

Classifieds

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The LDS Family History Center, 2625 Hughes Lane is open Tuesday 1-4 p.m.; Wednesday 10-1 p.m. and 5:30-8:30 p.m.; Thursday 10-1 p.m.; Friday 1-4 p.m. and by appointment. (Phone 541-523-2397 during regular hours or 541-524-9691 any time) Consultants help everyone use Ancestry.com; Find My Past; Heritage Quest Online and other family history websites free of charge.



The BHS class of 1985 will hold a class reunion in Baker City the weekend of **July 24, 2015.** For further information call Kristin Retherford at 503-307-3316 or email bakerhs85@gmail.com

FOR SALE

Equipment for Sale

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FOUND

FOUND: Small older black and brown female dog on Broadway. Call Best Friends of Baker, Inc. 541-519-7387 or 541-519-4530.

LEGAL

The Baker School District is now accepting bids for the 2015-16 school year. We are looking for food/non-food bids, milk bids and bread bids. For detailed lists of items and more information, please contact Jessica Wickert at 541-524-2260.

LIVESTOCK

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PUBLIC MEETINGS

Powder Valley Water Control District meets the 2nd Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at 690 E. Street, North Powder, OR 97867.

The **North Powder Rural Fire Protection District** meets the second Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Rural Fire Building, 340 "E" Street, North Powder.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

The **Baker Rural Fire District** meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Pocahontas Fire Station, with the exception of May and June when they hold their budget meeting at 6 p.m. with the regular meeting following at 7 p.m.

The **North Powder Cemetery Maintenance District** meets the fourth Tuesday of the month at 5 p.m. at the Grange in North Powder.

The **Haines Fire Protection District** will meet on the first Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Haines Public Library.

Celebrate Recovery: Hurts, Habits, and Hangups; Tuesdays at 6:15 p.m. in the Family Life Center, 1250 Hughes Lane, Baker City

Veterans Safe Zone: Veterans Support Group; 1st and 3rd Monday of every month at 6 p.m. in the left wing of the Nazarene Church, 1250 Hughes Lane, Baker City

Safe Haven: Alzheimer/Dementia Caregivers Support Group. Second Friday of every month at 11:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall (right wing of Nazarene Church). Lunch will be provided. 1250 Hughes Lane, Baker City

Burnt River Irrigation District meets the second Tuesday of every month at 1 p.m. at the office of Silven, Schmeits & Vaughan. 1950 Third Street in Baker City.

The **Medical Springs Rural Fire Department** meeting is the 1st Thursday of every month, 7 p.m. at Pondosa Station.

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LEGAL NOTICE

2015 OTEC Unclaimed Capital Credits

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Publishing in Baker City, Oregon - *Baker City Herald* and *Baker County Press* - July 2015. *Record Courier* - July, August, September and October 2015, in Burns, Oregon - *Burns Times Herald* - July 2015, John Day, Oregon - *Blue Mountain Eagle* - July 2015, La Grande, Oregon - *La Grande Observer* - July 2015.

Commissioners Unanimously Uphold Planning Commission's Decision

By Emily Braswell

There was obvious relief on the faces of the Gullick Pit property owners, Kerry Gulick and Linda McEwan, as some closure was brought to the past year and a half of hearings, appeals and enough printed documents to structure a small mansion. Last Wednesday, during a Special Commission Session, the Baker County Planning Commission and the Baker County Board of Commissioners agreed, and voted to approve, the conditional use (CU-13-011) modification allowing the continued operation of the 15-acre Gullick rock pit, located in Halfway, Ore.

The rock pit was created in 1997 and added to the Baker County Comprehensive Land Use Plan as Site No. 157. Over the course of next several years, the pit owners were approved for more Conditional Use permits, as well as temporary and permanent modifications of previous permits, for expansion and increased activity for the aggregate mining operation.

In 2013, the most recent application, CU-13-011, was approved with conditions by the Planning Commission. An appeal to their decision was filed with the Board of Commissioners and at the conclusion of the hearing on Jan. 29, 2014, the Commissioners affirmed the Planning Commission's approval decision. Taking the matter one step further, Barbara Dion appealed both Commissioners' decisions to the Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA) in February 2014. LUBA remanded the Commissioner's decision in Dec. 2014, finding two specific approval criteria inadequate.

