am not sure *The Record-Courier* reporters understand the difference between the public input portion of the Commissioners meeting and the regular meeting. Any member of the public can bring any of their concerns to the Commissioners during the public input portion of the meeting. The regular Commissioners meeting is where they do have a predetermined agenda to follow, which by the way, is posted in the newspapers ahead of time.

With increased Federal control, closing roads, no timber to sell, disease killing our forests, wild fires, EPA now claiming jurisdiction over all waters in Baker County and the rest of the states, it kind of makes one wonder just where *The Record-Courier* stands. Is it with the County or the out-of-control governmental agencies?

**Chuck Chase**  
*Baker City*

*Editor’s Note: Both letters/opinions above were submitted to all local news media.*

— GUEST OPINION —

## New EPA rule muddies the waters in Eastern Ore.

By Rep. Greg Walden

Farmers, ranchers, and other property owners in eastern Oregon have been wondering: what will Washington, D.C. try to unnecessarily regulate next? Where will a federal agency again attempt to curtail private property rights? How will this uncertainty affect already struggling rural economies?

This week we got that answer when the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) finalized their rule to massively and unilaterally expand federal jurisdiction over water and private property. With the stroke of a pen, the administration has pushed aside the “navigable waters” limitations of the Clean Water Act, leaving in its wake vague definitions that potentially open up intermittent streams, vernal pools, irrigation ditches, or ponds to even more federal regulations.

The EPA first proposed this rule under the guise of “clarifying” the scope of the Clean Water Act. But I’ve heard throughout Oregon that the vague language in their proposal actually creates more uncertainty, not less. More red tape, not less. For farmers, ranchers, Oregonians, and others that utilize our water resources, it is a huge threat.

Ranchers are wondering when the EPA will come after their stock ponds. Wheat growers worry about an intermittent stream adjacent to a field. Fruit and vegetable growers are concerned about their irrigation ditches. As North Powder rancher Curtis Martin told me last year, the rule is “an overreach by the federal government that threatens to eliminate conservation practices currently implemented by farmers and ranchers across Oregon.”

I have long opposed expansion of this authority, whether through legislation or administrative rulemaking.

This regulatory overreach by the EPA blatantly ignores Congress’ repeated rejection of similar legislative efforts to expand jurisdiction of the Clean Water Act in the past. Of course, we shouldn’t be that surprised. The EPA has tried this before, and they have twice been rebuked by the Supreme Court.

Even the Small Business Administration has said that the proposed rule would have “direct, significant effects” on small businesses, and recommended that the EPA withdraw



*Submitted Photo*

Greg Walden represents Oregon’s Second Congressional District, which covers 20 counties in southern, central, and eastern Oregon, including Baker County.

their rule. But the agency went full steam ahead this week.

The economies of rural Oregon and other communities around the country face enough obstacles already. Broken federal land policies and unnecessary red tape have strangled communities, often leaving only agriculture to grow jobs and combat unemployment rates in the double digits. We don’t need agencies in Washington D.C. erecting more hurdles and creating more uncertainty as our farmers and ranchers work to feed the world and create jobs in rural communities.

That’s why I worked hard to pass a bill in the House to require the EPA to withdraw the rule. The Regulatory Integrity Protection Act (H.R. 1732) passed the House on a bipartisan vote in May. 24 House Democrats (including my Oregon colleague Kurt Schrader) joined every Republican in supporting this common-sense measure.

As one Oregon farmer told me when a similar bill passed the House last year, “This attempt to control private lands using the Clean Water Act must be stopped. It is important that farms be able to focus on raising fresh, healthy, and necessary food and feed for this world without unnecessary regulations. Congress has taken an important step to help ensure farmers can continue to farm their land without federal permission and allows landowners to meaningfully improve water quality through existing state programs.”

The House has also passed legislation that would prohibit funding from being used on this rule (this is on top of our successful efforts to cut the EPA’s budget by 21%--\$2.2 billion—over the past five years).

The Senate should take up and pass these bills right away and send the EPA back to the drawing board. Baker County farmers, ranchers and rural communities deserve better than federal agencies strangling them with more red tape. It’s time to ditch this rule.

## Couple purchases winning lottery ticket in Baker City

Salem, Ore. - Driving back to Boise from an Oregon vacation, Cole Jensen asked his girlfriend if she could hold on for another 30 miles so they could make it to Baker City to stop for food and fuel. The couple had spent the weekend in Pendleton and were headed home.

They pulled into the Jackson's in Baker City and as he paid for gas, Jensen went into the convenience store and gas station to get an energy drink for the rest of the trip home. While in line, he realized he had an extra \$10 in his pocket and on a whim purchased a Wild 10s Scratch-it ticket. It turned out to be a \$100,000 winning ticket. "It was the first time I ever played the Oregon Lottery," Jensen said. "We sat in the car looking at the ticket and we couldn't believe it. I'm glad my girlfriend waited those extra 30 miles!"

The couple drove the rest of the way home, and waited until after the



*Photo Courtesy of the Oregon Lottery.*

The lucky lottery winners.

Memorial Day weekend, and then drove to Salem to claim Jensen's prize. "It was hard sitting on that ticket for three days," Jensen said. "But it gave me time to come up with a plan on what to do with the money."

Jensen said he was going to use the winnings to go on a very nice vacation with his girlfriend and he also was going to buy all of his buddies video game systems, so they could play online together. After that, he plans on saving the bulk of the winnings.

Lottery officials recommend that you always sign

the back of your tickets with each Oregon Lottery game you play, to ensure you can claim any prize you may win.

The Oregon Lottery reminds players to always sign the back of their Lottery tickets, regardless of the game. In the event of winning a jackpot, they should consult with a trusted financial planner or similar professional to develop a plan for their winnings.

Prize winners of more than \$50,000 should contact the Lottery office to schedule an appointment to claim their prize.

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# Local

## County: tax appeals and chip seals

• COMMISSIONERS HEAR CITIZEN PARTICIPATION, DEPARTMENT REPORTS

BY TODD ARRIOLA  
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On Wednesday, the Baker County Board of Commissioners held a regular, bi-monthly session in the Commission Chambers of the Baker County Courthouse, at 9 a.m.

Present from the Board were Chair Bill Harvey, Commissioner Mark Bennett, Commissioner Tim Kerns, and Executive Assistant Heidi Martin.

Attendees included Baker County Treasurer Alice Durlinger, Baker County Road Master Jeff Smith, Baker County Weed Master Artie Grammon, Jefferson Mining District Coordinating Officer Art Sappington, Ed Hardt, Ken Anderson, Bobbie Danser, and Wanda and Tork Ballard.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation, Bennett mentioned some possible agenda changes, including inviting Attorney Dan Van Thiel and Baker County District Attorney Matt Shirtcliff to speak at a future regular session regarding Public Meeting Law notices.

The agenda was adopted with a motion from Bennett, and a second from Kerns.

**Citizen Participation.**

For citizen participation, Sappington provided the Board with copies of a Memorandum of Law document compiled by the Jefferson Mining District, a United States Department of the Interior, Interior Board of Land Appeals (IBLA) document, a document titled “Federal Land Managers Intimidation, Bullying Threaten Citizens Rights, a Hostile Environment,” a suction dredge Motion for Summary Adjudication on Federal Preemption document, and a letter, dated October 20, 2014, addressed from Sappington to U.S. Forest Service Region 6 Forester Jim Peña.

