

Local & Entertainment

NRAC approves draft

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After more discussion concerning the Weeds section of the NRP, including seeking comments from the 12-member Baker County Weed Board, Justice asked Ward when the Board meetings are held. Ward, a Board member representing Baker Valley, responded that Weed Board meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of every month, at the Extension Office on Grove Street. The meetings aren't

held in the months of November, December and January.

Bruland asked for a vote on the final draft of the NRP, first of those in favor, and then of those in opposition.

The final tally was 12 for approval, four against approval, and one abstention.

During the final public participation segment of the meeting, Ramona thanked the members of the NRAC for their efforts with the NRP.

Bruland mentioned two

items on the agenda for the next monthly NRAC meeting: Bob Parker of the Oregon State University (OSU) Extension Service will be introducing the new Livestock Agent, Leticia Varelas, and there will be a discussion about the inclusion of "accredited university" into the Forestry section of the NRP. That meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 22, 2015, 3 p.m., in the Commission Chambers of the County Courthouse.

NRAC plan stalled

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The NRP states that, "It is the policy of Baker County that there will be no development of any energy sources that do not directly benefit residents of the County," an idea that Harvey communicated to Joseph, which Joseph found confusing. Harvey credited Bennett with forming that sentence for the NRP, and he further explained to Joseph that he interprets a direct benefit in the form of use of the energy source, for example, and not property taxes, which Joseph objected to.

Joseph said, "I guess I would definitely have to encourage you to oppose, Tim. That's like telling Baker cattlemen that we can only keep the feed that you grow. This makes no sense, whatsoever, in terms of utilizing the resources that are in Baker County."

Harvey explained to Joseph the effects development of alternative energy sources would have on Baker County. He said that the NRP is "... a tool to use to work with other agencies," and he reiterated that requests for changes could be brought to the NRAC.

Harvey again asked for a motion for adoption of the NRP as-is, and Kerns declined to make that motion. As the NRP was not adopted at this session, it will be rescheduled for potential adoption on Wednesday, October 7,

2015, during the Board's next regular session.

The failure of the Board to adopt the NRP caused several attendees to voice their opinions, the first being Wanda. She said, "I find it very disappointing that there isn't agreement on the NRAC plan. The weed (Weeds section) deal, the water (Watersheds section) deal... This is not a new issue. People have had time to read it, and submit their concerns... It's not like it's a 3,000-page document..."

Ramona said, "I really appreciate how hard you guys worked on this, and the hours, and hours, and hours. And, like I commented, it's not written in stone, it's a constantly changing thing... But, by doing this, you have not allowed us to sit with the Forest Service at that table. Until we get that in, we can't do that, and I understand your feelings, and I understand this man's (motioning to both Commissioners), but, it's not like it's going to be set. Let us go to that table and be an equal. Please."

Bobbie Danser said, "... It needs to be approved as-is. Now. It is a working document..."

McComb said, "What concerns me is, has certainly to do with the fire issues. Very little discussion about the drought that's caused the fires, or made the fires so much more intense. Which

brings me back, personally, to the issue of alternative energy, and what could we do to clean the atmosphere, so we don't have global warming."

Harvey responded that, one of the solutions is to remove fuel loads for the fires, and McComb emphasized that there are major fires burning all across the Pacific coast, and it is cyclical. Anderson responded that man-made effects regarding global warming is very limited, compared to the effects caused by the natural cycles of the Earth, including eruptions from volcanoes.

Lorrie Harvey said, "I just want to say, that I think your NRAC committee has 21 people? You have a tremendous amount of knowledge and experience in that NRAC committee, and they came to you with what they voted on, in the NRAC committee. By not addressing it today, something tells me you don't have the confidence in your committee, on what they came to you with a majority vote. They are volunteers, and they are working really, really hard to work to get you something that they wanted you to adopt as well..."

Harvey responded that the NRAC has worked hard on the NRP.

The next regular session is scheduled for Wednesday, October 7, at 9 a.m., at the County Courthouse.

