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Cowgirl Country Cakery opens

• HUNTINGTON HAS NEW BUSINESS

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Cowgirl Country Cakery a new addition to the Huntington business scene held a free ‘cupcake tasting’ for the townspeople to have a chance to get to know her and her products, on Saturday, April 2 at 4:00 p.m. at the Streamliner Lounge Banquet Room.

Cowgirl Country Cakery is owned and operated by Tina Grenier a Culinary Institute graduate with a flair for baking.

Grenier owned and operated a bakery in Pendleton for several years but found herself working more hours than there was in a week and had no time for a personal life.

Turning her business into a catering and special order business gives her the opportunity to do the baking she loves without having to run a store 24/7.

“This way I get to concentrate on the art and creativity of baking,” said Grenier.

On display and available for tasting where miniature cupcakes in eight of the



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Tina Grenier opened her new cakery in Huntington last weekend.

12 assorted flavors currently available by Cowgirl Country Cakery.

Those flavors were Vanilla Cream, Chocolate Mocha, Red Velvet, Chocolate Peanut Butter, Caramel Macchiato, Raspberry filled White, Strawberry-filled Lemon and Andes Mint.

When asked taster Brad

Albro replied “I really like the Chocolate Mocha but then I have to say I think I like the Caramel Macchiato the best, But I haven’t tried them all yet so that could change.”

Cowgirl Country Cakery is available to make specialty cakes and cupcake for any occasion, such as weddings, birthdays,

graduations, baby showers, etc.

They also offer gluten free or diabetic versions by request.

Those interested can checkout Cowgirl Country Cakery on Facebook or call Tina Grenier at (541) 519-3508 for pricing and ordering information.

Durkee Ash Grove plant wins L.T. Sunderland safety award

One of Ash Grove Cement Company’s highest priorities is achieving safety performance excellence by relying on a culture of safety throughout the company’s daily operations. Accordingly, its most prestigious award is the L.T. Sunderland Safety Excellence Award and for 2015, Ash Grove’s Durkee, Oregon, plant won the top honor in the annual company-wide competition.

The L.T. Sunderland Safety Excellence Award was established in 2006 and evaluates the company’s eight cement manufacturing plants and two grinding facilities on an extensive matrix of data related to health and safety processes and results. The Ash Grove Safety Leadership Steering Committee scores each of the metrics and selects the top-performing plants as finalists and the highest scoring plant as the award winner.

“Earning the Safety Excellence Award takes focused effort, teamwork, accountability and truly valuing the well-being of every person in the plant, and we congratulate the Durkee employees on their achievement,” said Steve Minshall, Ash Grove

corporate health and safety director, who also oversees the evaluation process.

According to Minshall, each of the company’s manufacturing plants, grinding facilities and port terminals actively participate in the company’s health and safety management system which includes injury prevention, compliance management, audits and training to ensure a safe work environment for employees.

“The culture of a plant will determine its success or failure in any endeavor,” said Terry Kerby, Ash Grove Cement Durkee plant manager. “Our employees know this and are determined to place safety responsibility where it belongs, on each individual. As a plant we collectively develop infrastructure and processes that assure each person’s opportunity to work safely. We then watch out for one another to ensure everyone maintains the high standards we set for ourselves. The same culture is the basis in every area of the plant and feeds our drive to be better each day. I am proud of our employees for this accomplishment and look forward to continued suc-

cess in the safety area.”

For 2015, the finalists for the award were the Leamington, Utah, and Midlothian, Texas, cement manufacturing plants and the Rivergate lime plant in Portland, Oregon. As finalists, these facilities were recognized with one of the Ash Grove Safety Leadership gold awards. The Louisville, Nebraska, and Montana City, Montana, plants each received silver designation.

This year marks the second time the Durkee plant has won the L.T. Sunderland Safety Excellence Award and the fourth time it has been a gold level finalist. The Leamington plant won this award three times previously. The Midlothian plant and the Rivergate lime plant each have won the award once previously.

The Durkee cement manufacturing plant employs 107 and began operations in 1979. The plant expanded in 1998 and is certified as ISO 14001 compliant, which is an international standard for excellence in environmental management.

The Durkee plant previously has earned awards including the U.S. En-

vironmental Protection Agency’s Energy Star Award, the Pacific Northwest Chapter of Air and Waste Management Environmental Achievement Award and several safety awards from the Portland Cement Association as well as Ash Grove’s Safety Leadership awards.

Ash Grove Cement Company (www.ashgrove.com) has established its leadership within the cement industry and has a strong and longstanding tradition of service, reliability and quality for more than 130 years. The Sunderland family has led the privately controlled company for four generations. As the largest U.S.-owned cement company, Ash Grove produces eight million tons of cement annually from eight cement plants located across the country.

The quality portland and masonry cements produced at these plants are used to construct highways, bridges, commercial and industrial complexes, single and multi-family homes, and a myriad of other structures fundamental to America’s economic vitality and quality of life.

BHS honor roll

Baker High School’s third quarter honor roll is as follows. An asterisk denotes a 4.0 grade point average.

Freshmen

* Koedi Birmingham; *Reno Hammond; *Dylan Mastrude; * Andrea Pettit; * Jackson Rohner; * Morgan Stone; Colton Anderson; Emily Black; Marisa Fuzi; Jazmyne Gregg; Alyc Hayes; Abigail Hobbs; Joseph Laeger; Eli Lien; Chania Miller; Justin Miller; Jayme Ramos; Ayana Rea; Zachary Schwin; Corrina Stadler; Caden Stuart; Paetyn Werner.