He said that the Jefferson Mining District has not yet received a response to the October letter addressed to Pena, which points out issues with road closures and improper management.

In it, Sappington says, “For the record, I, in the lawful capacity of Jefferson Mining District Coordinator, hereby give notice for you to cease and desist all unlawful actions under color of lawful management; and instead bring your actions consistent with the lawful procedures and laws and to avoid embarrassing and expensive legal action to counter any misconduct on your part in a private capacity, or public in that of the Secretary. To avoid any mistake, the intent of Congress is clear. As a matter of law, your duty is first to put the forest reserves into productive uses, such as improving



Todd Arriola / The Baker County Press

At left, Alice Durlinger, Treasurer, gives the Commissioners a departmental update including tax issues.

harvest of timber, limiting the forest to depredation by fire, grazing, improving access, improving flows of waters, and fostering and encouraging all lawful uses, such as development, extraction and disposal of the mineral estate. Any conduct short of these or any other required by Congress will be met with resort to all lawful remedies available to Jefferson Mining District.”

Sappington’s question, “Who is the Forest Service’s designated coordinator that I am to work with after the first of the year for this (Blue Mountain Land Use Plan and the Resource Management Plan) and the Baker City Watershed?” asked in that same letter has yet to be answered, Sappington said.

Sappington discussed the topic of Federal Preemption, and Hardt asked Sappington to clarify the term, because not everyone understood it. Sappington responded by explaining the term, which is defined as the invalidation of a state or lower law, that conflicts with federal law. Sappington said that the Memorandum of Law document he provided the Board covers the topic, and that other states, including Oregon, shall recognize legislative acts, public records, and judicial decisions of the other states within the U.S., resolving any perceived issue.

**Tax Department.**

Durlinger gave the Board a departmental update, providing the Board documents with details regarding County main accounts, payroll accounts, accounts payable, etc.

Included in the documents was a ten-year history of foreclosures.

In 2014, according to the documents, there were 32 foreclosure properties at the beginning of the year, with 18 currently left on the list, with the County expected to acquire the deeds of in 2016.

A tax payment analysis document Durlinger provided to the Board stated that for tax year 2014, 83.8% of total taxes was collected in full, totaling \$15,142,401.29.

Several Baker County businesses are appealing their current tax situation with the Oregon Tax Mag-

istrate, including Idaho Power and Ash Grove Cement, which pay just over \$1 million and \$800 respectively.

Ash Grove’s hearing is in September and will result in a nearly \$100K refund if they prevail.

Tesoro, which owns USA Gas and Shell locally and pays the sixth largest amount of taxes in the County, is also appealing nearly all of their \$143K bill.

The next step, should these companies be unhappy with the hearing, would be to appeal to the Oregon Supreme Court.

A list of Baker County’s top 15 taxpayers is also available from the Baker County Treasurer’s Office. Among those are Union Pacific, Northwest Pipeline, Pine Telephone Inc., Century Link and Marvin Wood Products.

**ODOT Building.**

A scheduled Oregon State University (OSU) Extension departmental update, with Bob Parker, was previously canceled, so the Board discussed the next item of business, the possible purchase of the old Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) building.

Harvey explained the options, including purchase and renovation, at around \$250,000 total. He said the County already has spent \$6,500 to address some current issues with the building, and is currently paying \$1,500 a month to rent the property.

The Board discussed issues with making a decision at the moment, including having to relocate Grammon, who uses the space on the property for County Weed Department purposes.

Harvey mentioned another piece of property as a possibility, which would be around \$150,000 to purchase, but the Board decided to table the discussion until the next regular Commission session, June 17, with a motion from Bennett, and a second from Kerns.

**Travel Management Committee.**

Order No. 2015-123, Appointing Members To The Baker County Travel Management Committee, was approved, with a motion from Bennett,

and a second from Kerns. Allan Chase (re-appointed for another term), Wanda Ballard and Tork Ballard were appointed, their terms set to expire on February 1, 2018.

**Anthony Lakes Chip Seal.**

Smith discussed with the Board a Statement of Work for Reimbursable Agreement, Anthony Lakes Highway Chip Seal—OR 1146(1).

This agreement, between the County and the Federal Highway Administration, according to the document, provides for funding of a progression of activities, and the proposed project is intended to extend the pavement life by the application of a chip seal, from approximately Milepost 12.7, at the west end of the North Powder Creek bridge, to approximately Milepost 15.1, near the intersection of Forest Road 7302.

In general, the document states, the condition of County Road 1146 is good, but this section will begin to degrade because it has reached the end of its design life. With a motion from Bennett, and a second from Kerns, the agreement was ratified.

**Sage-Grouse.**

Bennett voiced some concerns over the Greater Sage-Grouse Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) released by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) last Friday. He said that the FEIS states that there is a 60% decline in the population of the Sage Grouse in the priority habitat area around Baker City, and he is attempting to find out via communication with the BLM and other agencies how they determined this number, and why there is, according to the document, such a decline

He suggested that the Baker County Natural Resource Advisory Committee (NRAC) also address this major issue, because of the potential impacts of the FEIS.

Martin informed the Board that there is a work session scheduled for next Wednesday at 9 a.m., and a special City of Unity budget session at 10:30 a.m. The next regular Commission session is Wednesday, June 17, at 9 a.m.

## Newman

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A detour was eventually created for motorists travelling eastbound.

Baker City Police Chief Wyn Lohner first pinned a Lieutenant name tag on Newman’s uniform then addressed the crowd after Yeaton finished administering the oath.

Lohner said, “This is the future of the department. We will be moving someone into replace the Lieutenant’s Sergeant position within a few weeks. The department will take on a whole new face and I think there’s going to be some exciting things happening. We are getting our new guys back (from the academy) and they are getting geared up and ready to go. There are a lot of changes happening in Baker County Law Enforcement, within our agency, the Sheriff Department, of course with the new Sherriff, Travis Ash and Oregon State Police’s Lieutenant Belding will be taking over regional command for OSP here in our area. A lot of exciting things are happening and I see nothing but our agencies all working together for this community and for this area. Better than we’ve ever seen before and I think it’s going to be really promising for all the citizens—that is who we serve. That’s why we do this it’s for the people out there, not for us.”

After Lohner thanked everyone for coming, Lieutenant Newman’s son was heard saying “That’s it?”

And that was it.

Just like that the Baker City Police Department began its journey forward into the future.

## Preparedness fair

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Next, was the table set up by the Baker City Pharmacy. Baker City Pharmacy provided information and displayed a variety of First Aid kits. Baker County resident Harold “Mike” Webb conducted a survival class providing more information on assembling a First Aid kit and quoted advice he’d received years ago from Dr. Menzie McKim who advised that duct tape is one of the most important items to include in any emergency medical kit. Webb said that duct tape can be used for a variety of medical situations including bandages and splints.

Webb advised that building skills and practice are the most important aspects of preparing for an emergency. “The more you know the less you need,” said Webb.

