

Haines News

By Gina Perkins

Betty Vanderwall's Grandson Competes in Prestigious International Cooking Competition

It is pretty neat that Riley Huddleston, grandson of Betty and Bert Vanderwall, is one of 10 U.S. finalists who competed in the San Pellegrino Young Chef's cooking competition in New York on Tuesday. Roberta said the competition was closed so she couldn't go, but I will follow up with her and see how he placed. It's interesting his passion for cooking started because of great pasta he had at Borello's in Sumpter! You never know what will spark a kid's interest and maybe even their destiny! (See full story on page 9.)

Wendy Bingham VP of Oregon Cattlewomen

In addition to being a busy rancher and mom, Wendy Bingham is currently serving as vice president for the Oregon Cattlewomen's organization. Following, she will serve two years as president. Bingham volunteers significant amounts of her time to school activities, the Baker County Cattlewomen and church activities.

Valentine's Day

I always think of Lindsey Bingham on Valentine's Day as this adorable and spunky little girl received her heart transplant two years ago. We send special thoughts, love and hugs also to her big sister, Sierra who may be needing a second heart transplant. Her parents, Jason and Stacy Bingham say she is feeling better with medication and it is their hope she can remain at home until "the call" comes. This is a special family and beloved by this entire community. Sierra is a very active teen and is part of the dance team at North Powder School.

Wedding Bells

Congratulations to Trista Wendt and Cory Janzen who were married over the weekend.

Update on the Store to be Soon

Garla Rowe said that she is hoping to provide more information and details about her plan to open the store soon. The community is very excited to see what her plans are and for the store to again be open.

Oh, Baby!

Desiree and Robert McGinn are expecting a new little one. Their son Riggan is excited about the idea of being a big brother. Congratulations!

Jim Aldrich Hits Half Century Mark

Rumor is that that the Haines Fire District was on standby just in case Jim couldn't muster enough wind to blow out the candles on his 50th Birthday cake. Friends of this Rock Creek resident gathered at the Frontier to help him celebrate. Happy Birthday!

Need a Hair Cut?

Or a perm...color...or just an overall renovation? If you haven't scheduled an appointment with Tawnee Istre at Heels and Spurs Salon in Haines, put it on your list. She does a great job and her prices are very reasonable. She can be reached at 541-856-3100 to schedule an appointment. Her schedule is based on appointments so it is necessary to call her.

Red Velvet Cake a Hit

Guests at the pinocle party held at Viola Perkins' home

and hosted by Sandy Wood Thursday enjoyed Red Velvet Cake for dessert. Winning high was Susie Michaels; Sandy Wood was second high. Martha Jane Spratling was low and pinocle went to Carol Proebstel and Viola Perkins. Judy Moe, Susie Michaels, and Shelly Gray were substitutes.

Calving

Kind of like popcorn, it seems that the calves seem to come one by one and then all at once. Tim Kerns said he's had a couple of sets of twins. On a drive this weekend in the Rock Creek and Muddy Creek areas, we didn't see any calves yet, but did note that Darrell Dyke's first calf heifers sure look ready to 'pop' any minute.

People

Alice Trindle, Susan Triplett and Carly and Ken Kritchen were guests at the home of Marcy and Billy Cunningham for dinner on Saturday night.

Wind Damage

Scott Guthrie said that his greenhouse was picked up off its foundation and blew out into his pasture. He also said a big trampoline on Nevada Street in Baker City was picked up and landed in the yard of his rental house.

Tennis Court Improvements Made in 70s

Jan Kerns shared that there was a significant makeover to the Haines Elementary playground which took place in the 1970s. This included filling in a very deep and dangerous ditch, improvements making the merry-go-round and swings safer, and the installation of the tennis courts. Alex and Mary Lou Sackos did a tremendous amount of work as did Della Steele and many, many others according to Kerns. Steele and Kerns headed up the project which was quite a big endeavor at the time. Her comments were in reference to an incorrect statement made in this column a week or so ago about those updates being made in the 1950s. Kerns wanted to note the correct year (or at least the right decade) because it was such a big project at the time involving a lot of people in the community.

Food Bank

The Haines/North Powder Food Bank will be held on Feb. 18 at the North Powder Grange Hall from 3-6 p.m. This is always the third Wednesday of the month.

Baptist Church to Host King's Witnesses

Feb. 15 at 10:30 a.m. the King's Witnesses will be performing at the Haines Baptist Church. Also, the community is welcome to attend Adult Bible Sunday every Sunday evening at 5:30. A soup supper follows. Sunday school for adults and children begins at 9:30 each week with church services at 10:30.

Ash Wednesday Service

The community is welcome to attend a very special service on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 18 at the Haines United Methodist Church. Ash Wednesday begins the Lenten Season in preparation for Easter. The service begins at 5:30 p.m.

99th Founder's Day Celebration

The Mutual Improvement Club held their special Founder's Day Potluck on Wednesday of this week at the Haines Methodist Community Hall. 99 years is amazing! Congratulations to all the women over the years who have



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Calgry (Stevenson) Wagner was joined by her aunt Peggy Browne (left) and mom, Mary Stevenson and other family members this weekend as she became **Sergeant Calgry Stevenson** during a special ceremony in La Grande. She has served in the National Guard for only five years and according to her grandmother, Ellen Stevenson, it is quite a feat for her to have earned this honor in such a short amount of time.

kept this group vibrant and going!

