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County convenes the Baker County Travel Management and Access Committee

• COUNTY DEVELOPING NATURAL RESOURCE PLAN TO COORDINATE WITH FEDERAL LAND MANAGEMENT PROJECTS

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The Baker County Travel Management and Access Committee has held its initial meeting. The committee has been formed to provide input and recommendations on forest access for recreation and tourism during the development of the Baker County Natural Resource Plan, according to Bill Harvey, Chairman of the Baker County Board of Commissioners.

“The recommendations of the Travel Management Committee will be brought

to the Natural Resource Committee and they will be compiled into the Natural Resource Plan,” said Harvey.

Once completed, Harvey plans to take the Baker County Natural Resource Plan to federal land management agencies as a plan for local coordination.

The process of coordination between Baker County and federal land management agencies has long been requested by a large contingent of Baker County residents as a process to protect local interests in the face of federal land management plans such as the United States Forest Service Blue Mountain Forest Management Plan, the US Forest Service Travel Management Plan, The Idaho Power and Bureau of Land Management B2H 500-kV electrical line routing project, or the Bureau of Land Management Greater sage grouse protect project.

Coordination is a process mandated within every fed-

eral land management law first used to protect local interests on federally managed lands by Fred Kelly Grant, renowned land use attorney and founder of the Stewards of the Range. When the process of coordination has been used, Grant claims 19 out of 19 successes benefiting local interests thus far.

Coordination by local communities acts as a process whereby federal land management plans must remain consistent with local plans such as the Baker County Natural Resource Plan. And, when a federal land management plan deviates from the local plan, the federal agency must show a legal reason for the deviation.

Coordination was used by small local school districts in Texas to thwart the Trans-Texas Corridor project because it would have split existing school districts. Coordination has also been used to protect farmers, ranchers, and water users in Modoc County,

California, Owyhee County, Idaho, according to Grant.

Grant has been placed on retainer by Baker County to help the county with the coordination process, said Harvey.

Before the coordination process can begin and Grant can start his work the county must adopt the Natural Resource Plan clearly outlining and defining the local land interests to be protected during federal land management plans.

The Travel Management and Access Committee consists of seven members including committee chairman Marty Stroy, Paige Fredrikson from Halfway, Bob Harris and Denise Kinzer from the Richland area, Torq and Wanda Ballard, and Alan Chase.

The Travel Management and Access Committee holds its next public meeting on July 21, 2015, at the Baker County Courthouse.

Clear Creek Music Festival coming



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Deborah Weingard Lee and Dr. Chung Lee will present a piano workshop July 11.

Once again, the hills of Halfway, Oregon will be alive with the sound of music! The Clear Creek Music Festival celebrates a half-decade of music making with activities from July 8th through the 24th. The two-week program for select college-age students taught by internationally known music faculty offers three public concerts by Festival students and faculty, the last of which will include the world-première of the first in a series of compositions entitled “Scenes from the Oregon Trail” by Festival Composer-in-Residence Dr. Blaise Ferrandino.

An exciting new feature of this summer’s activities will be the Clear Creek Junior Piano Festival, held from July 8 through the 14th. This program, for pianists from age 8-high school, will provide concentrated enrichment instruction for young students and the opportunity to perform in a supportive, non-competitive atmosphere. Space remains in the program for local students and scholarships are available for area students.

In addition to the instruction and group sessions, internationally known guest pianists Deborah and Chung Lee will present a workshop on Saturday, July 11. They will discuss their experiences teaching piano in S. Korea and Hawaii, perform new piano teaching literature, and offer a master class in which Festival participants and students of local teachers may perform in a non-competitive atmosphere. Piano teachers, students, and all persons interested in an international perspective on music making are invited to attend this day-long event.

As in the past, there are many kinds of opportunities for the residents of Baker County to participate in the Festival. This year, the Festival/Community Chorus for teens and adults takes on Bach, a setting of “The Lord is My Shepherd” by John Rutter, and Joseph Martin’s “The Music of Life.”

Lauren White Escalante returns to conduct the Clear Creek Kids camp Monday, Wednesday, and Friday afternoons. Along with fun and games, the children will learn and perform a new song written just for them to a text from “A Child’s Garden of Verses” by Robert Lewis Stevenson.

The “Conversations on the Arts” provide an opportunity to gain insight into the works performed on the concerts and to share your own creative ideas in art, poetry, and, of course, music. Pre-concert talks will also be held at 6:30 before each concert to provide interesting context and background on the works to be performed.