The Oath Keepers organization displayed survival kits and offered ideas for those with physical limitations. The displays included survival bags assembled by several different people to offer a variety of ideas. Besides the essentials including food, water filtering systems, and cooking equipment, the Oath Keepers also suggested vacuum sealed items—and demonstrated the value to those with physical limitations of a wheeled golf bag caddy to transport several survival bags.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Weather Service representatives from Boise, Idaho distributed information on severe weather related emergencies and also conducted a Severe Weather Training Workshop class for local weather spotters. Participants were trained on cloud and storm recognition, weather reporting procedures, storm hazards, and safety tips.

More information on NOAA’s weather spotting program may be accessed at internet address: <http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/boi/awareness/skywarn.php>, or by contacting Jay Breidenbach, Warning Coordination Meteorologist with NOAA National Weather Service at (208) 334 - 9860 or email [jay.breidenbach@noaa.gov](mailto:jay.breidenbach@noaa.gov) or [jyencopal@bakercounty.org](mailto:jyencopal@bakercounty.org).

“We’re building a partnership with Baker County Emergency Management and developing relationships with people from Baker County,” Breidenbach said.

Monty and Debbie Abbott from Port Orchard, Washington, work as independent Thrive Life consultants. They demonstrated and handed out samples of freeze-dried foods. Their food products retain 100-percent of the nutrient through the freeze-drying process and all their products are GMO-free. The foods are picked and freeze-dried at maximum ripeness and thus burst with flavor.

“A conservative estimate shows that 25-percent of people’s food budget ends up in the trash. We go head-to-head on pricing with the grocery stores and our food can be stored for long periods of time so there is no waste, resulting in a huge savings on food costs,” Monty explained. “We live by the motto, store what you eat and eat what you store.”

The Abbott’s said their food unopened has a 25-year shelf life and after opening can be stored for one or two years. Thrive Life products may be purchased at Costco grocery outlets or by contacting the Abbotts directly.

The Abbotts may be contacted at [debbie@morethrive.com](mailto:debbie@morethrive.com), [monty@morethrive.com](mailto:monty@morethrive.com), or by calling (360) 509 - 8001. More information on Thrive Life products may be found at internet address: [www.pantrytoday.com](http://www.pantrytoday.com).

Janice Nelson, food storage expert offered information on home canning and food storage. She conducts classes locally and advises that every household have at the minimum two-weeks of food storage and optimally three months or a year’s worth of food stored. She handed out samples of dehydrated fruits and vegetables.

Life Flight made a landing and take-off from the armory grounds and members of the Baker City Emergency response team participated during the day demonstrating medical emergency response capabilities.

The American Red Cross handed out Emergency Contact Cards and stressed the importance of making a plan to contact family members in case of emergency.

Mindy Sherrieb, Red Cross representative echoed the sentiment of all the presenters during the Emergency Preparedness Fair, “Assemble an emergency kit. Then, make a plan to make a plan, make that plan, then practice that plan.”

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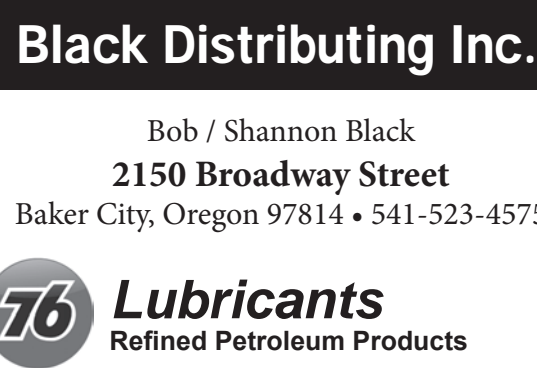
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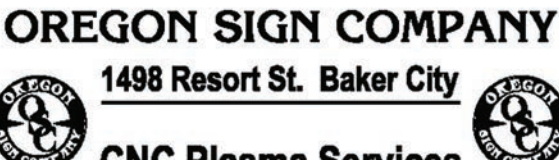
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# Classifieds / Outdoor Rec

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

A public meeting of the City Council of the City of Sumpter will be held on June 16, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. at Sumpter City Hall, 240 N. Mill Street, Sumpter, Oregon. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 as approved by the City of Sumpter Budget Committee. A summary of the budget is presented below. A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained at 240 N. Mill Street, Sumpter Oregon between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. This budget is for an annual budget period. This budget was prepared on the basis of accounting that is the same as the preceding year.

Contact	Telephone number	E-mail
Kathi Vinson, budget officer	( 541 ) 894-2314	cityofsumpter@qwestoffice.net

FINANCIAL SUMMARY—RESOURCES			
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	Actual Amounts 20.13–20.14	Adopted Budget This Year: 20.14–20.15	Approved Budget Next Year: 20.15–20.16
1. Beginning Fund Balance/Net Working Capital .....	210,229.00	219,125.00	189,990.00
2. Fees, Licenses, Permits, Fines, Assessments & Other Service Charges...	209,491.00	310,965.00	358,072.00
3. Federal, State & all Other Grants, Gifts, Allocations & Donations .....	105,212.00	146,325.00	87,262.00
4. Revenue from Bonds & Other Debt .....	40,535.00	28,000.00	26,500.00
5. Interfund Transfers/Internal Service Reimbursements .....	0.00	8,100.00	8,277.00
6. All Other Resources Except Current Year Property Taxes.....	1,715.00	17,530.00	27,381.00
7. Current Year Property Taxes Estimated to be Received.....	20,242.00	57,700.00	66,121.00
8. Total Resources—add lines 1 through 7.....	587,424.00	787,745.00	763,603.00

FINANCIAL SUMMARY—REQUIREMENTS BY OBJECT CLASSIFICATION			
9. Personnel Services .....	114,610.00	142,927.00	147,709.00
10. Materials and Services .....	121,238.00	163,569.00	194,853.00
11. Capital Outlay .....	58,259.00	255,975.00	255,888.00
12. Debt Service .....	72,505.00	72,160.00	72,160.00
13. Interfund Transfers.....	0.00	112,000.00	44,500.00
14. Contingencies.....	0.00	9,274.00	4,153.00
15. Special Payments .....	3,182.00	25,000.00	37,500.00
16. Unappropriated Ending Balance and Reserved for Future Expenditure ...	11,324.00	6,840.00	6,840.00
17. Total Requirements—add lines 9 through 16.....	381,118.00	787,745.00	763,603.00

FINANCIAL SUMMARY—REQUIREMENTS AND FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYEES (FTE) BY ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT OR PROGRAM*			
Name of Organizational Unit or Program			
FTE for Unit or Program			
Name General Fund	92,231	224,905	173,490
FTE	1	1	1
Name Water Utility Fund	77,564	126,410	131,550
FTE	1	1	1
Name Sewer Utility Fund	150,083	160,575	175,675
FTE	1	1	1
Name State Tax Street Fund	17,197	68,680	70,600
FTE	1	1	1
Name Oregon Revenue Sharing Fund	5,788	3,200	6,095
FTE	0	0	0
Not Allocated to Organizational Unit or Program	244,561	148,975	206,193
FTE	0	0	0
Total Requirements	587,424.00	787,745.00	763,603.00
Total FTE	4	4	4

PROPERTY TAX LEVIES			
	Rate or Amount Imposed	Rate or Amount Imposed	Rate or Amount Approved
Permanent Rate Levy .....	0.7987	0.7987	0.7987
Local Option Levy .....			
Levy for General Obligation Bonds .....	40.125	37.000	44.800

STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS		
Long Term Debt	Estimated Debt Outstanding on July 1	Estimated Debt Authorized, but not Incurred on July 1
General Obligation Bonds .....	743,560.00	0.00
Other Bonds .....	0.00	0.00
Other Borrowings .....	142,907.00	0.00
Total .....	886,467.00	0.00

## ODFW to hold photo contest

SALEM, Ore. – The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife wants to showcase your fishing, hunting, crabbing, clamming and wildlife viewing photos on its website, in promotional materials and on social media sites. “It’s a great chance for people to share their best shots,” said Rick Hargrave, Information and Education Administrator. “Last year’s photo contest winner in the fishing category was featured on the 2014 Sport Fishing Regulations, and we have highlighted the photos of dozens of contest entrants in other places.”

