

## Haines News

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In cattle country, it's not unusual to see a cowdog in the back of a pickup but passersby did take a second look at the cow elk in the truck parked in front of The Frontier Restaurant (see photo to the right).

### Back to School

The Haines Elementary School students and staff returned to school on Monday, Jan. families of the month are: Avery and Clair Collier and family; Goldie Ewing and family; Tyler and Alexis Fuller and family; Tearinee and Tiffany Huffman and family; Ava, Savannah, Nadia and Emilie Ritch and family; Zachary, Julianna, Andrew, Ian and Cecilia Sandberg and family; and Payton and Taylor Peppers and family. The students and their families will be having lunch on Wednesday, Jan. 28, at 11 a.m.

Students will be participating in their annual Beach Day and Swim Party on Thursday, Jan. 15. DIBELS (Dynamic Indicator of Basic Early Literacy Skills) winter benchmark takes place on Thursday, Jan. 22. This reading screener is administered to all students K-6 grade. The information is used to alter instruction, offer support, and evaluate the skills students have in place to become successful readers.

Haines School P.E. and Health Instructor, Jessica Anderson said, "New Directions Northwest is an organization focused on providing our community with the skills they need to have a healthy lifestyle. During the months of Nov. and Dec., representatives from New Directions visited Haines Elementary students. Their goal was to help educate students about how to

successfully manage several important challenges that day-to-day life presents. Students engaged in discussions centered on the importance of treating each other and themselves with respect. Older students were encouraged to set positive behavior goals and to participate in activities designed to improve self-esteem. Our younger students have been learning about healthy habits and good choices and materials presented by New Directions reinforced the importance of these two topics. Parents should know that I am very proud of how Haines Elementary students treated our guests from New Directions. As usual, they were extremely respectful, very welcoming and had great attitudes about the subject matter presented."

The Haines Baptist Church Release-Time Bible Class will resume on Tuesday, Jan. 13. This class offers a program of interdenominational, visualized Bible stories and songs. It is offered to K-6 grade children. Anyone who is interested please contact the school for permission forms or you may call the Haines Baptist Church at 541-856-3471. The class took the month of Dec. off due to school programs and holiday events.

The Haines United Methodist Church will be serving soup lunches after church at 12 p.m. The community is welcome to come and enjoy a bowl of soup and fellowship for an hour. Last Sunday, a taco feed in honor of "Taco" the cute black dog belonging to Tim Kerns. Taco turned 9.

### Fire Drill

The Haines Fire Protection Dis-

trict firefighters' drill will be held on Monday, Jan. 12 at 6:30 p.m. at the Fire Hall.

The Haines City Council meeting will be held at the city office on Tuesday, Jan. 13 at 6 p.m. The community is encouraged to attend.

### Mutual Improvement Club

The Mutual Improvement Club will meet Wednesday, Jan. 14, at 1 p.m. in the Haines Library meeting room. Evelyn Fisher will be the host and Donna Gilkison will assist her. They will serve soup. The Baker County Red Cross Emergency Preparedness Director will bring the program. Anyone wishing to be active in the Haines Community and meet their neighbors is encouraged to come.

### Friends of Haines

As an early reminder, the Friends of Haines will be holding their next meeting on Monday, Jan. 26 at the Haines Steakhouse at 7 p.m. They will be discussing plans for this year's events. The Friends of Haines are seeking volunteers to help. It takes a lot of work and commitment to plan, organize and put on the different events. All of the proceeds from these efforts go to the Fourth of July Celebration events.

### Boyer and Band Entertain

Duane Boyer, his daughter Holly, Jason Brandt, Eric Jepsen, and Brett Champe played Blue Grass music to the delight of Haines Steak House customers on New Year's Eve. The group has played for several years and the place was packed.



If you would like to share news, please email or call by Sunday evening or Monday mornings.

## Haines Mercantile to Close Jan. 10

Kristi and Ken Bain will close the Haines Mercantile on Wednesday, Jan. 10. According to Kristi, April 1 would have marked their eighth anniversary of their purchase from Fred Zimmer.

"We are not making enough money to keep the shelves stocked," said Kristi who cites a change in demographics and the economy as possible reasons. Keeping the shelves stocked at a certain level was a part of the terms of their contract, according to Bain.

"For many people the store is a convenience, but they do their primary shopping in town. There used to be a number of charge accounts which purchased a lot, but things have changed. People have moved, ranches have changed hands which used to charge, people have gotten older and kids have moved away," said Bain.

The couple also owns Bain's Equipment (also known as Haines Ag & Auto). Bain said they will continue to operate the repair business.

Regarding the store closure she said, "We're very sorry for the inconvenience and appreciate everyone's support. We just cannot keep going."

Fred Zimmer stated that he sold the contract on the building to Garla Rowe, also of Haines. Zimmer, who had major heart surgery the first part of Dec., said that Rowe and her mother, Joann Wellman, have expressed to him plans for re-opening the store, perhaps even under the former name of Haines Sell-Rite. Zimmer had owned the store from 1977-2007 after purchasing it from Bob Curry.

"I'm excited to see what they (Rowe and Wellman) will do. It sounds like they have a lot of neat plans," Zimmer said.

The store under Bain's operation will have regular hours up until 6 p.m. on Jan. 10 which will be their last day.