Sophomores

* Katya Brown; * Kaylee Burk; * Emily Carter; * Kaeli Flanagan; * Duncan Mackenzie; * Mason Tomac; Josie Ash; KaeLee Blaylock; Ashlie Chastain; Isabella Evans; Samuel Hamilton; Madisyn Hampton; Jesse Johnson; Eva Jones-Bedolla; Carson Lien; Kaylan Mosser; Andrew Osborn; Cayn Osborn; Kaiza Rea; Calli Ward; Michaela Watkins

Juniors

* Josephine Bryan; * Thomas Dunn; * Kourtney Lehman; * Jared Miller; * Marcus Plumley; * Elizabeth Rea; * Erik Ruby; * Ryan Schwin; Katrina Bott; Ashlee Brinton; Cecylee Bruce; Boston Colton; Zechariah Compos; Lisa Daugherty; Logan Dyke; Jace Hays; K-Lee Hickman; Gracie Huggins; Tyler Joseph; Shane McCauley; Casey Poe; Josephine Stearns; Bryson Thomas; Elizabeth VanGaasbeck; Anja Wiedler

Seniors

* Makenna Bachman; * Samuel Baxter; * Stella Bowers

* Megan Burk; * Joyce Clark; * Madison Elms; * Rachel Freeman; * Hannah Lingo; * Molly McCrary; * Gracie McCarrell; * Morgan Scilacci; * Bryson Smith; * Braden Staebler-Siewell; * Autumn Weideman; * Hannah Wilson; Megan Pintok; Hannah Boruch; Amelia Bott; Lena Bowers; Rab Bowers; William Chung; River olton; Christopher Conant; Robinita Davis; Cody Denton; Kailey Dolby; Daniel Drake; Isaac Farber; Jayden Freeman; Dusty Gyllenberg; Koby Hansen; Cassidy Hertel; Wyatt Knadle; Ashley Knoll; Shaun Lopley; Lindsay Livingston; Danielle McCauley; Hannah Myers; Mackenzie Patterson; Draven Pearce; Jacob Rilee; Rory Scilacci; Kylie Severson; Dailon Sherman; Brandon Stairs; Teancum Taylor; Alexandria Van Cleave.

Community education forum offered

School district administrators and staff, students, parents and community members from across eastern Oregon are invited to attend a community forum about education in Oregon. Reimagine Education in Oregon, which is organized by the Oregon Department of Education (ODE), will be Monday, April 11 from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM at the Pendleton Early Learning Center, located at 455 SW 13th Street in Pendleton.

The public is encouraged to learn more about Oregon’s education initiatives, including the Every Student Succeeds Act, contribute to a discussion on the factors supporting student success, and get questions answered by local and state education leaders.

Speakers include Salam Noor, the state’s Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction; Mark Mulvihill, IMESD superintendent; and Jon Peterson, Pendleton School District superintendent.

The Pendleton forum is the second of 11 forums that ODE is hosting across the state. According to ODE materials, “Improving education in Oregon will take everyone—come add your voice to the conversation and help us reimagine education in Oregon!”

For more information, visit the ODE website at www.ode.state.or.us.

OTEC’s membership meeting April 30

Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative announces that ballots for its Board of Directors elections were mailed today, Monday, April 4, 2016. Three positions on the OTEC Board are up for election at the 28th Annual Membership Meeting set to take place on Saturday, April 30. Candidates on the ballot this year are: Union County candidate for position #7 is incumbent Greg Howard; Union County candidate for position #8 is incumbent David Baum; Baker County candidate for position #9 is incumbent Charlene Chase.

All candidates are running to serve a 3-year term. OTEC’s Annual Membership Meeting will be celebrated in Baker City at the Baker County Events Center. The election results will be announced during that time.

OTEC voting members will be able to cast their ballots by mail or may hand deliver their ballot to the Annual Membership Meeting. To vote by mail, the signed and sealed ballots must be received by April 28th or delivered in-person to the Annual Meeting on April 30th.

Included with the ballot this year is a voter’s guide and biographies of each of the candidates. Members voting by mail may also enter a contest to win a \$500 OTEC energy credit to be awarded at the Annual Membership Meeting (members need not be present to win).

Registration for the 2016 Annual Membership Meeting begins at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 30th followed by a business meeting at 11 a.m., a catered lunch will be provided by the Baker Truck Corral and will be served at 12:30 p.m. Live entertainment will be provided by Frank Carlson and there will be lots of raffles and prize drawings throughout the event. All members are invited to attend.

To register to vote in OTEC elections or to find out if you are an OTEC registered voter, contact your local OTEC office.

Travel Oregons hosts first ‘Oregon Road Rally’

Travel Oregon is hosting 22 influential, international tour operators from eight different countries on its inaugural Oregon Road Rally, April 3-9. Representatives from the key target markets of China, France, Germany, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Australia, United Kingdom and Canada will discover and explore Oregon on a 7-day trek that covers each

region of the state.

Teresa O’Neill, Vice President of Global Sales at Travel Oregon said, “In 2014 alone, Oregon saw 1.6 million visitors from the participating countries, which generated \$400 million in economic impact for the state.”

International tourism plays a huge role in Oregon’s \$10.3 billion travel and tourism industry that

directly employs more than 101,000 Oregonians; and the revenue for international visitation to Oregon is on the rise, with 2014 seeing nine percent more international visitors over the previous year.

The participating tour operators are seeking new or additional bookable Oregon itineraries and trip ideas for potential visitors to purchase.

The Oregon Road Rally will be making stops along the route including savoring the food carts in Portland, riding dune buggies on the Oregon Coast, experiencing the beauty of Crater Lake National Park, hiking at Smith Rock and Columbia River Gorge waterfalls, exploring Oregon Wine Country, visiting Timberline Lodge and letting ‘er buck in Pendleton.