Guidelines:  
The contest opens June 3 and closes June 24, 2015. There are five categories: fishing, hunting, crabbing, clamming and wildlife viewing.

All photos must have been taken by you personally in Oregon.

By submitting a photo, you agree that it can be used by ODFW on its website and in other promotional products. Wildlife viewing photos must be of native species in a natural environment.

If there are people in the photo, get permission from them before you submit photo.

Only high resolution photos, at least 1 megabyte, will be accepted.

ODFW employees are not eligible to participate in the contest.

Submit:  
Enter your photos via the ODFW website in the About Us section, in Photo/Video gallery, <http://odfw.wufoo.com/forms/odfw-photo-submission-form/>

Winners:  
One winner will be chosen in each of five categories by a panel of ODFW judges: fishing, hunting, crabbing, clamming and wildlife viewing. Each winner will receive a \$50 gift certificate to Cabela’s. See past winners online, [http://www.dfw.state.or.us/images/photo\\_submissions/july\\_contest/](http://www.dfw.state.or.us/images/photo_submissions/july_contest/)

## Disc golf logo contest open

The Baker School District 5J and Ford Family Foundation are looking for the Logo to promote the Baker Disc Golf course in Baker City. Start your designing entry now!

The contest is open to individuals of any age. We are accepting designs until midnight, July 4, 2015. The Logo will be used throughout all aspects of the Baker Disc Golf project. Think clever, your Logo design could be the key promotional representation for the Baker Disc Golf sport.

Official rules are posted on the Baker Disc Golf face book site, [www.facebook.com/bakerdiscgolf](http://www.facebook.com/bakerdiscgolf), or copies will be available at the Baker County Library.

Rules for the design:  
• The only words that can be used are “Baker Disc Golf”  
• Can be designed with no more than three colors  
• Must be your original work

Put yourself up for recognition as the Logo designer and the chance to win a great prize valued at \$50. Be creative and clever, use your competitive instinct and create the ultimate design.

Submit entries by email to: [bakerdiscgolf@gmail.com](mailto:bakerdiscgolf@gmail.com), by July 4, 2015 midnight.

The winning design will be announced by July 31, 2015

## Lumber spill blocks I-84



Photo courtesy of OSP.

The wreck above blocked I-84 near La Grande for hours.

On May 29, 2014, at about 7:26AM, OSP Troopers responded to the report of a rollover crash on I-84 near Milepost 259 involving a commercial motor vehicle loaded with lumber.

Preliminary information is that a 1999 Western Star Tractor pulling two flatbed trailers loaded with lumber was traveling eastbound on I-84 when it began to negotiate a sweeping left curve. The operator, Dennis McMurray, age 54, of Troutdale, lost control of the vehicle, which resulted on it rolling over onto its driver side and sliding on the roadway for approximately 500 feet before coming to a stop. The load of lumber spilled across all lanes of travel.

The interstate was closed for hours in order to remove the wreckage and the lumber and to inspect a bridge support that was struck. ODOT created an eastbound detour during this time. OSP was assisted by the Union County Sheriff’s Office and the Oregon Department of Transportation.

## A D-Day drive to honor those who have served ...



THE OUTDOOR COLUMN  
By Todd Arriola

This Saturday, June 6th, the 4x4 off-road group Locked and Loaded (L&L) gears up again for a special run, sponsored by Forest Access For All (FAFA), in honor of the anniversary of D-Day and the nation’s veterans. Christina Witham, of L&L, is encouraging the public to join the group in the run, and she said there is an extended run for the June L&L destination. “This is a short run, about 10 miles one way,

and a quick way to support the event,” she said. The route is Medical Springs Highway toward Catherine Creek, to the snow park on top of the summit, where participants will meet, then the 77 Road to Taylor Green and back. Witham said, “If you wish to make a day of it and loop around, here are some options for your June destination: Leave Taylor Green, go north on the 770058 to 7700580, to the end of the road. You’ll find a fun Jeep climb and a wilderness sign at the end of the road. Back to the 77 Road, to the 830 Road, south to the 67 Road. East on the 67 Road to 7000400 (on the

right), option: Take the road east at the junction to the end of the road. Interesting view of the cut through the mountain for the Phillips Ditch. Back out to the 7000400 south to the 70 Road. Southeast to pretty good meadow by Goose Creek, big culvert crossing, and continue on 7035 to the top of Red Ridge. Several options at this point. Option 1: North to 300 Road, down 300 to Balm Creek Road, to Keating Valley. Option 2: South to 7035051, take right down to Slide Creek. This route will take you right past the Mother Lode Mine or Balm Creek shaft.” She said there are many options on the run, and emphasized carrying a paper map of the area, as well as GPS and a cell phone. While some areas offer more technical options for the better-equipped 4x4 vehicles, she said, “This is an easy, non-technical run.” The run offers great

opportunities for photography, mushroom picking, spring wildflowers, wildlife spotting, historical areas, etc. Witham suggests a pre-trip visit to the local library for historical information about the area. She cautions about exercising safety in mining areas, and to respect private property and posted “No Trespassing” signs. She said, “Always remember your emergency items, food and water, and most of all, common sense. Supporting your veterans by keeping our forests open and accessible for all who venture in and around our mountains is of the utmost importance. Learn more about the value of National Public Lands for Veterans at [www.vetvoicefoundation.org/docs/Public-Lands.pdf](http://www.vetvoicefoundation.org/docs/Public-Lands.pdf).” Good luck with your adventures!

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## Ladies bridge scores

The weekly Quail Ridge Ladies Day was held May 27. The results of the weekly bridge game are:  
1st, Zena Edwards  
2nd, Lavelle Woodcock  
3rd, Pat Cook  
For more information on how you can participate if you enjoy bridge, golf, or a fun social time, contact Janice Smull at [jsmull@q.com](mailto:jsmull@q.com).



# Local

## HBC holds ‘plug-in’ meeting

BY GINA K. SWARTZ  
Gina@TheBakerCountyPress.com

Larry Abell recently took over as President for Historic Baker City (HBC). Once a thriving organization, HBC has had some rough times in recent years.

