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Club 24 coming to Broadway

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Club 24, a 24-hour gym, will soon be opening in Baker City on Broadway.

"We just love the town," explained Club 24's owner, who goes simply by the name Orien.

He said, "The demographics showed that it was a good place to open up. We're expanding rapidly and everything pointed to a great location here."

The gym has been established in seven other locations—Hermiston, Pendleton, Kennewick, North Richland, Prosser, South Richland, and West Richland.

Orien explained that they plan to expand to other locations after Baker City, including Walla Walla and Seaside.

Orien established the gym around 2000. They have eight facilities open now and are nearing 11.

They have a goal to open 20 in the next three years.

"Right now, it's just sort of the simple club—get in, get fit, get out—it's like our motto," explained local Manager Dan Sizer. "It will just be a lot of cardio equipment. A big thing that's new in this club is



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The interior of the fitness center is nearly ready for opening.

they all have cardio TVs. So folks can hook up their Bluetooth headset and watch TV through their own cardio machine. We also have a large freeway section. We have four squat racks, and then all the weight machines. We also have a personal trainer we just hired, so whenever you come in you get a free consultation with her, sort of a free session, and then

you can choose to use her privately.

"Eventually, we'll have classes and that sort of thing, not right with opening. I think we're shooting to get open, get people in the doors, and then sort of develop. They already have sort of a group training that they do in the Tri-Cities and that will come with time here and we will offer those eventually."

Tonita McCarty will be the personal trainer at Club 24, offering one on one consultation when members first join and team training.

The owner is waiting to receive the final word on their occupancy limit, and the grand opening will be announced within the next month.

Visit <http://club24fit.com> for more information.

City Council

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The Capital Plans and Pavement Management Plans are what the Public Works department present to the Budget Board in May when dollars are being allocated for the next budget year.

Council approval is required before presenting to the Budget Board. The Capital Plans detailed the Water Facilities Plan, The Wastewater Plan, and the Storm Water Management Plan.

These plans had been discussed at length and approved by the Public Works Advisory Committee last week.

The Capital plans span a three-year period and Owen told Council, "Years two and three change as you know based on what we accomplish in year one."

Owen acknowledged that there were items on the previous plan that were still needing to be completed but she said that she was "confident those would be completed by June 30—" the end of the fiscal year.

Of those leftover items she mentioned two that were being worked on this week, a mainline to the High School and the replacement of a meter at the reservoir.

Downing asked in regard to the replacement of that reservoir meter, "Was it just worn out or did we not have one?"

Owen stated that it there was a meter in place but that it had not worked in some time, "The challenge is figuring out how to deliver water while replacing the meter but a bypass has been created."

Owen highlighted some major points in the plan which included continued work on the Mountain Line, the pursuit of

groundwater rights and well improvements, a DEQ requirement for an update on the wastewater facilities plan, replacement of a lift station at "H" street various pipe replacement projects, including inspecting pipe via camera and having scuba divers clean storage ponds—a routinely done practice.

The Pavement Management Plan includes an Auburn from Main to 4th Street reclamation project as well as five half-blocks between Main and Resort Streets at Valley, Washington, Church, Baker and Madison Streets.

Chip sealing various streets is also in the plan. Upon separate motions Council voted unanimously to approve both plans.

Council Goal Setting Dates.

Downing explained that City Manager Warner had expressed that Council find a date in the very near future for the Council to meet and determine what, as a governing body, their vision was.

Downing told his fellow councilors that this needed to be done before the budget board hearings as the budgets that are allocated for each department needed to reflect in part Council goals.

For the Councilor that were present it was agreed that April 10th was a satisfactory date.

Downing stated that obviously absent Councilor would need to be consulted before a date could be confirmed.

Smith advised Council that City Manager Warner had indicated that he would be attending a City Manager training around the 10th and may not be available that date.

Downing stated that they would tentatively schedule something for the April 10th around 5 p.m. pending confirmation by Councilor Joseph, Nilsson

and City Manager Warner.

Resolution #3788 Authorization to Apply for a Local Government Grant from the Oregon State Parks and Recreation Department.

Owen addressed Council stating that the Parks and Recreation Committee had determined that they would like to pursue constructing bathroom facilities on the Leo Adler Pathway.

Placement of the facility is proposed at Kirkway where the exercise equipment is.

Owen said that there had been a lot of public interest in adding restrooms someplace along the pathway and the Kirkway site seemed to be the easiest.

That particular spot has connections available for water, sewer and electricity that make it an excellent choice financially.

Owen told Council that to apply for any Grant she need a resolution passed by the City Council showing their support.

She indicated that if awarded grant dollars she could then look for grant matching opportunities to fund any future project.

Dave Hunsaker was at the meeting and addressed council. He is a member of the Lion's club, the club sponsored the equipment at the proposed restroom site.

"As a Lion, I can say we support this," he said, but went on to state that he also felt the restrooms at Geiser-Pollman park needed attention as well. "They are not running to their full usefulness," he said.

Owen did agree with Hunsaker but she stated that the restrooms in Geiser-Pollman park get considerably more use than the new proposed restrooms would.