The Planning Commission held a hearing on May 28, 2015, and held the record open for additional testimony until 5 p.m. on June 4. Addressing the two LUBA discoveries, they added the necessary additional findings from the record for Baker County Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance (BCZSO) 602.B, "specifically with respect to the impacts analysis regarding noise, dust and property values from approved mining versus outright permitted uses," and BCZSO 301.06.F.1, with respect to "the adequacy of the road system to accommodate the cumulative, long term impacts of truck traffic on county roads." A public Special Session on June 10, 2015 was held where the Planning Commission unanimously approved the proposed modified Conditional Use Permit.

Receiving yet another appeal on June 19 for the Planning Commission's June 10 decision, the Baker County Board of Commissioners held a hearing on July 8, addressing the appeal based only on record review; no new testimony was to

be considered.

The basis of Dion's appeal addressed three issues on behalf of the Planning Commission: their failure to address all elements of the LUBA Remand, their failure to address all provisions of applicable Baker County Approval Criteria, and their failure to adopt findings based on substantial evidence in the record with regard to each remand matter and applicable Baker County approval criteria. Her testimony was submitted via email at 1:47 a.m. on the morning of the hearing. It included both record reference and new testimony, and so a 45 minute recess was given so Baker County Planning Department employees and Baker County Attorney Dan Van Thiel could review Dion's email. All new evidence within email was remanded before it was submitted to the Commissioners.

Back in session, the Commissioners reviewed the Planning Department's staff report and recommendations, as well as the testimony given by both parties.

"The burden of explanation is on the applicant to prove that the Planning Commission was in error...and the Board is welcome to say that the issues have not been brought forward in a way that allows you to address them," Planning Department Head Holly Kerns explained as she addressed Commissioner Mark Bennett concern for Board consideration of appeals that lack of specificity.

No other testimony was heard and the Board also took into account the staff report findings were supported by Van Thiel.

Bennett recapped the recommended findings for each of the three broad arguments listed by the appellant, reasserting how all components of the LUBA remand were addressed and that they were not specific enough, nor were they supported by sufficient statements or evidence to allow for adequate responses from the Board.

The Baker County Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to affirm and uphold the Planning Commission's decision for the LUBA Remanded Portion of CU-13-011, and allowing the continued operation of the Gullick Pit as it sits within the Exclusive Farm Use Zone. This decision can be appealed to the Land Use Board of Appeals, in accordance with the Board's rules and procedures. It was not known at the conclusion of the meeting whether or not another appeal would surface.

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From the Baker County Sheriff

The Baker County Sheriff's Office would like to warn residents about a fraud/money scheme that is surfacing in the area. There have been reports of citizens being contacted by phone and told they have won cars, cash and a multi-million dollar prize from Publisher's Clearing House (PCH).

The very convincing operator informs you (s)he is going to guide you through the very lengthy process and starts by instructing you to send payments to pay for "tax form fees." Most of the instructions will request you wire or transfer funds to various accounts but they also ask that payments be mailed with cash or checks. In an effort to gain your trust, once the process begins they will send you funds from various sources for you to deposit into personal accounts, only to be reversed later and leave you with overdraft charges.

The originating phone calls are untraceable and the number they give you to call back, goes to Jamaica which results in extensive long distance phone charges. This scam is very elaborate and has a network of victims spanning all over the United States with individual losses in the thousands.

The Baker County Sheriff's Office is currently investigating an open case with local reports and working with many outside agencies to recover losses. Although PCH does have legitimate prizes, please consider that if you receive an unsolicited call stating you have won a grand prize or a large amount of money, it is most likely a scam.

Because of the international judicial limitations it is recommended you hang up on these persistent callers but more importantly do not give out any information and especially do not send any form of payment to receive prizes or large amounts of money without first researching and confirming the caller's identity.

Any form of suspicious funds sent to you without knowing the origination should be reported to local law enforcement. More detailed information about this scam can be found at PCH website.