

Local & Entertainment

— OBITUARIES —

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Carlyne Gae Gregory

It reminded her of the simpler times of years past before shopping malls and crowded freeways, and where rural family living was the norm. She was able to have her dog Star at Meadowbrook, where he won everyone over and was the mascot. She also had a bird feeder there and

watching the birds feeding was her favorite activity.

Gae was preceded in death by her parents, son Terry and her husband Loyd.

She is survived by her son Forest, daughters in law, Ruai and Marie Gregory, five grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Gae's family sends a special thanks for the loving care provided by the local Pine Valley caregiv-

ers and the caregivers and staff at Meadowbrook Place in Baker City.

In lieu of flowers, please give a donation to the Halfway VFW ladies auxiliary through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home PO Box 543 Halfway, Oregon 97834.

Online condolences may be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

City Council

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However, only the interest earnings may be utilized. The Tree Board has developed guidelines to allow grants to individuals in an effort to get more of the community involved in the planting of trees. Approximately \$5250 could be available this year in grant money that would allow a resident (that includes a renter, with landlord permission) or property owner a maximum grant of up to \$300 per year for the purchase of two trees.

Work would need to be completed to tree board standards before approaching them for reimbursement and a \$25 match is required. Applications for this grant are expected to be available November 1, 2015 through April 1, 2016 with project completion by June 15, 2016.

Council voted to unanimously approve this resolution.

Fire Department Update

Chief Mark John addressed Council updating them on the progress his department has made in regards to Fire Safety Inspections.

To date, 80 inspections have been done and John said he fully expected 100 to be completed by the end of the year.

Mayor Mosier posed the question of how vulnerable the city is to a massive devastating downtown fire. "Very," Responded John solemnly. "Without exception, education is the issue."

He went on to commend his staff for their response times on calls sighting that as a factor in how serious an issue could become. John also advised council of an agreement with the Medical Springs Fire Department that allows use of a brush fire truck in the Baker City Fire Department that has proved invaluable already being utilized in several instances including recent major fires we've had in the area.

The agreement with Medical Springs simply asks that Baker Fire respond to incidents in their area for assistance.

John also advised council of fire prevention week and the program they are involved in that provides, free of charge smoke detectors to those that need or want them.

His department will even install them as time allows. This year the theme for fire prevention week is 'hear the beep where you sleep' encouraging smoke alarms in every bedroom in a home. Statistics have shown that smoke alarms increase survival rates by up to 50%. He encourages citizens to call or come by the department to request theirs.

Authorization of Mayor to Sign Letter Supporting Greg Smith as County Enterprise Manager

Baker County has asked that Mayor Mosier sign this letter. In order to designate Greg Smith as the enterprise zone manger support must be obtained from both the City of Baker City and the City of Haines.

Smith is currently the economic developer and is therefore the logical choice to manage the County enterprise zone.

The current County enterprise zone manager, a County staff employee has been reassigned with in the county and will no longer have time to manage this project.

Discussion was made in regard to Smith's ability and motives for such a position but in the end, Council voted for the mayor to sign the letter.

Administration Vehicle Purchase

Michelle Owen advised council of intent and details of the vehicle selected to purchase. The purchase of a new vehicle for City administration purposes was included in the 2015-2016 budget. Several options were explored with the final selection being a 2016 Ford Fusion at a cost of \$21,980 from Gentry Ford in Baker City.

The budgeted amount for a new vehicle was \$23,500. Several other vehicles were considered but after staff did a comparison that included researching reviews in popular mechanics and similar publications and taking into account services Gentry was willing to provide including oil changes and the use of a rental car should that be necessary the Ford Fusion emerged as the front runner for recommendation.

Questions were posed to Owen as to why a less expensive option that seemed to meet all the requirements for the bid proposed were not selected. Owen explained again citing reviews, other staff member recommendations and services provided by Gentry.

After lengthy discussion about the choice Mayor Mosier in an effort to move things along asked if there were any motions.

Councilor Langrell motioned that a less expensive vehicle, to wit a bid proposed for a Dodge Dart be accepted.