Abell, along with Program Manager Jeff Nelson have intentions of changing that. Last Wednesday HBC held an “update and plug in” meeting and plans are to continue the meetings quarterly. “I’d like to do several of these ‘plug ins’ per year. I think it is a great way to let everyone know what is going on with HBC and for us to connect with you all and see what we can do for you,” Abell told the crowd of approximately 25 that gathered at Crossroads last Wednesday night.

In addition to the meetings a newsletter has been established that is available highlighting what HBC is doing. After spending the last year of his role as President going to every event, listening to the community and learning about HBC’s influence Abell is now focusing on what he is calling the year of engagement.

The year where he takes what he has learned and heard from our community and works toward implementing those suggestions. “I want to thank Jeff Nelson, who has the inside

track on how to make it all happen,” said Abell.

In the last year HBC has made some impressive strides under its new leadership.

In the financial quest HBC has been able to secure over 30 new memberships, obtained several small grants and sponsorships. Those small grants helped to fund new lights for the community Christmas tree and helped to cover promotional costs at events.

HBC was also awarded a Leo Adler Grant for \$10,000 and a CLG Grant for \$6,000.

Those helped fund renovation, repair and restoration projects in Baker City such as the restoration of the VFW sign, repairing and repainting facades of two historic buildings on First Street and contributing to the neon marquee repair at the Eltrym.

HBC also maintained a strong presence at Baker City events such as the Hell’s Canyon Motorcycle Rally, Taste of Baker, and the Turkey Trot. HBC continues to be instrumental in the Downtown Trick-Or-Treat, Historic Parlor Tours, which featured the Leo Adler home for the first time ever last year and The Christmas Parade and tree lighting ceremony.

The organization was also heavily involved in Miner’s Jubilee sponsoring last year’s parade and orga-



Gina K. Swartz / The Baker County Press

Larry Abell recently became the new HBC president.

nizing events such as the Duck and Beaver races and the bed races. 2014 also saw HBC relocate their office to the Pythian Castle, the last site of Leo Adler’s commercial office.

Re-establish the HBC phone line and regular operating hours, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 1 p.m.-5 p.m.

For 2015 Abell and Nelson agree that goals for HBC include revising by-laws better describing the membership structure, improving meeting minutes and agenda and continually improve HBC events based on feedback received from the community.

They want to continue on with quarterly meetings and newsletter to keep

members informed on goings on with an underlying intention of creating interest for potential new members. There is also a plan to install banners on Resort Street that are designed to support HBC, remind residents to shop local and highlight building details. Plans are also in the works to update the website.

HBC has access to a “community coach” that has been involved in our community behind the scenes for quite some time.

With his support, advice and knowledge HBC intends to be guided toward becoming a more highly functioning organization.

SEE HBC PAGE 9

## Missing man

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Street was scheduled for a pre-trial hearing this week regarding his arrest on February 4, at 301 2nd Street after neighbors reported a “strong smell of ammonia.” That gas was later confirmed to be Anhydrous Ammonia.

The 45 year-old, whose full name is Kenneth Roy Street, was subsequently found to be in possession of Methamphetamine and was taken into custody for Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Substance. Street was decontaminated at the scene by Baker City Fire and then transported to the hospital where he was treated and released for exposure to Anhydrous Ammonia.

The property and residence at 301 2nd Street were later posted as an “Illegal Drug Lab Site.”

Baker County Sheriff Travis Ash also said this week that they have little to no evidence to go on, but confirmed that Street is officially listed as a missing person.

Anyone with information on Street’s whereabouts should contact local law enforcement. His wife said Wednesday that “it just isn’t at all like him” to not make contact and she’s very worried about him. No one has heard from him since he told her he was getting a ride with someone to work on that Medical Springs cabin.

## Toddler recovering

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Thomas’s mother, Ori, had been near the pond working in the garden at the residence when this accident occurred. When Ori got to Thomas, he was not breathing and turning purple. Ori was able to talk with Baker County Consolidated Dispatch where she was given instructions to begin CPR. As Ori started CPR, Thomas began to breath a little on his own.

Emergency responders from Baker City Fire, Haines Fire, Baker Rural Fire along with the Baker County Sheriff’s Office responded to the residence and assisted in reviving Thomas.

Thomas was transported to St. Alphonsus Hospital in Baker City where he was stabilized and then flown by helicopter to St. Luke’s in Boise. According to Baker County Sheriff, Travis Ash, there was an excellent unified response to this incident from all agencies and individuals involved.

Said Ash in a press release, “On June 2, 2015, I talked with Adam Kerns and he told me that Thomas was released from the hospital on Friday the 29th and is doing well. Adam expressed his appreciation to all of those who responded as well as the friends, family and citizens who were praying for and supporting them during this incident.”

## City says crypto case likely not from City drinking water

On May 29, 2015 a resident of Baker City notified city staff that the resident had been ill for some time. The resident told Baker City staff that the resident’s medical doctor had done a test and confirmed a diagnosis of Cryptosporidiosis caused by the presence of Cryptosporidium. The resident told city staff that the resident had been affected by Cryptosporidium in 2013, however that had not been confirmed by medical testing.

The resident told city staff that the resident has not consumed city water since 2013.

City staff contacted the Baker County Health Department who is the reporting agency for public health in Baker County. When contacted Friday the Baker County Health Department had no reports of illness caused by Cryptosporidium.

The Health Department has since confirmed the case that had been reported to Baker City.

City staff tested the water at the complainant’s residence on May 29th and found a chlorine residual, which indicated the water in the home had recently traveled through the city treatment plant. City staff took another sample of the water at the residence and has sent it to a lab for further testing.

City staff has taken these samples not because the water system is suspected, but to continue to build the public’s confidence in the water system. As was learned in 2013 drinking water containing Cryptosporidium can cause illness.

The City’s water has been treated with ultraviolet technology for fourteen months. Ultraviolet light inactivates oocysts. City staff has been in contact with the Oregon Health Authority and they continue to be confident in Baker City’s treatment system.

The Baker County Health Department confirmed it is currently investigating this positive case of Cryptosporidiosis.

They say there are many factors to take into account when investigating a communicable disease and they are hopeful this is an isolated incident.

Symptoms associated with Cryptosporidium can include the following:

- Watery diarrhea (most common)
- Stomach cramps or pain
- Dehydration
- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Fever
- Weight loss


Robin Nudd of the Health Department says those experiencing these signs or symptoms for more than three days please contact your primary care provider to be tested.

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# Local & Entertainment

## Historic Baker City

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Maurizio Valerio of RDI, Rural Development Institute says his intentions are to “help with a little bit of coaching. A guide on the side.”

He continued, “It’s a vital rural community and we’ve been collaborating for many years.”

Valerio also works closely with The Ford foundation. “They have the money, we have the power to make it happen.”

He says regarding additional funding for HBC priorities, “We are the ones on the ground that basically deliver all the resources that they finance, that they support. This a crucial time in Baker City, trying to reshape the ideas of who do we serve, how do we operate. We are trying to support some of the things HBC needs to focus on. It takes all resources in a community supporting each other not only one organization can make it happen.”

Abell added, “We addressed the city Budget Board last week also about support and I think that is looking very favorable. Showing prospective grants we have City support is a really big deal.”

