

# Local

## Friends of Haines event a success

• VOLUNTEER GROUP RAISES \$8K FOR HAINES FIREWORKS DISPLAY

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Members of the local community rallied together again for another installment of the Friends of Haines Fireworks Auction Fundraiser, which was held last Saturday, May 16 in Haines.

A major key to the success of the event were volunteers that included Alita Arendell, Melissa Garner, Wayne Overton, Melissa Brown, Garla Rowe, Tricia Price, Ed Trindle, Chad Trindle, Jess Blatchford, Rob Pierce, and Robert McGinn.

The public gathered around 5 p.m. at the Frontier Saloon in Haines in order to preview and bid on the many auction items—around 40—donated by local businesses and families, displayed on several tables and by the stage.

Outside, Chad Trindle, Blatchford, Pierce, and McGinn prepared, barbecued and served the New York steaks around 6 p.m., while Arendell, Price and Rowe served the rest of the meal inside, which included green salad, baked potato, roll, refreshments and dessert.

Tickets for the meal were \$23, sold outside by Garner and other volunteers.

Overton was the auctioneer for the fundraiser, beginning around 7:15 p.m., with Brown assisting him on the stage.

Overton auctioned off about a third of the items, before introducing the Baker City Elk's Drum and Bugle Corps, who made a special appearance.

The Corps played



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Wayne Overton, who was also newly elected to the OTEC Board of Directors, served as auctioneer for the event.



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The Elk's Drum and Bugle Corps performed to the delight of attendees.

several songs, including "America," "Rock Around The Clock," "Ballad of the Green Berets," and "When The Saints Go Marching

In," and the songs were well-received by the enthusiastic crowd.

Overton continued with the rest of the auction

items, and the event was a success yet again, with \$8,000 raised for the popular Haines fireworks event.

## Rep. Bentz's brother killed

On Thursday, May 14 around 10:35 a.m., a small private plane carrying only the pilot, Mike Bentz of Juntura, crashed into a field southwest of Vale.

Bentz is the brother of Oregon State Rep. Cliff Bentz, R-Ontario, and former Malheur County Sheriff Andrew Bentz.

According to witnesses, the plane's wing clipped a power line while Bentz, age 51, was using the plane to herd cattle on his rural ranch in Malheur county, with cowboys assisting on the road below.

The 1979 Bellanca plane

hurled toward the ground and landed on its top about 60 miles outside Vale.

Resuscitation attempts were made at the scene, but Bentz was declared deceased at the cite of the crash. Malheur County Sheriff Brian Wolfe said that several people performed CPR to no avail.

Funeral services were held yesterday in Burns.

Memorial contributions may be made to Young Ranchers Land and Livestock Fund through LaFollette's Chapel, P.O. Box 488, Burns, OR 97720.



Photo courtesy of the Malheur County Sheriff's Office.

Bentz's plane crashed near his ranch outside Juntura.

## ELAP to cover losses from water transportation to livestock

Baker-Grant County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) reminds producers that assistance is available through the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP) for producers who have incurred additional operating costs for transporting water to livestock due to an eligible drought.

An eligible drought means that part or all of a county is designated D3

or higher as defined by the U.S. Drought Monitor [www.droughtmonitor.unl.edu](http://www.droughtmonitor.unl.edu).

ELAP provides emergency assistance to eligible producers of livestock, honeybees and farm-raised fish who have suffered losses because of disease, severe weather, blizzards and wildfires.

To qualify for ELAP, eligible livestock must be: Alpacas, adult or non-adult dairy cattle, beef cattle,

buffalo and beefalo as well as deer, elk, emus, equine, goats, llamas, poultry, reindeer, sheep or swine.

Additionally, the livestock must have been owned 60 calendar days prior to the beginning of the drought and be physically located in the county designated as a disaster area due to drought.

Adequate livestock watering systems or facilities must have existed before the drought occurred and

producers are only eligible if they do not normally transport water to the livestock.

Livestock that were or would have been in a feedlot are not eligible for livestock losses resulting from transporting water and ELAP does not cover the cost of the water itself.