With no second, that motion failed. Councilor Downing made a motion to accept the bid on the 2016 Ford Fusion with a second by Councilor Lewis, all voted in favor with the exception of Councilor Langrell.

Review of City Manager's Employment Contract

City Manager Mike Kee

will be retiring effective Nov 1, 2015.

He has proposed to Council a six-month contract be extended to him so that he may finish up projects, assist in the recruitment of a new City Manager and work with a new manger to transition into the full role of the position.

Much discussion was had over the issue with Councilor Langrell being concerned about the cost to the city of paying two people in the same role, especially if a new manager is found quickly.

Langrell questioned why Kee felt the City should be locked into six months when historically an interim City Manager was relieved of duty and the City not financially responsible for the interim as soon as a full time City Manager was hired.

Kee expressed openness to that option but stated he felt it would take six months to find an adequate replacement, transition him or her and allow Kee time to tie up any loose ends and complete any unfinished business.

After more heated discussion Councilor Downing moved to approve a six-month contract with a second by Councilor Abell. New Councilwoman Lewis chose to abstain from the vote saying she did not feel she had enough information to make a decision at this time.

Upon a vote among remaining councilors all were in favor with the exception of Councilor Langrell passing the motion.

City Manager/Director Comments

Mike Kee advised Council of changes that are potentially changing with the 911 dispatch center. Although it is currently housed at the Sheriff's Department is it not under the direction of the Sheriff's Department. That may possibly be changing soon, due the inability to find anyone to oversee the center.

He also spoke of property the City owns moving forward toward sale.

Kee also advised Councilor Lewis the City would be providing her with a handbook outlining policy's and suggested she schedule some time to be introduced to City staff, and tour City buildings and properties noting with a laugh that "The sewage treatment plant is always a highlight."

Council Comments

Mayor Mosier suggested scheduling a date to talk about plan to advertise for a new City Manager but Council agreed that could be discussed at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

With that, the meeting adjourned.