Abell feels that encompassing all of Baker City into HBC is crucial to adding to the success of the organization. In the past HBC consisted of buildings and businesses mainly in the Downtown corridor, new ideas include not only Main Street, but all major business areas in Baker City—Resort Street,

Broadway, Tenth Street, and Campbell bringing our entire community together.

Another Improvement Abell spoke about was adding a new dimension to the Miner’s Jubilee Duck and Beaver races by holding a separate race for businesses, where the business could buy a life size decoy duck to race.

After Abell spoke about where HBC had been and the direction they would like to move in he engaged the group in a discussion of what HBC could do for them or our community.

A list was compiled that broke down into simple strategies consisting of ideas that would make HBC strong again, revitalized.

Abell outlined an idea to place kiosks throughout the city providing information to visitors about the city and its history. Many felt that our history and knowing it was important as well as preserving it, with a few stating that what we do today will also become our history and having an organized approach to that future is important to being successful.

Supporters know HBC is more than just a Main Street program and would like to see that sense more a part of our community. Excite all businesses in Baker City to be included in HBC by sharing information, accomplishments, awards and improvements, supporting one another.

It was also mentioned that HBC could be more involved with identifying restoration projects as occasionally those that need

work done often don’t seek help or even know whom to ask for assistance.

Jeff Nelson, who recently joined the Small Business Development Center, recommended partnering with local businesses to help provide updates as well as work on ideas to bring in more sustainable businesses to Baker City to fill vacant buildings and keep our town alive and well.

Most agreed that it was very important to keep events already established going but more publicity to advise the community on events was addressed.

It was also suggested to add more events so something is happening monthly, like more street dances.

HBC members brought up the fact that alternate times for holding meetings might also be considered as a way to increase participation in the organization, that suggestion was well received.

Abell thanked everyone for their ideas, participation and attendance. Before the group disassembled plans for a community party in Court Plaza were revealed.

The celebration is being organized for June 20th from 4 p.m.-6 p.m.

Abell encourages anyone interested in learning more about HBC or becoming a member to call them Monday, Wednesday or Friday from 1-5 p.m. at 541.523.5442 or stop by the office during those hour at 2005 Washington Avenue Suite 101, in the Pythian Castle.

## Bebe’s word search

### Summer

Find and circle all of the summer words that are hidden in the grid. The remaining letters spell an additional summer item.

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### Across

- 1- Cinema canine;  
5- Steak order;  
10- Law enforcement agency;  
13- Part of a process;  
14- Aboriginal;  
16- Fall behind;  
17- Placed within parentheses;  
19- Prefix with tourism;  
20- \_\_\_\_ France;  
21- Hooded jacket;  
23- Awesome!;  
24- Frobe who played Goldfinger;  
28- Cliquish;  
30- Narcissism amok;  
32- More spine-tingling;  
33- Senators’ home;  
35- Univ. aides;  
36- Barracks;  
38- Small wig;  
42- Church lady;  
43- Of inferior quality;  
45- Verdi opera;  
49- Prestigious;  
53- 33rd president of the U.S;  
54- Ammo;  
55- Bass, for one;  
56- Sun Bowl site;  
58- Medicine;  
60- Actress Merkel;  
61- Confirm;  
65- Perform;  
66- Ample;  
67- “So be it”;  
68- Observe, viewing organ;  
69- Fill with joy;  
70- Make it to the end;

### Down

- 1- Seek ambitiously;  
2- “Hogan’s Heroes” setting;  
3- Shipworm;  
4- Imitated;  
5- Blaster’s need;  
6- Exclamation of contempt;  
7- Suffix with Capri;  
8- Actress Talbot;  
9- Show clearly;  
10- Petty annoyance;  
11- Accented supplementary beat;  
12- Can \_\_\_\_ now?;  
15- French school;  
18- Undo;  
22- Capek play;  
25- \_\_\_\_’acte (intermission);  
26- Mirthful;  
27- Shooting marble;  
29- Jr. and sr.;  
31- Cal. pages;

- 34- Flooded;  
36- Money;  
37- Having ringlike segments;  
39- Ratio phrase;  
40- Slum area inhabited by a minority group;  
41- Soap-making ingredient;  
42- Open mesh fabric;  
44- Hi-\_\_\_\_ monitor;  
46- Rock blaster;  
47- Civil rights org.;  
48- Shoe part;  
50- Capital of Bahrain;  
51- In groups;  
52- Respectable;  
57- City south of Moscow;  
59- Unwritten;  
60- Abu Dhabi’s fed.;  
62- Genetic material;  
63- Baseball’s Mel;  
64- Ciao!;

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# Local

## Planning Commission considers contentious permit remand issue

• NEIGHBOR OF GRAVEL PIT OWNER IN HALFWAY AREA PROTESTS DECISION FOR THIRD TIME

BY TODD ARRIOLA  
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On Wednesday, May 28, 2015, the Baker County Planning Commission held a public hearing in the County Commission Chambers at the Courthouse, at 6 p.m., to consider Plan Amendment PA-15-001, and LUBA (Land Use Board of Appeals) Case No. 2014-021, A Remand To An Amendment (CU-13-011) To Conditional Use Permits CU-98-02 and CU-00-05.

Kerry Gulick and Linda McEwen are the owners of a gravel pit in the Halfway area. Previously they were issued conditional use permits, which would allow them to crush gravel and operate a small asphalt plant part of that property for a limited time.

A landowner down the road from the permittees, Barbara Dion, currently lives in Arizona and is renting out her own Halfway-area property that has been in the family for years. Dion has protested the original conditional use permit to the Baker County Board of Commissioners—who upheld the Planning Commission’s original decision.

Dion then filed the LUBA complaint, and LUBA remanded the issue back to the Planning Commission.

Among Dion’s complaints are noise, dust abatement and the like.

This is the first LUBA remand experienced by Planning Director Holly Kerns as well as the current Planning Commissioners.

Present from the Commission were Chair Alice Trindle, Vice Chair Lauri Hoopes, and Commissioners Suzan Jones, Jim Grove, and Randy Joseph. From the City-County Planning Department were Planning Director Holly Kerns, Planners Eva Ceder and Kelly Howsley-Glover, and Planning Assistant Kevin Berryman.

Attendees included Attorney Dan Van Thiel, Kerry Gulick, Linda McEwan, Leona Jones and Barbara Dion.

Trindle called the meeting to order and read a statement regarding the hearing process, including testimony, evidence, time limits, etc.

She asked if there were any challenges to the jurisdiction of the Planning Commission to hear the matters, and Dion stated yes, she objected to the jurisdiction of the Commission, and that the public notice was improper and insufficient.

According to Planning Commissioner Jones, this is the first time the Commission’s jurisdiction has ever been called into question in recent memory.

Dion said the County’s notice didn’t give the public any indication how the hearing would be conducted, and what, if



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The Baker County Planning Commission is in the middle of handling a tricky remand situation regarding a Halfway-area property.

any, evidence or testimony, would be allowed, and that the hearing should be canceled and rescheduled, with new notice given.

Dion mentioned a petition signed by a little over a dozen individuals in the community who supported her position, and Trindle made a statement about seeking an opinion from Van Thiel. Kerns asked Dion if there were a written statement of her objection, and Dion responded that it was received by the Commission.

