

Haines News

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Students to Work with Artist

The Haines Elementary School teachers will have the opportunity to meet with local artist Nancy Coffelt in Feb. They will be learning an art project from her and complete it with their students. Crossroads Art Center has teamed up with local artists to integrated art projects into the regular curriculum, and Haines Elementary School will be working with Ms. Coffelt to achieve the goal of exposing students to art through other content. With the several (math, reading, writing, social studies and science) standards students are expected to master each year, teachers are challenged with implementing the cultural arts into the curriculum.

Introducing Different Fruits and Veggies

Baker School District Food Services Director, Jessica Wickert is working on a program to have students try a variety of fruits and vegetables each week. Last week the students at Haines Elementary had the pleasure of divulging their taste buds to rambutan and colorful cauliflower. Rambutan is an exotic fruit native to Southeast Asia. The students and staff watched a video on how to eat the hairy looking fruit, and the students enjoyed the sweet flavor. Many students claimed it tasted like grapes. The cauliflower came in purple, green, or orange. Many second grade students wanted to try each color to evaluate if there was a difference in flavor based on the color. The consensus was they all tasted the same.

Second Quarter Assembly Held

The second quarter Hawks Assembly will be held this Thursday, Jan. 29 from 9:30-10:15 a.m., and the second grade class will lead the assembly. The students will be remembering Ground Hog Day this coming Monday, Feb. 2.

PTCO

The PTCO will hold their next meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 4 at 3:15 p.m. Dental Sealants for the students will be held on Feb. 9 and 10. The students will have their class Valentine's Day parties on Thursday, Feb. 12. There will be

no school on Monday, Feb. 16 due to the President's Day holiday, but there will be school that Friday, Feb. 20.

The students are continuing to sell the Chili Feed raffle and dinner tickets for their upcoming annual Chili Feed to be held on Friday, Feb. 27 from 4:30-7 p.m. Please mark your calendars and attend. According to Chili feed coordinator and parent, Andy Terteling, "Last year we reached our goal of successfully improving classroom technology throughout Haines Elementary. We will continue our efforts to ensure that our children can keep up in the fast paced world of technology. This year we are focused on fitness! Our 1950's era tennis court is in need of replacement. Our goal is to resurface and repurpose this area into a safe and fun sport court. Basketball, tetherball, wall ball and even hopscotch are all part of our goal. Stretching our goal over two years, we hope to raise enough funds to cover this area so the kids can enjoy it year round. Creating a covered sport court is a very expensive endeavor; we can't do it without your support."

Head Teacher Nanette Lehman said, "Today's students are preparing to enter a world of higher demand and more competition for employment. For schools to better prepare students to be college and career ready, they are implementing a more rigorous set of standards referred to as Common Core State Standards or Oregon Standards. These are a set of clear, consistent guidelines for what students need to know to thrive in an ever-changing world. Assessments are also more informative than they have ever been which allows teachers to better meet the individual needs of each student. We are in the process of completing our winter benchmarks for both reading and math. Teachers will utilize this information to make instructional changes based on concerns or celebrations the data revealed. 'Times are a changing' and if we do not make adjustments to our educational framework, we will be doing a disservice to our students

who deserve the best education we can provide them. School Mission Statement: 'Inspiring life-long learners by creating an engaging, equitable and supportive learning environment, sustaining success in an ever changing world'."

Here is a little something from 5th grader, Jessica Polkowske, "Hi! I'm Jessica and I am going to tell you what we have been doing and what we're going to do. First, you probably watched or heard about the football game: Oregon against Ohio. Our class either wore Ducks or Ohio colors or just normal shirts and whoever chose the winning team got to line up first in line, then who wore neither Ohio nor Oregon colors got to go in the middle, then the looser team lined up last. Next, we're going to have Beach Day on Thursday the 15th. Beach Day is where we act like it's summer so in the afternoon we will go swimming and for lunch we will eat lunch on the floor."

