

## Planning Commission to Hold Timber-Grazing Rezoning Hearing

On May 28, 2015 at 6 p.m., the Baker County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider a Plan Amendment for case number PA-15-001.

Leona Jones is the owner of property located in Baker County on Tax Lot 100 of Assessor's Map 10s39e29, which is currently zoned Primary Forest (PF). The property is, and has been since prior to 1983, in private ownership. The zoning maps created by Baker County in 1983 show the property as being within the Primary Forest Zone, however, this designation is only intended to apply to property managed by the federal government and contains no standards for privately owned property. In order to correct what appears to be a mapping error, Baker County proposes to re-zone the subject property as Timber-Grazing (T-G), a zone which includes standards for privately owned forested property.

The Baker County Zoning Ordinance (BCZO) requires a Plan Amendment to be processed as a Type IV procedure, which is a quasi-judicial process where the final decision is made by the Baker County Board of Commissioners after public notice and public hearing and a recommendation from the Planning Commission. In determining whether to grant the request, the Board of Commissioners will use the applicable criteria listed in BCZO Sections 360 and 430.

A copy of the application, all documents and evidence submitted by or on behalf of the applicant, and the applicable criteria are available for inspection at no cost and will be provided at reasonable cost. A digital copy of the documents can be emailed to you at no cost, or a hard copy can be mailed to you by post mail, upon request, for a reasonable cost.

The hearing will be held in the Commissioner's Chambers at the Baker County Courthouse, 1995 Third Street in Baker City.

If you have questions regarding the application for PA-15-001, please contact Planner Eva Ceder at (541)-523-8219 or [eceder@bakercounty.org](mailto:eceder@bakercounty.org), at the Planning Department, located in the basement of the courthouse.



## Knock Out Whitetop and Scotch Thistle with Free Herbicide

Baker County Weed District will again be offering free, fully mixed herbicide to help combat whitetop and scotch thistle. Bring chemical-resistant containers, preferably gas or oil cans, and a pair of chemical-resistant gloves. Please, no food containers.

Five gallon limit imposed for each residence.

**Note!** New location for Baker City Giveaways!

**Baker City - Old ODOT Building,**  
1050 S. Bridge Street - May 23 • 7 - 12 Noon

**Hereford Hall /Unity Hall -**  
June 5 - 9 a.m. in Hereford; 10:30 a.m. Unity



## Recommended Reads at Betty's Books

**'The Diaries of Harriet "Hattie" Dillabaugh'** is a recently published book with significant local connections. Mrs. Daniel

Dillabaugh, as she would have called herself, was born in Philadelphia in 1856, married a miner (who had fought in the Civil War) in Wyoming when she was 32 and kept a diary from that time until 1940. They lived in Baker City from 1892-1914 and this period of time is of particular interest, as she mentions local people, places and events. The entries are brief, with most of them concerning the details of everyday life, including how much of it was consumed with laundry, sewing, cooking and visiting with friends. She also chronicles her ailments of various sorts and the most surprising fact of the entire book is that she lived to the age of 89 in spite of her apparent poor health. She leaves the reader with many questions about what happened between the lines, but what is included piques the curiosity and helps to bring to life one family's existence right here more than 100 years ago. Her husband and sons were engaged in mining and traveled to Honduras twice to pursue mining opportunities there. An appendix of the book includes diary entries and a letter home from Honduras from the older son. The book was compiled by Jerry Ross, a descendant of her husband's brother, who came upon the diaries while doing genealogical research. It is a very large paperback book (8 X 11—600 pages) with clear print for \$20.

## Betty's Books

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## North Powder News

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April showers bring May flowers. Just a slight delay this year. We finally got a much needed rain, and it is still cloudy and cool. Listening to the rain on the roof makes for such a relaxing sleep.

### Travels

Happy travels to Mayor Bonita and her husband Jimmy on their trip to Louisiana. We hope the weather there cooperates. With flooding in Texas, snow in South Dakota, and tornadoes all over, I guess the safest way to travel is by plane.

### City Council

The city council held their first budget meeting last night. It was my first budget meeting as the new librarian, and I have to say, Mr. Bingham made it quite pleasurable. It was easy to follow and very well explained.

