

Pine & Eagle Valley News

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Oh my, it is hot. Larry Cantrell captured a temperature of 113 degrees on his thermometer in Halfway on Friday. It has been hot, hot, hot.

Fourth of July

Where do you want to be on July 4? in Halfway, Oregon of course. The parade starts at 5 p.m. Live music by the Brady Goss Band is at the fair grounds. Kids games, pie auction and fireworks! Come on down, the event is free. Bring a blanket, chairs, sunscreen and mosquito spray.

The deep pit Beef BBQ dinner costs are \$15 adult, \$8 child. The dinner includes deep pit BBQ, cowboy beans, coleslaw and beverage.

Brady Goss sent out a huge welcome on this youtube video. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S7k4ekntag8&feature=share>

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VFW Bingo

Dorothy Brower shared the following - The VFW Bingo hall was nice and cool while outside it was very hot. We had 16 persons come out to play bingo. We had a family from California who have a place here also, and I believe the last name is Huff. We also had three nice young fellows come in. They were here from Spokane Washington and riding bicycles all the way. They were going to Hells Canyon tomorrow and then back to attend the Junior Rodeo.

The pots were \$7 each. The jackpots thought it was too hot outside and decided to stay in one more time. The next bingo will be July 10. The regular jackpot

will be \$70 for 59 numbers called and the special jackpot is \$800 for 56 numbers. This is not a misprint. We have decided to up this jackpot, so come on out and try for the big bucks. The consolation of \$14 was won by Mrs. Huff and one of the bicycle riders.

Hells Canyon Jr. Rodeo

It was a hot one, but a good one. Parade, two days of rodeo and now awaiting the results. Main Street Stage

An eclectic three piece group entertained us at the Main Street Stage in Halfway last Sunday. One of the musicians played a saw. It was an interesting sound...it could sing. Coming up at the end of the month - Kathryn Claire - July 31 starting at 7 p.m. www.kathrynclairemusic.com

Ending

Looking forward to a Fabulous 4th of July. Halfway, Oregon. There is no place like home. For all who are coming to town, drive carefully...arrive safely. And we end with -

My patriotic heart beats red, white, and blue. ~Author Unknown

Clear Creek Music Festival Enters its Fifth Year

Once again the hills of Halfway, Ore. will be alive with the sound of music. The Clear Creek Music Festival celebrates a half-decade of music making with activities from July 8-24. The two-week program for select college-age students taught by internationally known music faculty offers three public concerts by Festival students and faculty, the last of which will include the world-premiere of the first in a series of compositions entitled "Scenes from the Oregon Trail" by Festival Composer-in-Residence Dr. Blaise Ferrandino.

An exciting new feature of this summer's activities will be the Clear Creek Junior Piano Festival, held from July 8-14. This program, for pianists from age 8-high school, will provide concentrated enrichment instruction for young students and the opportunity to perform in a supportive, non-competitive atmosphere. Space remains in the program for local students and scholarships are available for area students.

In addition to the instruction and group sessions, internationally known guest pianists Deborah and Chung Lee will present a workshop on Saturday, July 11. They will discuss their experiences teaching piano in S. Korea and Hawaii, perform new piano teaching literature, and offer a master class in which Festival participants and students of local teachers may perform in a non-competitive atmosphere. Piano teachers, students, and all persons interested in an international perspective on music making are invited to attend this day-long event.

As in the past, there are many kinds of opportunities for the residents of Baker County to participate in the Festival. This year, the Festival/Community Chorus for teens and adults takes on Bach, a setting of "The Lord is My Shepherd" by John Rutter, and Joseph Martin's "The Music of Life."

Lauren White Escalante returns to conduct the Clear Creek Kids camp Monday,



Submitted photo
Deborah Weingard Lee and Dr. Chung Lee present a piano workshop for the Clear Creek Music Festival in Halfway, Saturday, July 11.

Wednesday, and Friday afternoons. Along with fun and games, the children will learn and perform a new song written just for them to a text from "A Child's Garden of Verses" by Robert Lewis Stevenson.

The "Conversations on the Arts" provide an opportunity to gain insight into the works performed on the concerts and to share your own creative ideas in art, poetry, and of course, music. Pre-concert talks will also be held at 6:30 before each concert to provide interesting context and background on the works to be performed.

Registration is required for Clear Creek Kids chorus, Community/Festival chorus, the Conversations program, lessons, and the Piano Festival/Workshop activities. Registration forms, including the discounted fees for local students, are at the Hell's Canyon Journal office and the Halfway Library. Contact the festival at clearcreek@flash.net or Sheila Allen at 682 553-8662 for additional information or to receive an e-mail registration form.

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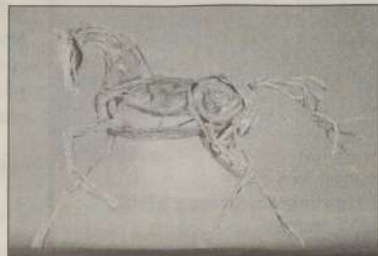
First Friday Art Exhibition for July 3, 2015

The Crossroads Carnegie Art Center welcomes five local artists creating artwork inspired by Horses. Nancy Allen will be showing pen & ink, and colored pencil artwork. Terri Berthelsen is showing rawhide Braiding. William Lee Huston will show saddles and silversmith work. Brenna Tyler will be showing her sculptures.

Nancy Allen, is a colored pencil and pen and ink artist; she is also a signature member of The American Academy of Equine Art. Terri Berthelsen studied with Tim George, a braider for Hamley's Western Store in Pendleton. William Lee Huston, specializes in Treeless Soft Saddles, quality leather work and custom silver work. Jean Huston, has been working side by side with Bill Huston for years. Brenna Tyler, is a sculptor. Brenna creates limited edition bronze sculpture, one of kind sculpture and oil paintings.

On First Friday July 3, there will be an opening reception for the artists from 5:30- to 8 p.m.

This exhibition is made



- "The Horse Show"

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Light Refreshments provided by Friends of Crossroads. Music by Gene Nelson and Debbie Friedman. No host bar by Copper Belt Wineries. This exhibition will be on display and available for purchase through Saturday, Aug. 1.

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