Pinocle

According to Haines resident Sandy Wood, "The Pinocle Club was held at the Wolf Creek Grange on Thursday, Jan. 22, and Laura Daugherty was the host. Carla Aichele won high; second high was won by Donna Brodhead and low was won by Viola Perkins. Pinocle prizes went to Shelly Gray and Deanna Forman. Substitutions were Deanna Forman and Shelly Gray."

Haines Stampede Sponsor Dinner Held

Here is a reminder that the Haines Stampede Rodeo Association is having its annual Sponsor Appreciation/Queen Coronation banquet this Saturday, Jan. 31 at the Community Center in Baker City. Doors will open at 5 p.m., and the Paniola Cowboy Dinner will begin at 6 p.m. All sponsors, members and past court are invited. They will also announce the 2015 Rodeo Court. The Princesses are Rory Scilacci and Maria Keller. Please RSVP to 541-403-0800.

Haines Fire District Board to Meet

The Haines Fire District Board members will be holding their meeting at the Haines Library on Monday, Feb. 2 at 7 p.m.

If you would like to share any news of Haines, please email or call by Sunday evening or Monday morning. Have a great Super Bowl Sunday, Groundhog Day and the rest of the week!

Van Ornum Battle Site History Lesson

By Tami Waldron

We have all seen the sign as we travel between Baker City and Ontario for the Van Ornum Battle site near Huntington. My intentions are always to "stop and see what that is all about." Recently, my friend Sharlene Curry looked it up and this is what she found.

On Sept. 9, 1860 Elijah Otter was leading migrants on the Oregon Trail when they were attacked by a group of presumably Bannock and Boise Shoshone. In spite of settlers attempt to placate the Native Americans, the Indians killed nearly the entire migrant party and drove off their livestock. Alexis Van Ornum, his family, and about ten others hid in some nearby brush, only to be discovered by a company of U.S. Soldiers led by Captain F.T. Dent. Lieutenant Marcus A. Reno came across the mutilated bodies of six of the Van Ornums. Reports from survivors were that four Van Ornum children were taken captive by the attacking warriors.

As a direct result of this attack, the Army established a military fort near the present location of Boise, Idaho, along the migrant trail. Colonel George Wright requested \$150,000 to establish a military post able to sustain five companies of troops.

Zachias Van Ornum, Alexis's brother, heard from a relative on the Oregon Trail that a small white boy of his missing nephew Reuben's age, was being helped by a group of Northwestern Shoshone, likely to be in the Cache Valley. Van Ornum gathered a small group of friends and traveled to Salt Lake City to get some help from the territorial government. There he visited Col. Connor at Fort Douglas and asked for help to regain his nephew. Col. Connor agreed and sent a detachment of cavalry under the command of Major Edward McGarry to Cache Valley to rendezvous with Van Ornum near the town of Providence, Utah.

Van Ornum located a small group of Shoshone warriors being led by Chief Bear Hunter. He and McGarry's men followed the Shoshone as they retreated to nearby Providence Canyon. After the Indians opened fire, McGarry gave the order "to commence firing and to kill every Indian they could see." A skirmish between the Shoshone and the U.S. Army lasted about two hours after the Shoshone established a defensive position in the canyon. Finally Chief Bear Hunter signaled surrender by climbing a foothill and waiving a flag of truce.

Together with about 20 of his people, Chief Bear Hunter was taken prisoner and transported to the soldier's camp near Providence. When asked about the young white boy, Bear Hunter said that the boy had been sent away a few days earlier. McGarry instructed Bear Hunter to send his people to bring back the white boy. He held Bear Hunter and four warriors hostage. By noon the next day, the Shoshone returned with a small boy who fit the description of Reuben Van Ornum. Zachias Van Ornum claimed the boy was his nephew and took custody, departing to return to Oregon.