## Portable Elk

Seen in Haines



## Badgers Play at the EOU Optimist Tournament



Submitted photo  
Coach Dixon and Assistant Riley Martin giving input to players at the playoff at EOU Optimist Tournament.



Photos by Samantha Stephens

Left top: Bailee Allen of North Powder  
Top Right: Samantha Kerns



Left: Bailee Allen of North Powder

## North Powder News

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Happy New Year. May it be the best year you've ever had.

The decorations and trees are gone until next year and people are seemingly glad to be back to a normal routine. Football games on TV, school starting up after Christmas break, work schedules back to regular, and everyone trying to keep those New Years resolutions.

First, I want to thank everyone for the kind notes and prayers. Floyd's twin brother is doing pretty well. He is home and getting stronger every day. We certainly had a Christmas miracle. It is good to be home.

Now to finish off the Christmas news.

### Winners of the Christmas Lighting Contest

First place went to Randy Aldrich, second to Donn Wells, third to Darby LaHaug, and honorable mention to Wyatt Kandle. Thanks to everyone who participated. It was so much fun to drive around and look at all the different displays. The town looked very festive.

"Jolly" the elf would like to thank the following sponsors for helping make the Santa Shop a huge success. The Hill Ranch, Oregon Trail Seed, Bev's Upholstery, IL Trailer Transport, the Martin Ranch, Wilson Cattle, Williams Land LLC, Cornerstone Baptist Church, A&A R Park and Storage, Unverferth Manufacturing, The Allen Ranch, and Bingham, Bingham, and Watt.

### Christmas Music Recital:

Recently I was invited to a Christmas Recital. I went expecting to see five or six little children. Well, was I in for a pleasant surprise. People kept carrying in chairs and I said, "Are we expecting lots of people?" They said, "Oh yes, it will fill up."

And it did. 17 kids and young adults entertained parents and grandparents for the next hour and a half. Christmas music from basic jingle bells to more complicated pieces like Cannon in D/Pachelbel. I don't even know what that means. The most amazing thing about the evening was all these children were taught by the same teacher. Leslie Bingham. Leslie herself also baked and gave us all a loaf of the most delicious bread. Leslie told me she had taught piano lessons since 1980 and couldn't even count the number of kids. I also asked her if she taught her own children and she replied, "oh no, it

is hard teaching your own kids, I just got them started and they went to another teacher." Wise woman. The most enjoyable part for me, besides listening to the recital, was the group sing at the end. I love the traditional Christmas songs. We (adults and all) had to have a do over on one song as we were not enunciating the words correctly. I bet Leslie is just as strict in her piano teaching. Refreshments were served and everyone enjoyed the evening. Thanks for the fun!

### City Council News and Calendar:

A committee has been working on an animal ordinance and the first reading or the proposed ordinance will be Jan. 5 at the city council meeting. Copies are available at city hall for review.

The request for annexation from Rich and Lori Daniels was denied due to lack of information to justify the request.

Jan. 15 - Library Board meeting 6:30 p.m.

Jan. 16 - Water Project Construction Meeting 3 p.m. City Hall

Jan. 19 - Martin Luther King Day City Hall Closed

Jan. 20 - School Board Mtg. 7 p.m. Music Room

Jan. 21 - Food Band 3-6 p.m. pickup at Grange

Lunch bunch every Friday at noon at the Grange. \$3 buys a very good lunch. Everyone welcome.

### Sports

The varsity boys and girls teams both played well and took home third place wins at the EOU Opti-

mist Tournament. The girls won by two points over Imbler and the boys won by six over Union. Both were hard fought games. Tanner Eubanks got the momentum going in the boys game with a four second buzzer shot from over half court. It was "nothing but net." Great job Badger teams. We are proud of you.

**Jan. 3 games:** JV girls won against Prairie City, the Varsity girls lost in overtime and the Varsity boys won by 11. The dance team was half time entertainment. Good job everyone.

### Community news:

The UMC. Learned that their pastor John Shukle will be leaving our area for a job in Seattle. While we will miss him, we wish him and his family well in their new adventures.

### Snow removal:

Please consider moving your vehicles off the right of way as they may obstruct the snow plows and cause you to be blocked in. Also remember, on these cold nights leave your water dripping to keep pipes from freezing and be careful with space heaters.

So you have a great week and keep working on those resolutions. Remember to check on the shut ins and your neighbors. Thanks to all who have been clearing sidewalks. Love the fresh white snow but not so much the cold that goes with it. Happy Skiing kids. Remember to call, email me pictures of anniversaries, birthdays or message me with news.



Submitted photo

Leslie Bingham's piano recital group. No particular order: Jodie Bingham, Abigail Cox, Hunter Bingham, Dallie Bingham, Ayla Bingham, Lindsey Bingham, Treavor, Emilie and Duane Tidwell, Mason Dahl, Keanna Bingham, Sierra Bingham, Ben Tidwell, Chloe Cox, Janie Bingham, and teacher Leslie Bingham.

Please join us for fellowship & worship Sunday mornings at 10:45.

Beginning Jan. 4 please join us for a soup lunch following the service which begins at 10:45 a.m. Soup is served at approximately 12:15 p.m. All are welcome!

**Haines United Methodist Church**

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