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Miners Jubilee gold panning



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L-R: Ed Hardt, Jim Haney, last Dennis Rexroad.



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L-R: Dakota Martin, Bart Wood and Dan Huisman

The Eastern Oregon Mining Association State Oregon Panning Contest winners are as follow:

Children class: 1st \$30, 2nd \$20, 3rd \$10.

1. Caden Schroder, Gladstone, OR 1:19; 2. Ian Broughham, Baker City 2:44; 3. Athena Bork, Baker City, 4:01.

Amateur: 1st \$75, 2nd \$50, 3rd \$25.

1. Dakota Martin, Baker City 31 sec; 2. Bart Wood, Baker City 38 sec; 3. Dan Huisman Baker City, 1:02

Professional: 1st \$125, 2nd \$100, 3rd \$75.

1. Jim Haney, Durkee 20 sec; 2. Dennis Rexroad, Baker City 22 sec; 3. Ed Hardt 29 sec.

The contest was held last weekend, as it is every year during the Miners Jubilee.



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Caden Schroder and Athena Brok.

County: Greenhorn, Brownlee

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The Baker County Board of Commissioners held its second regular session of the month on Wednesday, July 20, 2016, 9 a.m., in the Commission Chambers of the Baker County Courthouse.

Present from the Board were Chair Bill Harvey, Commissioner Mark Bennett, and Executive Assistant Heidi Martin. Commissioner Tim Kerns was absent, due to a previous commitment.

Attendance also included Baker County Planner Kara Harris, Ed Hardt, Ken Anderson, Chuck Chase, Tork and Wanda Ballard, Art Sappington, and John Creighton.

The session was called to order, followed by recitation of the optional Invocation, and the Pledge of Allegiance, both led by Harvey.

With no noted changes to the agenda, it was adopted, with a motion from Bennett, and a second from Harvey.

Citizen Participation included comments from Sappington, Coordinating Officer for the Jefferson Mining District. He discussed what he said were discrepancies of law, by the State Land Board, in reference to Oregon Senate Bill (SB) 838, Relating To Mining; Appropriating Money; Declaring An Emergency.

He said that Baker County District Attorney

Matt Shirtcliff had been provided with information from the Jefferson Mining District associated with the topic via the Board of Commissioners, but that he had not yet received a response from Shirtcliff.

The minutes from the Wednesday, June 23, 2016 special session, and the Wednesday, July 6, 2016 regular session were approved, with a motion from Bennett, and a second from Harvey.

The Board discussed proposed changes to the County's Natural Resource Plan (NRP), previously approved by the Natural Resource Advisory Committee (NRAC), and the Travel Management Plan (TMP) Committee. The edits were adopted, with a motion from Bennett, and a second from Harvey.

As part of the Recreation & Tourism section of the NRP, the following was adopted: "Because there is significant economic loss to communities and the county, due to extreme fluctuations of Brownlee Reservoir, Baker County encourages federal agencies and other stakeholders in the Brownlee Reservoir to value the healthy, warm water fishery, by maintaining stable water levels, to meet the needs of recreationists. This includes allowing accessibility to launch boats at a minimum elevation of 2044 feet."

As part of the Water and Water Rights section of the NRP, several edits were adopted, including the fol-

lowing: "The water level and associated dynamics of the Brownlee Reservoir are an integral part of the economic success of Baker County. The water level can vary significantly based on several factors, including the amount of water coming in from upstream, water being used for power generation, summer drawdown for the fall Chinook flow program, and most dramatically, spring drawdown for flood control. It is Baker County's policy to promote a more stable system that facilitates the need of spawning warm water fish through coordination with federal agencies responsible for the drawdown mandates."

As part of the Wildfire section, the following was adopted: "It is the policy of Baker County that during the fire season, as established by the Oregon Department of Forestry, that wildfires will not be left unattended, and that all wildfires be attended until a control line has been established around the fire, and any associated spot fires which can be reasonably be expected to stop the fire's spread. While not always possible in the first operational period due to weather conditions and fire behavior, the expectation would be that all fires be further controlled by completing mop-up from the control line, inward, around the perimeter (e.g. 25' --100' depending on fuel, loading, etc.) as soon

as fire behavior allows."

A City of Greenhorn property and funding request was discussed by the Board, that included information from Greenhorn Mayor Dale McLouth, sent via email, with details regarding the property, and Greenhorn's funding resources.

