

# Local

## County Commissioners

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Amendment No. 1 to State of Oregon Grant Agreement No. ODA-3782-16-GR, between the State of Oregon, through the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA), and Baker County, to include new language regarding additional grant funds, was approved, with a motion from Bennett, and a second from Kerns. The additional language includes the following: "The Department shall disburse to Grantee an additional \$1,518.00 to be used for

category #2, financial assistance for implementing methods that limit wolf-livestock interaction." The funds are in addition to the original total grant payment of \$22,288, the original document dated April 29, 2016.

After a short break, the budget for the City of Unity was discussed, copies of which were provided to the Board. Bennett explained that the Board had been designated as Unity's Budget Board, because in 2010, the complete Unity City Council had resigned. Since that time, he said, numerous advertisements for the Council positions

have been made, and no interest yet has been shown to fill those roles.

The total budget is around \$147,000 (local firm Nichols & Mitchell CPA PC handles the accounting), and Bennett explained that Unity has no taxing authority, receiving revenue from utilities, and other funds.

Bennett said that when the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) expressed the intention to expand the Ranger District station in Unity, the City of Unity had applied for, and received a loan from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), for

improvements to Unity's municipal water system, based on that intention. However, he said, when the USFS halted its operation there, and closed the station, Unity water users were still saddled with those loan repayments, to this day, a loan Bennett said should be forgiven. He said that as long as a City is indebted, such as Unity is, it has to remain incorporated. The budget was approved (to be adopted during the next, regular session), with a motion from Harvey, a second from Kerns, and Bennett abstaining.

## Wyden town hall

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Wyden responded that there have been cases of lost letters ("snail mail"), and he recommends email or phone communication, when contacting his office. He mentioned Field Representative Kathleen Cathey, located in La Grande, who was present at the Town Hall, and said

that she would be the local contact, representing his office (at 541-962-7691, or Kathleen\_Cathey@wyden.senate.gov). She gave Trindle one of her business cards.

From newly hired Baker City Manager, Fred Warner, Jr.: "My question's about public infrastructure. We have lots of regulations coming down...What is the status of the transportation trust fund?" Wyden re-

sponded that the trust fund had been replenished for another five years, but it had been funded by raiding the "rainy day fund" in the Federal Reserve, and the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, which isn't proper policy, he said.

He said the most promising way to go is to make it appealing to acquire private capital, and to utilize it. He cited an example, Build America

Bonds, a component of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, taxable municipal bonds, which carried special tax credits, and federal subsidies, for either the bond issuer, or the bondholder. He predicted the sale of \$3 to \$5 billion worth of the bonds within a year and a half, and the actual number was \$185 billion.

## Mouse Trap coming to EOU

One of Agatha Christie's most beloved murder mysteries is set to unfold as the finale of the Eastern Oregon University theatre season June 2-4.

"The Mousetrap," directed by senior theatre major Tabitha J. Angier, of Vacaville, Calif., centers on a group of eight strangers who find themselves stranded during a snowstorm in a boarding house situated in the English countryside. A murderer is in their midst, and the police must reveal the secrets of each boarder in order to

identify the suspect.

The play first opened in 1952 in the West End of London and has been surprising audiences ever since.

EOU's production stars Sydney Bell as Mollie Ralston, Robert Wilson as Giles Ralston, Marshall Baybado as Christopher Wren, McKayla Nitz as Mr Paravacini, Victoria Ingram as Mrs Boyle, Le Bailey as Major Metcalf, Cody Wyld Flower as Sergeant Trotter and Danielle Devall as Miss Casewell.

Many more students,

alumni and staff are involved in the show. Danny Bailey, an alumnus and financial aid counselor at EOU, has conquered the intricacy of the set in his first actualized scenic design.

The production staff is comprised of Tyler Rollins on lights, Heidi Gerlach on props, Anna Maxwell on sound, and Sonja Adams on hair and makeup. Cast members are also pulling double duty, with Nitz handling costuming and Wyld Flower working on combat choreography and dialect.