Geiser-Pollman park restrooms have their challenges according to Owen but she said, "For now we'll just keep them as

clean and functional as we can."

Owen sees those restrooms as a separate project and indicated her willingness to continue a conversation of ways to come up with the money to focus on those specifically.

Before voting to pass this resolution, Downing asked Owen if a matching grant could not be secured could the money received be sent back?

Owen stated it could be. Seeing little to no risk Council passed this resolution.

Resolution #3786 Sidewalk Grant Resolution.

In 2013 Council passed an ordinance which imposed a sidewalk utility fee for the purpose of providing funds for construction, reconstruction and maintenance of sidewalks within the public right of way.

The Ordinance requires at least 25% of the fees collected be made available to property owners via a grant match program.

Per Owen each year the Council sets the percentage portion of the fees collected to this program, with the remainder to be used for City projects.

This year the City's project is expected to be meeting requirements of ADA work in the Auburn Street project.

In the proposed ordinance, no changes to the percentage fee were requested.

The current percentage is 75%.

Council passed the resolution keeping the percentage rate at 75%.

City Manager/ Director/ Council Comments

With City Manager Warner absent and Public Works Director Owen having nothing further, Downing asked if there were any Council comments.

Hearing none, he adjourned the meeting.

— WEEKLY HAY REPORT —

Friday, March 24, 2017 — Eastern Oregon

Prices trended generally steady in a limited test compared to week ago prices. Most demand lays with the retail/stable hay. According to some producers, horse owners prefer lower sugar, higher protein hay. Many producers are sold out for the year.

Tons Price Range Wtd Avg

Alfalfa — Large Square Good	100	115.00-115.00	115.00
Alfalfa / Orchard Mix — Small Square Premium	4	150.00-150.00	150.00

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— CATTLE MARKET REPORT —

Wednesday, March 15, 2017

Vale, Oregon

Cattle sold through the auction: 772

Steer Calves

300-400#	Bulk	N/A	Top	N/A
400-500#	Bulk	150.00-176.00	Top	183.00
500-600#	Bulk	140.00-164.00	Top	169.00

Heifer Calves

300-400#	Bulk	N/A	Top	N/A
400-500#	Bulk	131.00-160.00	Top	164.00
500-600#	Bulk	124.00-143.00	Top	145.00

Yearling Steers

600-700#	Bulk	130.00-148.00	Top	153.00
700-800#	Bulk	119.00-134.00	Top	136.75
800-900#	Bulk	120.00-127.00	Top	131.50
900-1,000#	Bulk	112.00-120.00	Top	126.00

Yearling Heifers

600-700#	Bulk	118.00-130.00	Top	133.00
700-800#	Bulk	115.00-122.00	Top	126.75
800-900#	Bulk	105.00-117.00	Top	118.00
900-1,000#	Bulk	90.00-106.00	Top	112.00

Thin Shelly Cows	N/A
Butcher Cows	55.00 - 65.00
Butcher Bulls	55.00-70.00
Pairs	1100.00-1525.00
Hfrets	87.00 - 105.00
Stock Cows Young	750.00 - 1000.00

ProducersLivestock.com
541-473-3136

— LOG PRICE REPORT —

Prices are based on the majority of saw mills in Northeastern Oregon and Central Idaho. The prices listed below are a composite prices of various sawmills willing to visit with me about this topic.

Ponderosa Pine—small diameter class 8-11 inches diameter class \$250 per mbf. Only one sawmill was willing to buy small diameter pine at this time.

Ponderosa Pine—medium diameter class 12-17 inches diameter class \$300 to \$350 per mbf

Ponderosa Pine-large diameter class 18 plus inches diameter class \$380 to \$410 per mbf

The Pine prices are still approximately \$40 per mbf below average lumber/log market due to 2017 fire salvage

Doug Fir & Western Larch—\$380 to \$420 per mbf. Normal prices typically ranged between \$425 to \$475 per mbf.

White Fir-\$300 per mbf. Normal prices typically ranged between \$340 to \$360 per mbf.

Engelmann Spruce—\$350 at one Idaho sawmill, other sawmills including with White fir prices.

In general, the log prices still impacted from 2015 fire season and fire salvage that resulted. Sawmills are starting to get log yard inventory in line with sawmill production needs. With a new Administration as of 1/20/2017, a more normal economic environment should result and hopefully a more healthy housing situation will result in a better climate for Northeast Oregon Sawmill and private forest landowners.

Courtesy of Arvid Andersen, Andersen Forestry Consulting

— PRECIOUS METALS REPORT —

Price per ounce, USD

Gold: \$1,255.50

Silver: \$18.25

Platinum: \$955.05

Palladium: \$791.22

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Corn: \$358.50/bu/USD

Wheat: \$425.50/bu/USD

Soybeans: \$969.00/bu/USD

Oats: \$231.20 bu/USD

Rough Rice: \$9.87/cwt/USD

Canola: \$493.80 CAD/mwt

Live Cattle: \$111.85/lb./USD

Feeder Cattle: \$133.23/lb./USD

Lean Hogs: \$72.75/lb./USD

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