McLouth said that, during Greenhorn's annual meeting, on July 3, 2016, City Council decided to request Baker County deed all of the ten remaining Baker County lots within the City of Greenhorn, to the City of Greenhorn. He provided the following information for the lots, including maps: Drawing No. 10S35E09DA, Lots 2100, and 2102; and Drawing No. 10S35E09DD, Lots 500, 600, 700, 800, 900, 1000, 1100, 1500, and 1600.

McLouth said the purpose of the request is to establish a City park, and a Life Flight heliport. He said that the City started the process of acquiring quotes for installation of the water system project, and requests that Baker County reserve funds in the 2017-2018 for that. The City of Greenhorn also voted to increase its annual property dues, from \$20 per year, to \$100 per year, which will help fund the system, as well, and the City currently has \$6,087.29 in its checking account.

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Swim results

Submitted by Noel Scott

The Baker Swim Team and La Grande Swim Club both attended the 50th annual Pendleton Open swim meet on July 8-10. There were a total of 399 athletes entered, representing 18 teams from Oregon, Washington and Idaho. Baker sent 10 athletes while La Grande sent 42, three of them with Baker City ties. The following are the results for Jared Miller, Justin Miller and Riana Scott.

Jared Miller:

15 & Over 200 IM 1st
15 & Over 400 Free 2nd
15 & Over 100 Back 1st
15 & Over 100 Free 4th
15 & Over 200 Breast 1st
15 & Over 100 Fly 4th
15 & Over 50 Free 7th
15 & Over 200 Back 1st
15 & Over 100 Breast 2nd
15 & Over 200 Free 3rd
Justin Miller:
15 & Over 200 IM 12th
15 & Over 400 Free 12th
15 & Over 10 Back 9th
15 & Over 100 Free 17th
15 & Over 200 Breast 9th
15 & Over 50 Free 13th
15 & Over 200 Back 8th
15 & Over 100 Breast 11th
15 & Over 200 Free 14th

Justin was a member of the 200 Free Relay team that placed 4th, and both Justin and Jared were members of the 200 Medley Relay team that placed 3rd. Jared won the high point award for 15 & Over Men.

Riana Scott

13-14 200 IM 2nd
13-14 400 Free 6th
13-14 100 Back 9th
13-14 100 Free 5th
13-14 200 Breast 5th
13-14 100 Fly 2nd
13-14 50 Free 5th
13-14 200 Back 6th
13-14 100 Breast 6th
13-14 200 Free 4th

Riana was a member of the 200 Free Relay team that placed 5th.

The next meets for these swimmers include Speedo Senior Sectional in Gresham, and USA Swimming Futures at Stanford University for Jared Miller, and Arena Western Zone Senior Championships in Clovis, CA for Riana Scott.

Ladies golf scores

The July 6 Quail Ridge Ladies Golf scores are:
Tee To Green 1st Flight Judy Karstens; 2nd Flight tie Karen Wollard, Margo Kenworthy; 3rd Flight Mary-Anne Klinger; Birdie Karen Wollard
Bridge winners are: 1st Kitty Nichols; 2nd Pat Cook; 3rd Glenda Cole.

BMFPR call

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"Where are we headed with our analysis, related to elk habitat?" Stadler said that the Plan in the 1990s included allocations for Management Areas specific to elk, but that didn't work well, because elk are a wide-ranging species, taking advantage of opportunities as they come across them.

She said that the subsequent effort was aimed at addressing issues where elk relocate to, during different times of the year, where they can be sensitive to disturbances.

The USFS is working with different agencies in this effort, including the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), she said.

"Will the three Forests continue to pursue access management plans?"

Beverlin said yes, and that all National Forests are mandated by the National Travel Rule, to complete Subpart A, the minimum road system analysis, Subpart B, the designation of roads, trails, and areas, and Subpart C, the designation of areas or trails, for over-the-snow use.

He said that every Forest in Region 6, in Washington and Oregon, has completed Subpart A; Subpart B is complete for the Umatilla National Forest; and Subpart B is not complete for the Wallowa-Whitman and Malheur National Forests.

He said that the Subpart B planning process has been deferred, for the Wallowa-Whitman and Malheur National Forests, until the Plan is final.

"Is the Forest Service maintaining the current levels of access, and not placing any restrictions on access, under these new Forest Plans?"

Beverlin said that the Plan doesn't change current uses, until those uses are modified by future, site-specific analysis and decision-making.

In conclusion, Fargo said there would be future newsletters, including one possibly published in August, and more conference call updates.

He mentioned the BMFPR website, fs.usda.gov/goto/BlueMountainsPlanRevision.