Students Cassie Johnson and Alan Stogin round out stage management.

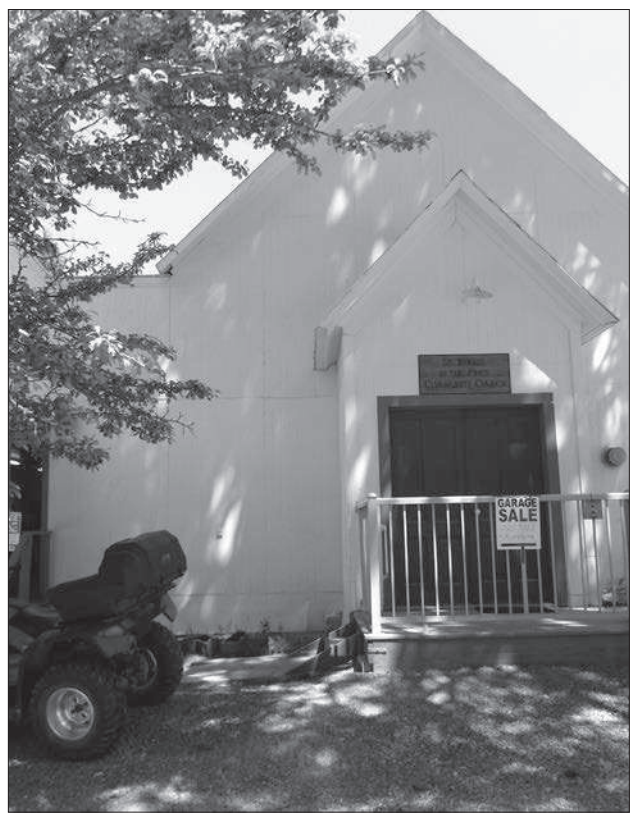
"This show would not be what it is with out the dedication and hard work of all the individuals who have taken the time to help," Angier said. "Theatre is so much more than the actors you see on stage. It has been a wonderful experience to work with this group of people and I hope they enjoy it as much as I am! I will miss this cast and crew once we close the production and tear down the set."

Angier has worked behind the scenes as stage manager for five previous EOU productions. She also directed "The Boor" and was the scenic designer for "Proof" and "King Lear." Her plans after graduation include relocating to Seattle to pursue technical work and eventually becoming a director.

See "The Mousetrap" at 7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday in Schwarz Theatre in Loso Hall.

Tickets are \$6 for general admission and EOU students are admitted free with ID. For more information call the box office at 541-962-3757.

## Sumpter: Church yard sale to help house fire victims



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Above: The St. Brigid in the Pines church.

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Sumpter hosted its annual Memorial Day weekend Flea Market, with rousing success. Saturday, boasting blue skies and balmy temperatures, saw parking at a premium with cars up and down most of the upper city streets. Vendors included local artists and authors, lots of food choices, and many novelty and used items. Sumpter Valley Community Volunteers hosted its usual hotdog/hamburger booth to raise funds to back community projects.

Another group took advantage of the weekend to support two community residents. Barbara Phillips, owner of the Sumpter Bed and Breakfast, explained that for the past several years, Tom and Barb Taylor, members of St. Brigid in the Pines Community Church (an outreach ministry of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Baker City) have hosted a rummage sale at the church over Memorial Day weekend. Funds raised have gone into the discretionary fund for the church. This year, the Taylors are moving to be closer to their children. Phillips said, "(Husband) Jay and I said we'd make sure the sale got done."

Proceeds from the sale this year were designated for Mick and Karna Allen, whose home burned several weeks ago.

The fire started due to an electrical issue. Phillips said, if not for the smoke alarms, the Allens would have died from smoke inhalation. The Fire Department responded, saving the home from burning down, but between smoke and water damage, it is no longer livable.

The Allens stayed at the Sumpter Depot Inn until they were able to move a fifth wheel onto their property. Unfortunately, Karna Allen, who has limited mobility due to MS, sustained a broken tibia getting into the fifth wheel.