Trindle said Van Thiel may wish to have an opportunity provide some opinions, and she asked Dion to step down from providing her testimony for the moment. Trindle asked if there were any conflicts of interests, personal biases, or ex parte communications to be declared by a Commission member, and none were stated.

Joseph made a motion to move the Plan Amendment up in the order on the agenda, in order to address the lengthier LUBA Remand matter later, and Jones seconded. The motion carried.

With a motion from Grove, and a second from Hoopes, the minutes from the February 26, 2015 Commission meeting were approved.

Ceder introduced and explained PA-15-001. The purpose of the Plan Amendment is to correct a zoning map error for the subject parcel, currently zoned Primary Forest (PF), according to the document. A PF zone is described as applying to lands that are managed by the federal government, and since this designation doesn’t apply to private property, it doesn’t allow the same land use opportunities that other similarly situated private property owners have.

The application has been filed for re-zoning of the property to Timber Grazing (TG), according to the document.

The property, around 20 acres and owned by Leona Jones, is located off of Highway 7, east-southeast of Sumpter, Oregon. Hoopes asked about a cabin on the property, and Ceder said there was one, which was lost due to a fire this March.

Jones asked the Planning Department about rebuilding the cabin, Ceder said,

but the zoning at the time didn’t have standards for siting buildings. Ceder said Leona Jones wishes to rebuild the cabin.

Joseph asked if the property had been privately owned, but then through oversight, if, because of zoning changes, it was designated as publicly owned, and Ceder responded that she wasn’t sure what the process had been.

Trindle asked if anyone present wished to testify on the matter, and there was no response that any attendees wished to do so. Joseph moved to close the testimony, and Grove seconded, the motion carrying.

Trindle said she wished to move forward on the matter, with no changes to specific criteria, and

Hoopes said she didn’t have time to review the documents, since she received them two days earlier. Jones only received them that same day.

Joseph said that there weren’t any other zoning options, and that the amendment should be approved as-is.

Joseph moved to approve PA-15-001, with the findings made by staff, with no conditions, seconded by Grove. The motion carried.

Ceder read a statement regarding the notice and appeals process.

After a break, Trindle asked for staff comments about the objection to jurisdiction voiced by Dion.

Van Thiel said he didn’t think there was any merit to the objection, and that the notice was sufficient. Kerns stated that the notice was accurate as provided by the County.

Trindle read the details of the hearing procedure, including a statement that a time limit on testimony may be set. Jones moved to limit testimony to five minutes, with a second from Grove. The motion carried.

Kerns explained the details of the subject matter of the hearing, LUBA Remand No. 2014-021, Remanding in part the Approval of Modification to Conditional Use Permits CU-00-05 and CU-98-02. Gulick and McEwan, applicants and property owners, submitted a request to modify their existing Conditional Use Permit for a 15-acre aggregate rock pit, known as the Gulick

Pit, located northeast of Halfway, near the intersection of Estes Hill Lane and Buchanan Loop.

Hoopes made a motion to address the Fifth Assignment of Error (from LUBA Case No. 2014-021), with a second from Jones. The motion carried. Gulick, co-owner of the property, and co-applicant, entered testimony into record associated with the Fifth Assignment of Error, regarding road use, noise, dust, and property value.

Joseph voiced concerns that the appellant didn’t have a chance yet to see a letter Gulick had in his possession from Baker County Road Master Jeff Smith, concerning road traffic and adequacy.

The Commission discussed the issue, and Van Thiel said that transparency is important, and that all parties need to have an opportunity to review any documents, if they choose.

Trindle read a letter from Smith, dated April 13, 2015, regarding road traffic and adequacy, and then called Dion back to testify. Dion said she hadn’t had an opportunity to see the letter before, and she noted lack of road enhancements, factual misstatements and inaccuracies from a previous road department letter.

After some discussion, Hoopes moved to continue the hearing on the Fifth Assignment of Error, with a second from Joseph. The motion carried.

Gulick then provided testimony regarding the First and Fourth Assignment of Error, including documents relating to a sound analysis completed, and statements about minimal noise and dust impacts.

Dion also testified, providing surveys concerning impacts on land value and livability.

After a lengthy discussion about the testimony, and the proper time frame in which to conclude the proceedings, Joseph moved to close the record on Thursday, June 4, at 5 p.m., and to continue the hearing on the First, Fourth and Fifth Assignment of Error, to Wednesday, June 10, at 5 p.m., with a second from Grove. The motion carried.

The movement to June 10 is due to nearly four inches of testimony from both sides, which the Planning Commission will now need to study.

## Huntington: Steak feed, music for all



Eileen Driver / The Baker County Press

A kitchen full of cooks helped prepare the breakfast that went before the steak feed in Lion’s Park the weekend before last in Huntington.

• WEEKEND EVENTS WERE ALL ABOUT THE EATING AND THE LISTENING

BY EILEEN DRIVER  
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The Memorial Weekend visitors and locals alike were treated to the good food put out by the Huntington Senior and Youth Organization, headed up by Ron and Sandra Vaughn, in two events this weekend.

### Food.

First was breakfast in the park Saturday morning May 23 served from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. On the menu was your choice of Pancakes, French toast or Biscuits & gravy all served with bacon or sausage, scrambled eggs and hash-browns or sausage breakfast burrito with onions, peppers and tomato served with bacon and hashbrowns and your choice of Got coffee or cocoa with any meal. The food was delicious and definitely fueled you up for the weekend of activities ahead.

Next on the agenda for these busy people was the Steak Feed, on Sunday May 24 from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the VFW Hall / Community Center, an annual tradition here that previously was put on by the VFW but has been passed on to the capable hands of the Huntington Senior and Youth. This has always been a greatly anticipated event and this year was no different.

On the menu this year was a choice of Tender Boneless Ribeye Steak or Juicy Hamburger Dinner. Both meals came with a baked potato, baked beans, green beans and loaded salad bar complete with green salad, potato salad and macaroni salad. On top of all that, if you still had room in your stomach, was an assortment of pies, cakes, and brownies to round out the meal.

The tables were packed with good food and great people who will be looking forward to enjoying it again Labor Day weekend when Huntington Senior & Youth Organization will be repeating this great meal at the VFW Hall for the Snake River Car Show being held on September 5th in Huntington’s Lion’s Park.

### Music.

In between the breakfast and the steak feed was another time for entertainment.

Highway 30/Washington Street between Lincoln and 1st Street was cut off from car traffic by large orange cones Saturday night May 23 from 8 p.m. to midnight. Instead of cars parked on the sides of the road or driving by to go here and there were more people than seen in years gathered on the street in front of Lion’s Park. Young, old and every age in between was on hand and ready to dance to one of Huntington’s favorite bands.