### Community

The Wolf Creek Grange had their awards presentation on Sunday, May 17 at 3 p.m. Awards were given to people who have contributed to the city, community, and school. Ernie Grende received the City Award. He has headed up the car show for 22 years, and also spent 15 years with the Lions Club and as announcer for the Huckleberry Festival. Jill Pedro was awarded the Community Service Award for her involvement with the kids during Huckleberry Festival, her work at increasing Sunday School attendance as the teacher for the children, and her work at the Sweet Heart dinner and the Silver Tea. The School award went to Teresa Weems for her dedicated work at the school as a volunteer, working in the class room, going on field trips, and working wherever she is

needed. Each received a plaque made by Curt Wiskoff. The program began with Master Carol Bouchard welcoming the group and giving a history of North Powder, followed by Eric Newman, playing on his clarinet. The awards were presented by Barbara Campbell.

We have a new employee at Evan's Corner. Stop in and say hi to Karlie Martin.

Red Hats went to the BBQ Shack in La Grande this month. Fifteen ladies attended, and had a great meal and a great time visiting and sharing. Each lady brought a gift for the gift exchange. Next month it will be at Denny's in La-Grande.

### Pinochle Gals

The Haines/North Powder Pinochle gals met for lunch and cards at Martha Jane Spratling's. High score: Martha Jane Spratling

2nd High: Marjory Peck  
Low: Carla Wendt  
Double Pinochle prizes: Ilene Davis and Martha Spratling

Subs were June Bauck, Deana Foreman, and Carla Wendt.

### School News

Oh my goodness. If you missed the science fair, you missed a fun evening. Mr. Flanagan's table gathered quite the crowd. The bridges that the kids had made from popsicle sticks were being tested holding different weights. The bridges were placed at the end of two tables a few inches apart, and the kids got to attach a hanging platform on which they placed weights, until the bridge finally collapsed. The heaviest one I saw held about 45 pounds. What a fun time for the kids. I also watched

kids place their hands in about four inches of homemade quick sand, and strain to withdraw their hands. It took some major effort. Fun was also to be had at the toilet paper display put on by the fifth grade. It is amazing how much I did not know about toilet paper. They had really researched the texture, biodegradability, and softness. Charmin Ultra won the softest. My grandson Reece explained this all to me. Another fun activity consisted of trying to pick up seeds with tongs like a chick's beak. The first grade hatched out three little chicks. Every class had an awesome presentation, and I am sorry I cannot name them all.

Paige Marlia was presented as Primary Student of the Third Quarter by Mrs. Smith.

The school green house is open and selling plants. Flowers, tomatoes, and much more. It is open 8-5 p.m.

### Library News

Don't forget to register your children for the summer reading program. Come to the library, see Mrs. Weems, and get ready for a fun summer of reading, along with programs and parties. We will also be in the Huckleberry Parade as our favorite heroes.

The Library will be closed May 25 for Memorial Day. It will open again Friday. Come check out our picture wall of North Powder in the early years.

We got a new bike rack at the library. Thank you FFA boys and Mr. Newman for making it. We love it.

We have VHS for sale for \$0.50, and lots of new books to check out. Stop in and check it out.

### Upcoming Events

May 27- Activities Award Banquet, 6:30 p.m.  
June 4- Last day of school  
June 27- Annual city wide yard sale

Have a great week, hug your kids, and wave to your neighbor. Blessings.

## Pine & Eagle Valley News

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### VFW

The Halfway Post #7847 will be doing Memorial Day Services on Monday, May 25, 2015 at 11 a.m. at the Eagle Valley Cemetery in Richland, and at 12 p.m. at the Pine Valley Cemetery in Halfway. Please join the VFW and the Auxiliary to honor our veterans.

### Weather

Oh my gosh. It is difficult to put the weather of every season into one day. But that is what we have had, and no area in Eastern Oregon has been immune. We have experienced the full gamete, and yesterday the hail played havoc on my flowers.

### Hood to Coast

Mary Jo St. Clair, local Halfwayite took part in the 56 mile Hood to Coast Bike Ride over the weekend.

### Bingo

Friday night VFW bingo had 19 persons to play and try for the new \$800 jackpot this week. The regular pots were \$11. Both blackout jackpots stayed in the hall, so, on our next bingo night of May 22, the regular jackpot will be \$55 for 56 numbers called, and the special jackpot will be \$800 for 56 numbers. Come on out. The games start at 7 p.m. sharp.

### Community Yard Sale

A Community yard sale will be held on Saturday, May 30 at the New Bridge Grange from 9 to 2 p.m. Lunch will be served. For \$4, you will have a sandwich, salad, and beverage. There is sure to be a treasure there just for you.

