

# Local

## Invasive Quagga mussels stopped at border

Quagga mussels once again were prevented from entering Oregon and potentially causing millions in damage to our state's water systems and ecosystems.

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife technicians at the Ontario boat inspection station intercepted a Quagga mussel infested boat last used in Lake Havasu, Arizona which is plagued with these invaders.

The station just opened March 3.

This is the first vessel of the 2016 inspection season found infested with the invasive mussels.

Rick Boatner is the ODFW Invasive Species

Coordinator.

Motorists hauling boats in Oregon are required to stop at inspection stations to have their watercraft checked for aquatic invasive species under a 2011 Oregon law. Failure to stop at an inspection station could result in a \$110 fine.

Although the boat was decontaminated at Lake Havasu, it was obviously contaminated and encrusted with a high number of Quagga mussels in the around the propeller shaft, engine, and trim tab. Technicians decontaminated the boat by scraping and then washing it with 140 degree hot water and high-pressure.

According to the Columbia Basin Bulletin, the Pacific Northwest, including Alaska and the Canadian provinces of British Columbia and Alberta, is the "only region in North America" unaffected by the Zebra and Quagga mussel invasions that have devastated ecosystems and local economies. The U.S. Geological Survey has a Quagga and Zebra mussel distribution map on its website.

Boat owners need to always practice 'Clean, Drain, Dry' before launching their boat:

Clean the boat completely, pulling off any plant material, animals or mud.

Drain – completely drain any areas that could hold standing water by pulling all drain plugs and soaking up any standing water.  
Dry – allow the boat to dry before launching again.

Anglers should also clean and disinfect their waders, boots and fishing gear to prevent spreading aquatic invasive species such as tiny New Zealand mudsnails and aquatic invasive plants.

Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Permits are required to boat in Oregon for motorized boats, paddle craft and non-motorized vessels 10 feet and over.

### In loving memory ...

Our loving mother and grandmother, Ines Marie Van Cleave, passed away March 10, 2016 in Meridian, Idaho. You will always be in our heart and memories.

Love, Judy Van Cleave, Darrell Hamilton, Kassie, Nathan, Angela, Jessica, and Joanna & Red McCormick



An angel flew by today,  
Said it was going to take you away,  
From all life's pain and life's sorrow,  
That on earth, there will be no tomorrow,  
But your spirit, will always be,  
With us all, that we can see,  
And the love that you always shared,  
Will always be with those for whom you cared,  
You will be missed by us all,  
Never again, you can we call,  
Your memories will, always be,  
With us all through eternity,  
Our hearts make ache, now you are gone,  
Knowing that you are now gone home,  
But we know you don't want us to grieve,  
For again we shall see you in eternity.  
By: Mae C. Garnett

## Leo Adler foundation gives grants

The Leo Adler Selection Committee announced its 2015 Community Grants to 48 recipients, totalling \$389,380:

- American National Red Cross
- Baker City Babe Ruth Baseball
- Baker City First Presbyterian Church
- Baker City Golf Club
- Baker Community Choir
- Baker Community Concert Association
- Baker County CASA, Inc.
- Baker County Community Literacy Coalition Inc.
- Baker County Development Corporation
- Baker County Library District
- Baker County Museum Commission

- Baker County Sheriff Search and Rescue
- Baker Little League Baseball Inc.
- Baker Loves Bikes
- Baker Middle School
- Baker Middle School – Technical Institute
- Baker Swim Team
- Best Friends of Baker Inc.
- Burnt River School District
- City of Baker City – Quail Ridge Golf Course
- Cornucopia Arts Council
- Crossroads Creative and Performing Arts Center Inc.
- Eastern Oregon Regional Theater Inc.
- Grande Ronde Symphony Association
- Greater Bowen Valley Rural Fire Protection District
- Haines Stampede & Rodeo Association

- Historic Baker City Charitable Fund LTD
- Little Badger Preschool at Powder Valley Charter School
- Mayday, Inc.
- Music Camps at Wallowa Lake
- National Ski Patrol System
- New Hope for Eastern Oregon Animals
- North Powder City Library
- North Powder Parent Teacher Community Organization
- Northeast Oregon Compassion Center Inc.
- Oregon Children's Foundation
- Oregon Museum of Science and Industry
- Pine Eagle Charter School
- Pine Eagle Health Planning Committee
- Pine Eagle United Youth Fund

- Pine Eagle Education Foundation
- Rachel Pregnancy Center
- Special Olympics Oregon Inc.
- St. Elizabeth Health Care Foundation
- St. Luke's Regional Medical Center
- Sumpter Valley railroad Restoration
- The Salvation Army
- Trail Tenders, INC

In addition, the following organizations favored by Leo Adler during his lifetime received a total of \$22,750.00 in annual Leo Adler Grants:

- 4-H Youth Animal Auction
- Baker City Fireman's Fund
- Calvary Baptist Church
- Church of Nazarene
- First Christian Church
- First Lutheran Church
- First Presbyterian Church
- First Ward LDSs
- Oregon Historical Society
- Robison Jewish Society
- Second Ward LDS
- Shriner's Hospital Food Drive
- Shriner's Hospital for Children-Football
- St. Francis Catholic Church
- St. Stephens Episcopal Church
- United Methodist Church

### TRUE or FALSE?

Colorectal cancer is the 2nd leading cancer killer.	Both men and women get colorectal cancer.
TRUE FALSE	TRUE FALSE
Colorectal cancer often starts with no symptoms.	You can stop this cancer before it starts.
TRUE FALSE	TRUE FALSE

**Join Us! Community Wellness Event**

<b>March 29th</b> 1pm to 6pm	<b>March 30th</b> 9am to 1pm	<b>Community Events Center</b> 2600 East Street
<b>Walkthrough a GIANT COLON!</b>	<b>Everyone will receive a Swag Bag full of awesome items!</b>	<b>Fill out a survey to win a GIFT BASKET!</b>

### PASTA NIGHT'S BACK!

Every Wednesday, choose from dozens of the best.  
\$18 includes salad & sourdough.

**EASTER BRUNCH 11a-4p Mar 27**

Reservations please. 541.523.1889

### Everyone Deserves a Loving Home, Even our Furry Friends.

During the month of March, Zephyr's Bakery and Deli at 1917 Main Street is offering a FREE hot beverage to those who join or renew a membership in Best Friends.

Best Friends of Baker, Inc. rescues and finds homes for Baker County pets. You can help by becoming a member. All money earned is directly used to rescue homeless pets and find them a forever home. 100% of donations benefit local pets with no paid help.

**Best Friends of Baker, Inc.**  
541-519-7387  
Bestfriendsofbaker.org  
bestfriendsofbaker@yahoo.com  
Find us on www.petfinder.com  
A no-kill 501(c)(3) rescue organization providing spay/neuter and vaccination before placing pets in loving homes.

NORTHWEST SHOW  
12PM - 3PM

NATIONAL SHOW  
8PM - 10PM

**THE LARS LARSON SHOW**