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American Legion Auxiliary donates supplies to schools

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“We spent \$215.62. A very small price for the amount of items so needed for our future leaders,” said Danett “Dani” Huck, president of the local American Legion Auxiliary Unit 41.

Huck said the ladies decided to give school supplies to local schools this year along with other projects they’ve planned.

Huck, along with the group’s secretary Trudy Ingraham, and treasurer Nancy Goodwin, dropped those supplies off at Brooklyn Primary at 2 p.m., South Baker around 2:30 p.m. and then off to Baker Middle School by 3 p.m. Wednesday, with a short stop at the 5J office to thank staff member Ellen for her help.

“There is a need,” Ingraham said. “We just need to find which children so we can help.”

Goodwin concurred. “Yes, there has always been a need,” she said.

Last year the group sponsored one specific individual. This year they’ve expanded that effort.



L-R, Anne-Marie Popa, Cadence Brown, Trudy Ingraham, Nancy Goodwin and Dani Huck.

At Brooklyn, school secretary Anne-Marie Popa and upcoming second-grader Cadence Brown accepted those supplies.

Brooklyn supplies included colored pencils, regular pencils, crayons, glue, boxes of Kleenex, erasers, folders, supply boxes, rulers, scissors, red lead pencils, highlighters, markers, clean-up wipes and pencil pouches.

South Baker supplies include colored pencils, regular pencils, crayons,

pens (black and blue ink), markers, black Sharpies, dry erase markers, glue sticks, erasers, rulers, scissors, pencil pouches, folders, composition notebooks, notebook paper and boxes of Kleenex.

Baker Middle supplies include scientific calculators, Composition notebooks, erasers, black Sharpies, deodorant (for both girls and boys for gym), pencil pouches, pocket dividers, regular pencils, pens (black and

blue ink), notebook paper, colored pencils and rulers.

The local American Legion Auxiliary currently consists of 29 members, and the group is always looking for more members and volunteers.

The company in general has existed since 1919—since 1934 in Baker City.

Huck encourages those in need of supplies or with questions at all about their group to contact her at 541.406.9053.

Home Roots Tour coming



Submitted Photo.

Singer-song writer Jeremiah Craig.

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Folk singer, song writer, and balladeer Jeremiah Craig will be in Baker City August 26. He is going on a national tour and will be in Barley Brown’s Brew Pub for his performance in Baker. This is his third tour this summer and it is called the “Home Roots Tour.”

Craig grew up in Geneseo, New York, and will be returning to his home town for the finale of his tour, September 10. It is because he is returning to his home town that his tour is titled “Home Roots Tour.”

“When I was growing up in Geneseo, The Riviera was closed and it seemed like its best days were behind it,” explained Craig. “I used to imagine performing there back in its heyday but figured I would never get the chance to do it. Luckily, it reopened last year and I couldn’t wait to contact them with a proposal to be a part of this tour. Naturally I was ecstatic when we booked it.” Craig has been playing since he was 14, beginning with the banjo. His first song he wrote a year or two after learning the banjo was an instrumental. His first song with lyrics was written when he was 18 and he has been playing for 10 years now.

He also plays the harmonica and guitar, and has mostly turned to the guitar. He explained it has more range than the banjo and it is easier to write songs for the guitar than the banjo.

“I’m looking forward to exploring Baker City,” said Craig. “I’ve never had a chance to explore because I had to drive through to Boise and didn’t have time to stop.”

On his tours, Craig documents his time for people who are unable to travel and see his performances. He plans to do a documentary for Baker.

Other cities he is going to are new to him, such as Marfa and Dripping Springs, Texas, and he is looking forward to visiting them. For others, such as Logan and St. George, Utah, he will be returning to those cities.

Pioneer Days held for three days in Huntington



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Music Highway performing at the gazebo.

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With the sun shining brightly overhead, the crowds came out to Huntington for this year’s Pioneer Days Celebration held Friday, August 12 through Sunday, August 14 in Lion’s Park in downtown Huntington.