The Shoshone protested, claiming that the boy was the son of a French fur trapper and the sister of Shoshone chief Washakie. The federal troops left with Van Ornum and the young boy, McGarry reported to Col. Connor of their rescue of the boy "without the loss or scratch of man or horse." Bear Hunter complained to the settlers in Cache Valley, arguing that they should have helped him against the soldiers. After a confrontation between Bear Hunter, some warriors from his band, and nearly 70 members of the Cache Valley militia, the settlers donated two cows and some flour as the "best and cheapest policy" as a kind of compensation.

And now we know.

Assistant Track Coach Wanted

BAKER SCHOOL DISTRICT 5J is currently accepting applications for an assistant track coach at Baker High School. For a complete description of the position go to www.baker.k12.or.us or contact the employment division. You may also call 541-524-2261 or email nnemec@baker.k12.or.us

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Most of the residents of this area are hoping for 'the other shoe to drop' or, let's say, for the second half of winter to have some really good snow storms and moisture. The yards in Sumpter look like it is late March, with wide openings of bare ground beneath the trees. On the other hand, we've just had seven more gloriously sunny days with rich blue skies, and finding gardening catalogs in the mail is only whetting your reporter's gardening desires.

Calendar

Feb. 24 - Alpine Chapter, OES, at Masonic Hall, 8 p.m.
Feb. 2 - Masons at Masonic Hall - Sweetheart dinner, 6:30 pm, meeting, 8 p.m.
Feb. 3 - PRRFPD, 6:30 p.m., Mosquito Flat Station
Sumpter Vol FD at fire hall, 7 p.m.
Feb. 7 - SVBM Snowmobilers at Schoolhouse Community Center, 6:30 p.m.
Feb. 10 - City Council at City Hall, 7 p.m.
Feb. 13 - Early registration for

SVBMSR Poker Run & Outhouse Races at Schoolhouse Community Center, Feb. 14 - SVBMSR Poker Run & Outhouse Races

Feb. 17 - PRRFPD, 6:30 p.m., Mosquito Flat Station
Sumpter Vol FD at fire hall, 7 p.m.

Feb. 19 - Bag Ladies at Schoolhouse Community Center, noon to ?

Planning Commission at City Hall, 7 p.m.
March 13 - Bingo at Schoolhouse Community Center, 7 p.m.

Poker Run

The 2015 Sumpter Poker Run, put on by Sumpter Valley Blue Mountain Snowmobile Club, is set for Saturday, Feb. 14, with a guaranteed purse of \$3000. Registration is again at the Schoolhouse community center at 475 N Mill Street, a block or so north of the Stage Stop gas station. Registration begins Friday evening, Feb. 13, from 6-8 p.m. and will reopen Saturday morning from 7-2:30 pm. Game boards are \$10 each, raffle tickets are 3 for a \$1

and Outhouse team registration is \$10. The game boards need to be returned by 2:30 pm. The Outhouse team races begin shortly afterwards. The day will wrap up at 6 p.m. at the club's groomer shed for the Awards Ceremony. Have questions? Contact the club's secretary at 541-894-2458 or email: snowmobileclub@sumpter.org.

People

Joyce Wooten recently had surgery and really would enjoy receiving some cards of cheer to brighten her spirits. Her Sumpter address is PO Box 44, 97877. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Churches

Sunday morning services are held at St. Brigid's in the Pines on the first and third Sundays of the month at 11 a.m. followed by a coffee 'hour.' The Feb. 1 service will be lead by Rev. Dick Thew.

Weekly services at McEwen Bible Fellowship include Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. and Morning Worship at 11 a.m. Wednesday evening prayer at 6:45 p.m. currently is being hosted at the home of Joy Myers.

News items received by this reporter by Sunday evening will be included in the Sumpter column the following week. Send in news and/or photos with captions of guests, births, group meetings, any special occasion.

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



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!

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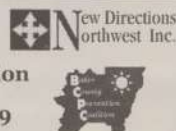
Seth Mastrude



Seth Mastrude is a fourth grader enjoying his fourth year of participating in YMCA basketball. Seth says he loves EVERYTHING about basketball! His coach, Mike Widman, recognizes his hard work out on the court. Playing college basketball just might be in this young man's future! Keep doing what you love!

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