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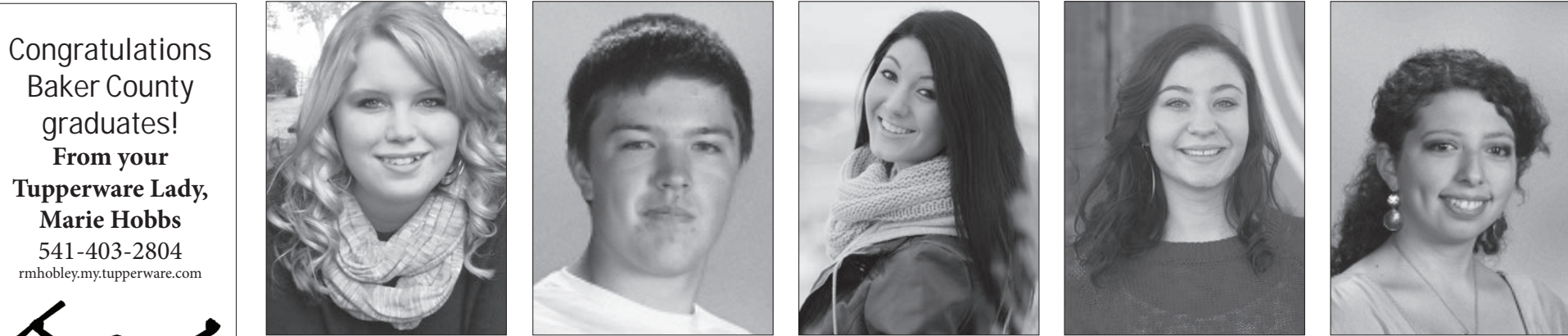
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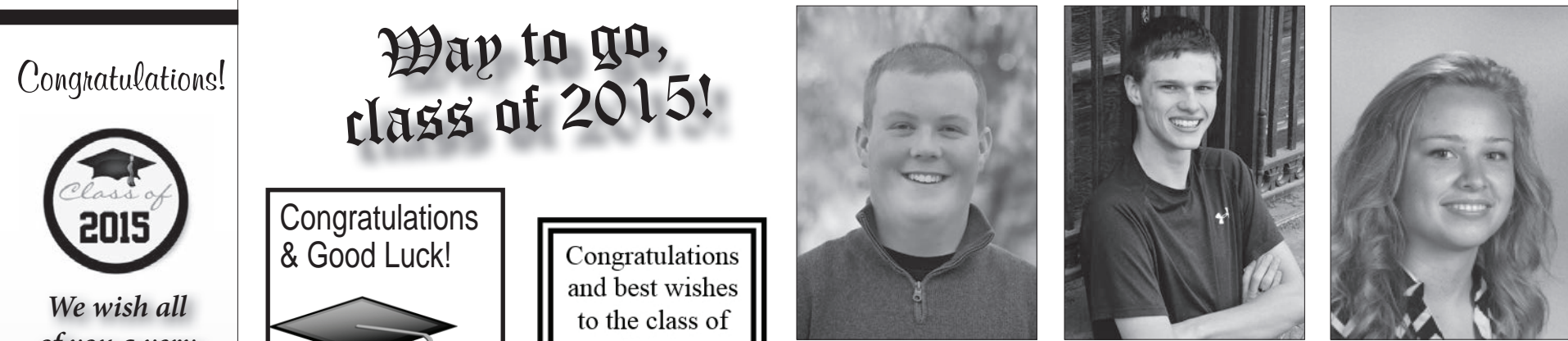
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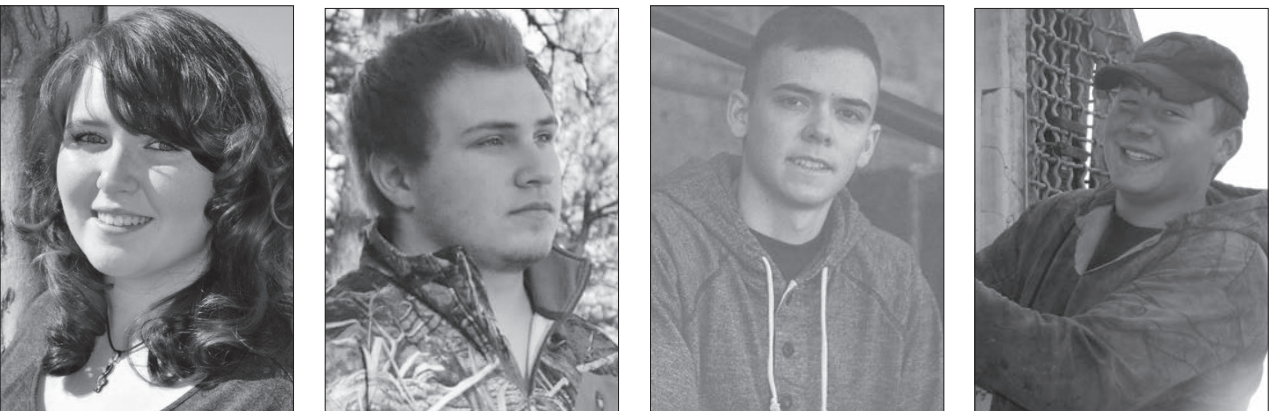


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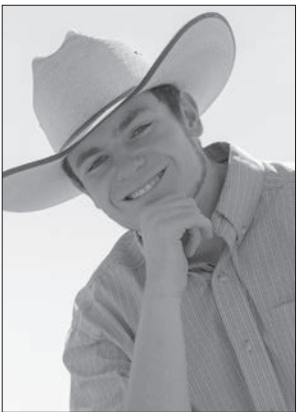
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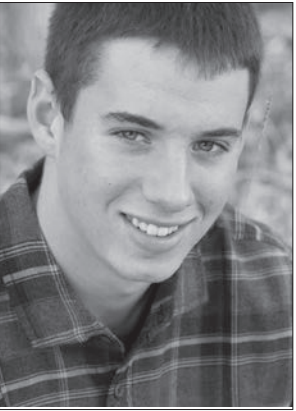
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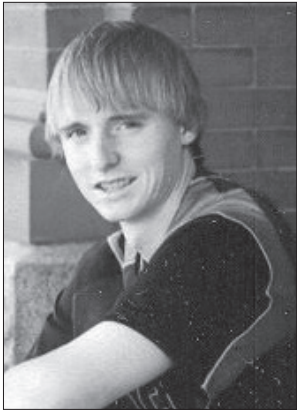
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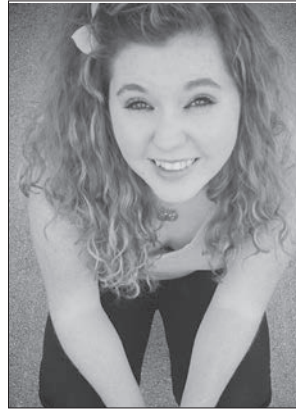
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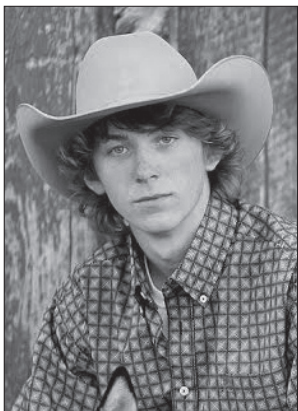
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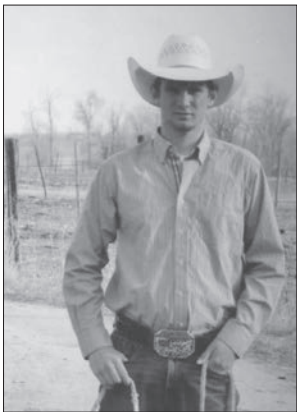
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# Graduation

Graduation will be held  
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