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Baker City's new dog park moves ahead

GRANT HELPS PROJECT GO FORWARD

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Volunteer Gail Duman and Joyce Bornstedt, Technical Administration Supervisor of City of Baker City are heading a new project: Dog Park at

Sam O.

Duman and Bornstedt are working with other volunteers to construct two dog parks—a Large Dog Enclosure and a Small Dog Enclosure.

The Large Dog Enclosure will be located in the field area between the Truck Corral parking lot and the Sam O Skate Park.

The Small Dog Enclosure will be beside the basketball court on the other side of the Sam O

Skate Park.

"I knew of another gal that had first started spearheading a dog park and then I heard she moved away," explained Duman. "And then in doing some traveling, visiting other communities with our dog and finding dog parks, it was great. So it kind of made me think when I got home that I would take up the cause."

Duman explained that she decided to take up

the cause four years ago and she had heard about PetSafe, from whom they received a full grant to build the new park.

Duman had tried their former online contest, where people needed votes to win.

PetSafe changed the process and started accepting applications, which Bornstedt filled out.

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This open area near Sam O Swim will soon be home to Baker City's new dog park.

Family Day held at Powder River Correctional Facility



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August 26th, The Powder River Correctional Facility (PRCF) held its 5th Annual Family Day Event. According to their press release, it was attended by 47 Adults in Custody and 155 friends and family members.

In the press release, "Family Day was created to bring families and friends together to provide a better understanding of the importance of their role is for positive changes and the successful transition home for Adults in Custody."

According to Debi Geddes the Administrative Services Manager PIO/LIO/LEDS Rep/Core Specialist at the Powder River Correctional Facility, "We live in a region where it is sometimes difficult for people to visit during the winter months. This is a large event and it just means a lot to these men to have their friends and family here."

In order for families and friends to visit on that day, they need to be on the visit list and be pre-screened before going in.

Geddes explained that they try really hard not to limit friends and family as it is part of their rehabilitation.

She explained that it is a case by case situation. According to their press release; "This year's event included face painting, flower pot decorating (plants included), three-legged sack races and small animal betting zoo; just to name a few. Local community volunteers and DOC staff volunteers were on hand for a fun-filled day that has become one of PRCF's most popular facility



Photos courtesy of the PRCF.

47 inmates and 155 of their friends and family members joined in a Family Day at PRCF.

events."

Included at the events was the therapy horse, Domi, who goes to the facility twice a month to help the inmates, housed there.

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Man burned in fire



Photo courtesy of Karen Brinton.

A fire up Griffin Gulch this week is thought to have been started by a spark from a grinder.

On Monday afternoon, Dispatch received a report of a structure and grass fire up Griffin Gulch, just outside Baker City on the property of Charlie Cree.

The Greater Bowen Valley Rural Fire Protection District responded. The fire spread to other items around the home including an RV, according to the Baker County Sheriff's Office. The Baker City Fire Department, Baker Rural Fire Department, ODF, and Baker County Emergency Management Fire Division also responded.

Cree was transported to Saint Alphonsus Medical Center in Baker City with burns. It is suspected that the fire was caused by sparks from a grinder, but an additional investigation will continue.

County has new auditor

BY TODD ARRIOLA

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The Baker County Board of Commissioners held a brief special session on Wednesday, August 30, 2017, 9 a.m., in the Commission Chambers of the Baker County Courthouse, which included acceptance of a bid proposal from Pauly Rogers & Co., PC, to perform County audit services.

Present from the Board were Chair Bill Harvey, Commissioners Mark Bennett and Bruce Nichols, and Executive Assistant Heidi Martin. Attendance also included Baker County Administrative Services Director Christena Cook, and Ed Hardt.

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	Saturday	Hot and hazy. Highs in the mid 90s. Saturday Night: Hazy with mostly clear skies. Lows in the mid 50s.
	Sunday	Hot and hazy. Highs in the upper 90s. Sunday Night: Hazy with mostly clear skies. Lows in the mid 50s.

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