### Contest

A poster contest is in place for

Eagle Valley Days. It is open to all ages 18 and under. You are asked to draw, color, or paint an original picture for the theme "From the Machine Age to the Space Age." Put your name, age, and phone number on a corner on the backside of the paper. Drop it off at either the Halfway or Richland Library, or mail it to Cindy Plano, 35826 Sawmill Lane, Richland, Oregon 97870. Winners of each age group (6 and under, 7-12, and 13-18) will be Junior Marshals in the parade over Eagle Valley Days. Submit your entry by May 30.

### My Eye

Thank you all for your concern, and I am on the mend. My left eye is still cloudy, but is much better from last Monday. They say it will take four weeks. Patience is not my strong-suit, but apparently I have no choice on this one.

### 5K/10K Walk/Run/Stroll through Hells Canyon

The event was held on Saturday, May 16, 2015. This year, the fifth annual, there were 86 participants. The weather was lovely, the event was well organized, and all had a great time. There were babes in strollers, runners, walkers, and bicyclists. Following the event, there was a silent auction, fabulous BBQ, and music by the Halfwits at the Pine Creek Inn. Note - one of the runners was from Canada. She and her husband drove from Montana to Oxbow that morning for the event.

### No School

There is no school on Monday, May 25, in honor of Memorial Day.

### Pre-School

Pre-School graduation will be held on May 27, at 9 a.m. in the pre-school building.

### Spring Concert

At 6 p.m. on May 27, the Spring Concert will be held in the ol' Halfway Elementary Gym. It is sure to be fabulous.

### Blood Drive

A Pine Eagle Charter School student, Ryan Rau, is organizing a blood draw with the Red Cross in Halfway, on Thursday, May 28 from 9 to 3 p.m. at the Lions Hall. To schedule your appointment, give Ryan a call at 541-785-3761.

Ryan is enrolled in a program at EOU called Future Health Profes-

sionals of Oregon. As part of Ryan's class, the students must either do a job shadow or put together a blood drive. So please sign up and participate. The life you save could be your own.

### Play Days

Deania Corrigan has set the dates for the series of three Play Days. The Play Days will start at 7 p.m. in the Rodeo Arena at the Pine Valley Fairgrounds on June 15, July 13, and August 10. To volunteer or for more information, give Deania a call at 541-742-4584.

### Biscuits and Gravy

The Pine Valley Grange will be hosting their Biscuits and Gravy starting at 8 a.m. on Saturday, May 23. The cost is \$4 for two homemade biscuits and gravy. An extra \$0.50 per egg, hash browns, or biscuit.

### Community Dance

The evening of May 23, starting at 7 p.m., is the Community dance at the Pine Valley Grange. A table will be set up for those who would like to bring finger foods.

### Cycle Oregon

Last Wednesday, May 13, the Cycle Oregon steering group of 30 people came to town. A huge thank you to George and Lynette Hauptman for hosting the event. George Hauptman, Ralph Smead, and Ira Stutzman were the barbecuers. Lynette and Craig Jackson were cooks extraordinaire.

On Thursday, the group took a look at all of the logistics, which included a walk around the school campus with Cammie Rowen and Shawn Thatcher. Shelley Welch and I took two of the Medical staff over to the Clinic to meet with P.A. Krissy and Dentist Warren Whitnah. Paige Frederickson, City of Halfway, took others to see where gray water, good water, etc was located.

We can now look forward to the event, which will be held in September. Many organizations are participating, and lots of volunteers are needed. If you'd like to participate, please call me, Tami, at 742-4340 and sign up.

### Ending

And so, as we wrap up this week's news, I have to tell you that it was great fun taking part in the walk on the river. Sadly, I hadn't been walking as much as normal with the wild eye issue. So Pallee and I entered, thinking we would just do the 10K. What was I thinking? Well, we completed it; the weather was lovely, the walk long. The next morning my muscles were talking in languages that I had never heard before. Oh my goodness.

Please be safe on this Memorial Day Weekend. May we end with this thought by Maya Angelou, who shared, "How important it is for us to recognize and celebrate our heroes and she-roses!"

Submitted photo

Kat Davis won for silliest hat at the run walk stroll.



# EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FAIR

## May 30, 2015 • 9 - 5

National Guard Armory • 1640 Campbell Street • Baker City  
This FREE fair will help you and your family start to prepare for disasters

BE informed • MAKE a plan • BUILD a kit • GET involved

Preparedness Kits • Fire Starting Station • Weather Spotter • HAM Radio • Immunizations  
First-Aid Kits • Resources • And more!

If you have questions please call Baker County Emergency Management 541.523.9669