Perfect Attendance Awards Presented

At the Hawks second quarter assembly perfect attendance awards were presented to: Sage Anderson, Dallin Stocks, Adelaid Walden, Abigail Densley, Gideon Farber, Lance Kerns, Elissa Nilsen, Silas Talbott, Ben Terteling, Ezra Thomas, Oakley Anderson, Wesley Kerns, Madison Schisler, Eowyn Smith, Ulrich Warner, Katelyn Barker, David Farber, Caleb Kerns, Russell Walden, McKay Anderson, Ian Dinger, Sidney Cross, Wyatt Hawkins, Jessica Polkowske, Gus Terteling and Clayton Dennis.

Class awards went to the third grade for the Mighty Tidy Award; second grade won the Library Award, fourth grade for Music & Cafeteria and first grade for the PE Recognition. The combined fifth and sixth grades earned the Assembly Award.

Thank you

Teri Brown-Johnson has been the Haines correspondent for the past few years. It takes a lot of dedication and we appreciate her service very much. In the future, anyone wishing to contribute to the Haines column should email Gina Perkins directly at news@therconline.com or call the office at 541-856-3615.

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Want to Have Clean Drinking Water and Ability to Flush Your Toilet?

Your Participation in the Community Income Survey is Critical

By Gina Perkins

The City of Haines received notice from the Infrastructure Finance Authority (IFA) that a Community Income Survey has been approved. The IFA provides crucial funding for small, rural communities like Haines to make improvements to infrastructure like water and wastewater projects. This funding, according to the IFA website, must benefit low and moderate income individuals in non-metropolitan cities and communities in Oregon.

Sounds like Haines, right? Guess again.

The IFA concluded from a survey conducted earlier that Haines has too many high income individuals within the community to qualify for the Community Block Grant funding. How in the world did they reach this conclusion? The parameter of the survey conducted was such that people who did not respond to the survey were automatically counted as being in the high income bracket.

Those communities which dispute the accuracy of the survey may request another independent Community Income Survey be conducted. For obvious reasons, the City of Haines disputes these results and made a requested to have another survey. That request was initially denied by Becky Baxter of the IFA. However, a letter written by attorney Dan VanThiel to the IFA clarifying information within the request, resulted in the IFA authorizing another survey according to Valerie Russell, City Recorder.

This is good news, but only if members of the Haines community will participate and provide the needed information. Questions will be asked about income but the information gathered will not be tied to an individual's name according to Mayor Jim Brown. Accurate data is critical.

Council member Don Adcock summed it up by saying, "If you want to have clean drinking water

and want to be able to flush the toilet, people need to take part in the survey." More information will be forthcoming in the near future regarding the time frame of the survey and what people can expect. It's possible the survey will be conducted by going door-to-door.

Dog Complaints Must be Made in Writing

In other business, the Dog Enforcement officer, Julie Bolling made a report to the council. People with any dog complaints need to contact Bolling directly at 541-403-4167 and complete a written complaint form.

Richard Howe of Planning and Zoning explained specific procedures which must be followed before any decision can be made regarding John Shurtleff's request.

Community Yard Sale Date Set

Council set the date for the Community Yard Sale to be the first Saturday in May.

Gravel Purchase

Josh Proebstel informed the Council that 681 tons of gravel can be purchased for the same amount of money for which they had purchased 203 tons previously. This will be used for street improvements and maintenance.

No Rent

The Council voted not to charge Jim Aldrich rent on the sewer farm property for this year. Aldrich agreed to pay the power costs associated with the operation of the irrigation pivot. The reason he is not being charged is because of the sewer pump failure which prevented irrigation water from being placed on the alfalfa at critical times according to Mayor Brown. This resulted in a significant reduction in the amount of acres per ton harvested.

Greg Walden Reintroduces Plan to Preserve Ambulance Services in Rural Oregon

U.S. Rep. Greg Walden (R-Hood River) announced Tuesday that he has reintroduced legislation to preserve emergency care in rural Oregon by ensuring that rural ambulance service providers are fairly paid for their services. The Medicare Ambulance Access, Fraud Prevention, and Reform Act of 2015 (H.R. 745) would end the uncertainty that rural ambulance services face over reimbursement from Medicare by making permanent appropriate rates for their services. Walden was joined in this effort by other lawmakers in the House and Senate from both parties.

"Rural ambulance services save lives and provide needed care in Oregon every day, and they must have the resources they need to provide the highest quality care. But from Grants Pass and Medford to Redmond to The Dalles, I have heard from providers how un-

certainty over Medicare rates causes confusion and hampers care. This bipartisan legislation would end the uncertainty rural ambulance services face over Medicare reimbursement rates and allow them to answer calls for help no matter the day, hour, or patient's location," Walden said.

Under current law, Medicare's rates to reimburse ambulance services are significantly below the cost of delivering services, especially in rural areas. To address this shortfall, Congress regularly passes temporary legislative fixes to give the ambulance services higher rates. Every time this temporary relief is about to expire, it threatens the availability of ambulance services nationwide. This legislation would make these rate adjustments permanent to give ambulance providers certainty.



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When he isn't studying hard to keep up his good grades, **Kade Rudi** is working hard on his defensive skills out on the court. He says that he has been enjoying his third grade year so far, and math is his favorite subject. His favorite thing about basketball is shooting baskets. He is really looking forward to attending baseball camp and playing baseball season this spring.

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