Phillips said one of the frustrating factors in this situation is that, though this is at least the second generation to live in this Sumpter home, the double-wide was never removed from its axles and wheels. Therefore, for insurance purposes, it's regarded as personal property rather than a home and consequently garners a lower insurance payment. Phillips also mentioned that although "Mick is a real go-getter," bureaucratic red tape restricts him from getting a part time job aside from being a caregiver for his wife.

Phillips said the community really pulled together for the sale. The Taylors donated many items from their home that they did not want to move with them. Reportedly, they donated a lot of nice stuff that sold quickly. Other community members donated items and volunteered during the sale. Phillips said there was a cancellation at the bed and breakfast, so she invited her sister and brother-in-law to stay free and help with the sale.

Jay Phillips said people were bringing things in and hauling them out before a cash box was even set up. He is collecting on a few last IOUs and hopes to have all processed by this weekend.

Nothing was priced. People were asked to donate what they felt was a fair amount. Barbara Phillips said people who would browse through and not find something they wanted would still come up and donate a \$20 bill. The sale was "wildly successful", raising 4 times the amount of past years.

The Elkhorn Saloon in Sumpter also hosted a fundraiser two weeks ago. They held a spaghetti feed for \$12 a plate and donated the money to the Allens. Sharon Epler, owner with husband Dick of the Elkhorn Saloon, said the spaghetti feed went over really well and "we were packed," Jay Phillips said between the spaghetti feed and rummage sale, "Just about everybody in town participated".

The Phillips had earlier hosted another successful fundraiser—a prime rib dinner. Proceeds from that went to the church discretionary fund and the Ascension School Camp and Conference Center in Cove. Said Barbara Phillips, "It's not hard to raise money, if you just let people know and they want to do the right thing."

### Antique/Collectable Auction

Date: June 10th. & 11th., 2016

Time: 10:00 A.M. MDT

Sale Located At: 1293 S.W. 16th. Av. Ontario, Ore. From St. Alphonsus Medical Center, go West on S.W. 4th. Ave. to Alameda Dr. (East side of Albertson's) then south on Alameda to S.W. 16th. Ave.

Terms: Cash or bankable check day of sale. No merchandise removed prior to settlement. 10% buyers premium. Concessions on site.

Auctioneers Note: Please note! Due to the volume of merchandise, and space limitations, this will be a two day sale. This is the sale of the estate of Glenna Mae Stanley and Jack Rice. They were long time residence of Ontario and collected a very nice, large selection of collectables along with a nice run of normal estate items. To include:

<b>Vehicle:</b> 2003 Ford Taurus SES 4 dr. sdn. loaded with only 34,000 miles.	Frederick Remington Statues (reproductions) ¼ to ½ curl Bighorn sheep head mount Longhorn horn mounts Ice cream parlor table and chair set (circa 1920)	Pink depression Green depression Mustache cups Chicken-on-a-nest Dolls Cookie jars Dazy butter churn Crocks Vintage refrigerator containers Trunks White sewing machine with cabinet 60's small school desk and chair
<b>Storage Sheds:</b> 2-Professionally built 8' X 16' storage sheds (on skids)	Fenton Carnival glass Goofus glass Cut glass Press glass Nippon Moonstone Ruby Red Homer Laughlin crystal	<b>Shop and Misc.:</b> Fishing equipment and tools.
<b>Furniture and Appliances:</b> Living room furniture Bedroom sets Refrigerators Freezers Stereo/audio equipment T.V.'s and more.		

This is only a partial list. For a complete list go to [www.snakeriverauction.com](http://www.snakeriverauction.com).

For an order of sale and to place an absentee or telephonic bid, call Roger at (541)212-5918.

Preview Thursday 12:00 to 6:00 and prior to sales. Sale Conducted by

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in Baker City.  
This is a  
fundraiser for  
a student who  
is going to  
Africa.

This weekend!

All  
day  
Saturday