Bebe's word search

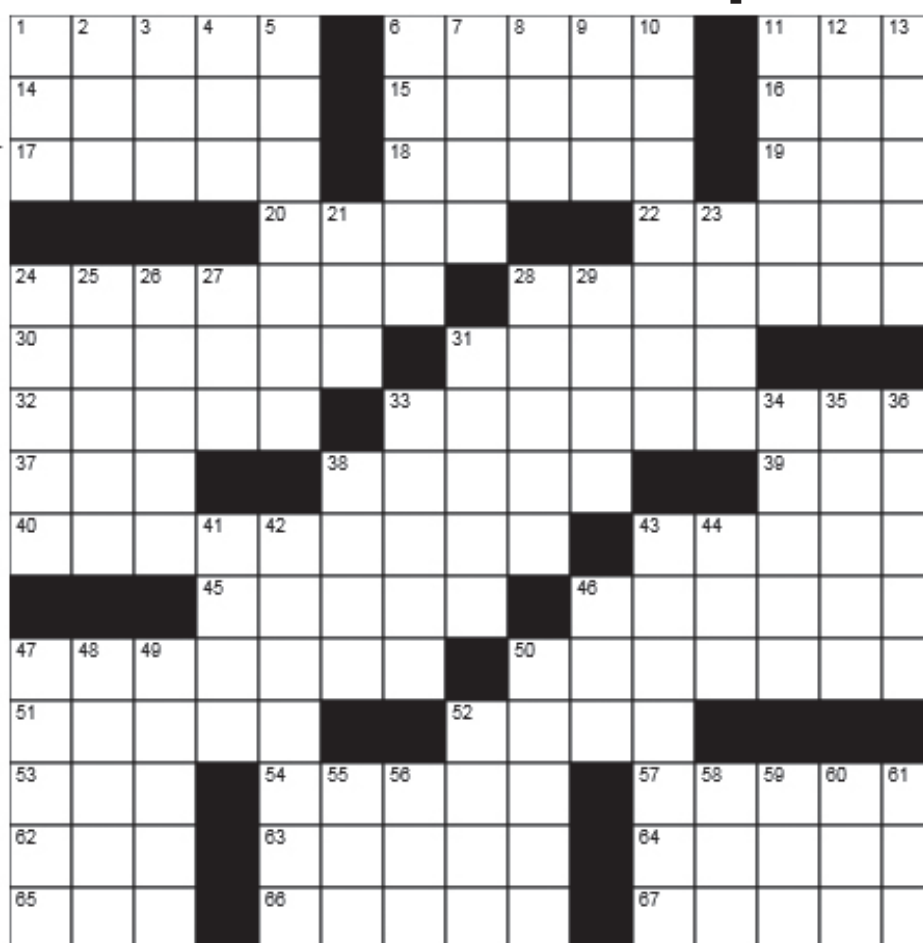
Moods & Emotions 3

Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid. The remaining 13 letters spell an additional word.

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| ARROGANT | EXUBERANT | HOPE | REGRET |
| BITTER | FEAR | INDIFFERENT | SADNESS |
| CALM | FRANTIC | JEALOUS | SCARED |
| CHEERFUL | FRETFUL | JOLLY | SCORNFUL |
| CONFIDENT | GLAD | JOYFUL | SORRY |
| CURIOUS | GLEEFUL | MOROSE | SURPRISE |
| DISGUST | GRATEFUL | MOURNFUL | TRANQUIL |
| DUBIOUS | GRIEF | NERVOUS | WORRY |

This week's crossword puzzle



Across

- 1- Roof overhangs;
- 6- Ball partner;
- 11- Santa's helper;
- 14- Minneapolis suburb;
- 15- Mikhail's wife;
- 16- Bud's bud;
- 17- Ways to go;
- 18- Exorbitant;
- 19- B and B;
- 20- Med. care providers;
- 22- Like Cheerios;
- 24- Fortified place;
- 28- Jumpy;
- 30- Wild;
- 31- Stupid mistake;
- 32- Ruth's mother-in-law;
- 33- Pertaining to a city;
- 37- Sephia maker;
- 38- Assail;
- 39- Bullring cheer;
- 40- Muscle manipulator;
- 43- Scope;
- 45- Future fern;
- 46- Cured, in a way;
- 47- Variety of rummy;
- 50- Hardens metal;
- 51- Children's refrain;
- 52- Member of a largely Middle Eastern people;
- 53- ER VIP;
- 54- One of the family;
- 57- Knight's weapon;
- 62- Wild bugler;
- 63- Man and Wight;
- 64- Goof;
- 65- Bad-mouth;
- 66- Approaches;
- 67- Swedish imports;

- 3- By way of;
- 4- Swan song;
- 5- Japanese dish of raw fish;
- 6- Favored crime of pyromaniacs;
- 7- Darn it!;
- 8- Never, in Nuremberg;
- 9- Enzyme suffix;
- 10- Indian of Oaxaca in Mexico;
- 11- A-list;
- 12- Hermit;
- 13- Amusing;
- 21- A Stooze;
- 23- Longfellow's bell town;
- 24- Swindle;
- 25- Diarist Nin;
- 26- European ermine;
- 27- Skye cap;
- 28- Book of the Bible;
- 29- What's ___ for me?;
- 31- Montana city;
- 33- Funny Anne;
- 34- Florence's ___ Vec-

- chio;
- 35- Author Horatio;
- 36- English university city;
- 38- Primer pet;
- 41- Morales of "La Bamba";
- 42- Constituent of blood serum;
- 43- Walks for pleasure;
- 44- Swiss peak;
- 46- Poseidon's realm;
- 47- Yielded;
- 48- Garlic-flavored mayonnaise;
- 49- Head supporters;
- 50- Head lock;
- 52- Super server;
- 55- British verb ending;
- 56- Guido's high note;
- 58- Altar in the sky;
- 59- Heston's org.;
- 60- Male swan;
- 61- Sounds of hesitation;



Down

- 1- Auction ending?;
- 2- Foofaraw;