Registration is required for Clear Creek Kids chorus, Community/Festival chorus, the Conversations program, lessons, and the Piano Festival/Workshop activities. Registration forms, including the discounted fees for local students, are at the Hell’s Canyon Journal office and the Halfway Library. Contact the festival at clearcreek@flash.net or Sheila Allen at 682 553-8662 for additional information or to receive an e-mail registration form.

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Clear Creek Music Festival Public Events Schedule: (All events at Pine Valley Presbyterian Church)

Saturday, July 11
Workshop—Teaching in South Korea: New Piano Music for Small Hands
Masterclas—with Clear Creek Junior Piano Festival participants

Concerts:
Informal discussions of concert content held at 6:30 before each public concert.

Sunday, July 12
Opening Faculty Concert, 7:00 p.m.

Friday, July 17
Student & Faculty Concert, 7:00 p.m.

Friday, July 24
Student & Faculty Concert, 7:00 p.m.

Clear Creek Kids
Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays, July 13-24, 3:00 (ages 4-8) and 4:00 (ages 9-13)

Festival/Community Chorus
Tuesdays and Thursdays, July 13-24, 5:15-6:30

Sunday, July 19, 6:00-7:00
Performance Friday, July 24.

Conversations on the Arts
Sunday, July 19, 3:30-5:00 followed by a Community/Festival Pot Luck

Donations will be accepted at the concerts to help support the Festival programs.

Abigail Scott Duniway focus of library presentation

Over 100 years ago, Abigail Scott Duniway championed the voting rights of women throughout the Pacific Northwest, often traveling by horseback and stagecoach to lecture in Oregon, Washington, and Idaho.

Her efforts as leader of the campaign for women’s voting rights in the region helped women get the vote in Idaho in 1896, Washington in 1910, and Oregon in 1912. Yet despite her lifetime of accomplishments and contributions

to Oregon history, she remains a relatively obscure figure to many Oregonians. Many only recently learned of Duniway when a panel picked her along with Chief Joseph to have a statue at the U.S. Capitol symbolizing Oregon.

http://www.oregonlive.com/politics/index.ssf/2015/03/panel_picks_chief_joseph_abiga.html

Baker County Public Library will host a talk & discussion of the heroic efforts of Abigail Scott Duniway on Thursday, July 9

at 6:30 pm at the library in Baker City. The program will feature a guest lecturer from Wallowa County whose husband is a descendent of Abigail S. Duniway.

The program is free and part of Baker County Library’s “Every Hero Has a Story” Summer Reading Program. More lecturers on local heroes are needed. Interested persons are invited to contact the library to discuss ideas and arrangements.



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Abigail Scott Duniway.

Pursuit ends in two arrests

On Tuesday, June 30th, 2015 at approximately 12:40 p.m. an OSP Trooper from the Pendleton Area Command observed a speeding 1989 Nissan 240Z on I-84 westbound near milepost 232 traveling 91 mph in a 65mph zone. As the trooper attempted to overtake the speeding vehicle it increased it's speed in excess of 120 miles per hour.

Upon the trooper activating their vehicle overhead lights, the speeding vehicle pulled into the westbound truck scales near milepost 228, turned around, and began to travel the wrong way on the Interstate in an attempt to elude the trooper.

The trooper discontinued pursuit of the vehicle. Minutes later, the trooper located the vehicle again

near the westbound Deadman’s Pass Rest Area and the vehicle again began to flee traveling north on Kanine Ridge Road and into the Umatilla Tribal Reservation.

The fleeing vehicle traveled north on Kanine Ridge Road at slower speeds due to the rough terrain and eventually became disabled after about 8 miles. Both the male driver and

a female passenger fled on foot into the hillside and down a ravine.

State Troopers from Pendleton, Hermiston, Lagrande, an OSP Aircraft from Baker City, as well as the Umatilla Tribal Police responded to the area and established a perimeter then began an air and ground search for the suspects.

At approximately 2:02 p.m. the male suspect identified as Jacob Ross, age 25, of Des Moines, WA was taken into custody after he was located hiding and partially covered by brush.

A short time later the female identified as Whitney Johns, age 22, of Tacoma, WA, was located and taken into custody.

Ross was lodged at the Umatilla County Jail on the charges of Felony Attempt to Elude, Misdemeanor Attempt to Elude, Reckless Driving, Reckless Endangering and Criminal Trespass II.

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