For more information on ELAP and eligible losses from transporting water, the Baker-Grant County FSA at 541-523-7121.

## New disc golf course coming

A new nine-hole Disc Golf course is under development for Baker City. The Ford Institute Leadership Program (Baker County Cohort 5) is designing and installing the course around the Baker Sports Complex.

Completion is scheduled prior to years end.

This exciting, fun project is free to all and provides outdoor friendly entertainment for all ages.

With rules similar to traditional golf such as starting with a tee-off and score keeping for each "stroke," the game can be played by teams, individuals, or families and other groups.

Players only need a plastic golf disc to play the game. Advanced players carry a set of discs specialized for distance and turns. Disc sets will be available for checkout from the Baker County Public Library this summer.

For more information, and to see how you can be a part of the project go to [www.facebook.com/bakerdiscgolf](http://www.facebook.com/bakerdiscgolf).

## Keating school to have play, dinner event

Each year, Keating Elementary school, grades PK-6, does a play and dinner for the community at the end of the year. Admission is always free, but donations are accepted. Then, the classes hold a dessert auction as the only fundraiser for the year.

This year's event will be held on Saturday, May 30, 2015 beginning at 5:00 p.m. A mouth-watering dinner of pulled pork prepared by David Blair will be served with all the trimmings. Peter Pan will be performed by the Keating Hams outdoors. The annual dessert auction is not to be missed as auctioneer Meb Daily demonstrates his talents. This is a family event and fun for all.

## Boise spring fling results

The Baker and La Grande Swim Clubs attended the Boise Y Spring Fling Swim Meet on May 15-17. Baker sent 9 athletes, La Grande sent six, three of whom are from Baker City. The following are their results. There were 408 athletes representing 19 teams from Oregon, Idaho, Washington, Nevada and Utah.

Girls 13-14 50 Meter Free 3 Scott, Riana L 13LGSC 30.61

Girls 13-14 400 Meter Free 5 Scott, Riana L 13LGSC 4:59.15

Girls 13-14 800 Meter Free 3 Scott, Riana L 13LGSC 10:21.69

Girls 13-14 100 Meter Breast 5 Scott, Riana L 13LGSC 1:28.85

Girls 13-14 200 Meter IM 5 Scott, Riana L 13LGSC 2:43.04

Girls 14&U 200 Meter Back 7 Scott, Riana L 13LGSC 2:44.58

Girls 14&U 200 Meter Breast 3 Scott, Riana L 13LGSC 3:06.84

Boys 13-14 50 Meter Free 4 Miller, Justin D 14LGSC 30.62

Boys 13-14 100 Meter Free 6 Miller, Justin D 14LGSC 1:06.37

Boys 13-14 200 Meter Free 5 Miller, Justin D 14LGSC 2:24.27

Boys 13-14 100 Meter Back 4 Miller, Justin D 14LGSC 1:13.64

Boys 13-14 200 Meter IM 6 Miller, Justin D 14LGSC 2:44.24

Boys 14&U 200 Meter Back 5 Miller, Justin D 14LGSC 2:36.25

Boys 15&O 100 Meter Free 4 Miller, Jared C 16LGSC 59.28

Boys 15&O 200 Meter Free 3 Miller, Jared C 16LGSC 2:07.81

Boys 15&O 800 Meter Free 3 Miller, Jared C 16LGSC 9:15.69

Boys 15&O 100 Meter Back 3 Miller, Jared C 16LGSC 1:04.53

Boys 15&O 200 Meter Back 2 Miller, Jared C 16LGSC 2:17.35

Boys 15&O 200 Meter IM 4 Miller, Jared C 16LGSC 2:22.61

The next meet for both teams is the Tri Cities Open, on May 29-31.

## Ladies bridge club results

The May 6 Ladies Bridge Club winners were: 1st Della Steele, 2nd Judy Karstens, and 3rd Zena Edwards.

The May 13 winners were: 1st Pat Cook, 2nd Judy Karstens and 3rd Martha Cassidy.

For more information about the local ladies bridge and golf club, contact Janice Smull at [jismull@q.com](mailto:jismull@q.com).