There was a line of eager youngsters ready to enjoy the Kids Waterpark when it opened up at noon on Friday—and was still full when it closed at 3 p.m. on Sunday. The water park included slides, bouncy castles and a pool for kids from one to 100 years of age.

While the splashing and

bouncing was happening, those who decided to remain dry strolled through the vendor booths picking up handmade jewelry, hand carved stones and arrowheads, boxes and decorative items made from logs and a vast array of items all available in the park.

The hungry could find Indian tacos and fry bread at the Soaring Eagle Cafe, an assortment of burgers, hot dogs, french fries and nachos with the choice of chili on all from the Cook Shack—and for the snackers’ popcorn, snow cones, sundaes and floats were abundant.

If one was an early riser, breakfast in the Cook Shack was available. Saturday, people enjoyed



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Gage and William enjoying the kids’ water park.

scratch-made biscuits & gravy, and Sunday brought all-you-can-eat pancakes.

For more interactive fun one could wander through the Tyner Family Traveling Museum, see Flint Knapping by Cecil Coons, watch a Civil War Slide show on an authentic Magic Lantern Projector or Tour the Huntington Historical Museum.

If that didn’t keep a visitor busy enough, on the Gazebo in Lion’s Park was a continuous presentation of live music and entertainment from Arizona, Banned from Nashville, Rob, Roy & Otto, The Cowboy Balladeers, Indian Dancers from the Chippewa Tribe, Trails End Band, Gerry and the

Dream Benders, Frogs of the North, Music Highway and The Soggy Bottom Girls.

The Chamber of Commerce would like to thank its generous sponsors for making this year’s Pioneer Days possible.

This year’s sponsors were 420Ville, Site Constructors/Columbia Pacific, City of Huntington, VFW Post #3749 and Huntington Lion’s Club.

The Huntington Chamber would like to invite everyone down for Pioneer Days next year, which will be held the third weekend of August in conjunction with the Solar Eclipse 2017 event.

Biomass meeting to happen

According to Baker County Commissioner Mark Bennett, Economic Development Director Greg Smith has arranged a meeting with PGE at their Boardman generating plant on August 23rd, for the Commissioners and

Baker City representatives to discuss the opportunity to utilize Baker County biomass in their generation of electricity.

Bennett says aware timber prices are extremely depressed and there is virtually no market for hog

fuel or pulp.

With the recent fires and the upcoming “Face of the Elkhorns Project” Baker County is well situated, says Bennett, to provide a significant source for the green power requirements of PGE.

If successful this partnership would not only provide a market, but Baker County jobs in the removal, transportation and processing of the material.

Hells Canyon road to be closed on Saturday

A narrow section of Hells Canyon Road will be closed between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. PDT on Saturday, August 20. Idaho Power crews will replace a transmission pole, and equipment will block the road.

Employees will move equipment to allow traffic to pass as needed and as the work allows. However, flaggers will be on hand, and motorists should expect delays. The work is necessary to maintain reliable transmission of energy out of the Hells Canyon Complex.

Graffiti issue

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“... The property is in two separate tracks totaling approximately 388 acres in Baker County, Oregon, currently owned by the Collins Pine Company.”

Montoya listed reasons for the intended acquisition, and in closing, requested letters of support. Several attendees discussed issues with the acquisition, and Harvey said he would need to seek clarification regarding the details.

Harvey and Smith discussed a letter (in draft form), addressed to Representative Cliff Bentz, about the possibility of a transportation package, which would help the County improve its road system, and provide jobs. The following were included for consideration as projects, should a package become available: reconstruction of the intersection of Highway 30 and Hughes Lane; 10th Street improvements; manufacturing of bio-fuels to ship to Boardman’s co-generation project; improvements to the intersection of Ceder Street, and Hughes Lane; bridge widening on Hughes Lane, for bike and pedestrian use; Lime plant demolition and rehabilitation of a future industrial site for new job opportunities for the town of Huntington; and Baker High School stadium lighting and landscaped parking on 10th Street.

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