Bebe's word search

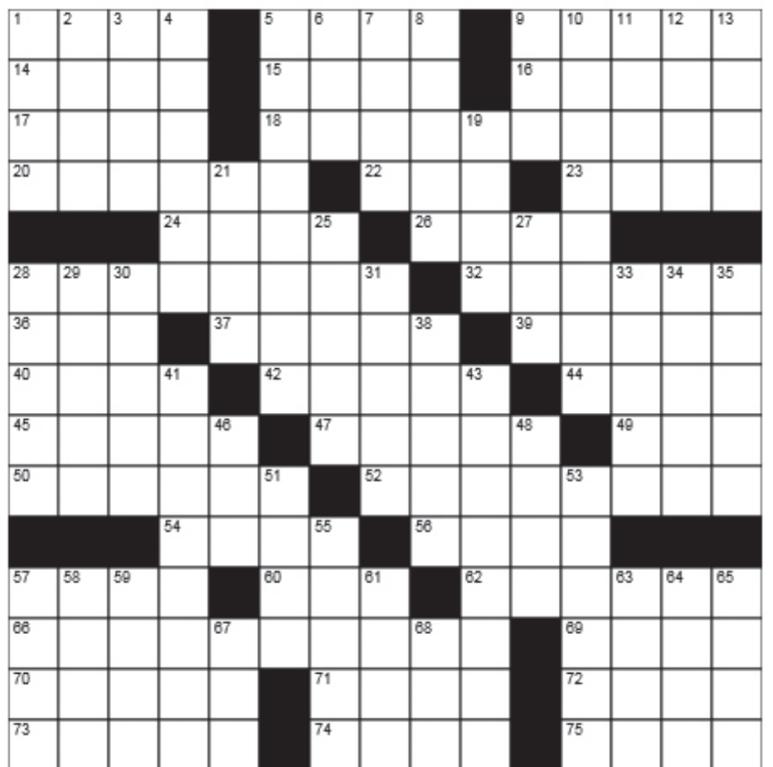
Refrigerator

Find and circle all of the refrigerator items that are hidden in the grid. The remaining letters spell an additional item found in many refrigerators.

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| BACON | DRINKS | LIGHTBULB | PEAS |
| BANANAS | EGGS | MAGNETS | POULTRY |
| BREAD | GRAPES | MAPLE SYRUP | PRODUCE |
| BROCCOLI | ICE CUBES | MAYONNAISE | SHELVES |
| BUTTER | JAM | MEAT | SPINACH |
| CAKE | JUICES | MILK | STRAWBERRIES |
| CARROTS | KETCHUP | MUSTARD | WATER |
| CHEESE | LEFTOVERS | OLIVES | YOGURT |
| COLD | LEMONS | | |

This week's crossword puzzle



Across

- 1- Actor Cobb;
- 5- South American Indian;
- 9- Pineapple fiber;
- 14- Lamb's pseudonym;
- 15- "My Heart Will Go On" singer;
- 16- Brown ermine;
- 17- Start of a counting rhyme;
- 18- Significance;
- 20- Sound again, again;
- 22- Spots on TV;
- 23- To a smaller extent;
- 24- Electric fish;
- 26- Heinous;
- 28- Young hares;
- 32- Indicates a direction;
- 36- Carte start;
- 37- Frown;
- 39- Racket;
- 40- Paul Sorvino's daughter;
- 42- Distinguishing characteristic;
- 44- Type of tide;
- 45- Inclined;
- 47- 1957 hit for the Bobbettes;
- 49- Dernier _____;
- 50- Objects from everyday life;
- 52- Italian noblewoman;
- 54- Mrs. Chaplin;
- 56- Roman statesman;
- 57- Sleep like _____;
- 60- Math subj.;
- 62- Proceed in a leisurely way;
- 66- Site of the Alamo;
- 69- Unskilled laborer;
- 70- Thin glutinous mud;
- 71- _____ but known...;
- 72- Secular;

Down

- 1- Lustful look;
- 2- Robert _____;
- 3- _____ kleine Nachtmusik;
- 4- Member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce;
- 5- Person's individual speech pattern;
- 6- Matchsticks game;
- 7- Nightclub of song;
- 8- Battery terminal;
- 9- Believer's suffix;
- 10- Adult male horse;
- 11- Accent;
- 12- Resinous substances;
- 13- French summers;
- 19- Invitation letters;
- 21- Towel word;
- 25- Tempest;
- 27- Electrically charged particle;
- 28- Truman's Missouri birthplace;
- 29- A-list;
- 30- Miscellany;
- 31- Body of honeybees;
- 33- Bridget Fonda, to Jane;
- 34- Autocratic Russian rulers;
- 35- Photographic tone;
- 38- Light purple;
- 41- Cross-fertilization in plants;
- 43- Resembling a monster;
- 46- Juan's uncle;
- 48- Prefix with plasm;
- 51- Med. school course;
- 53- Hype;
- 55- Island greeting;
- 57- Mgr.'s helper;
- 58- In _____ land;
- 59- Getting _____ years;
- 61- Growl;
- 63- Drop of water expelled by the eye;
- 64- Cut of beef;
- 65- Suffix with exist;
- 67- PBS supporter;
- 68- A mean Amin;

