



Pine & Eagle Valley News

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This week has brought us a taste of fall weather. Seriously? Yes, Monday night in Halfway the temperatures dipped to 44 degrees. The break in the heat has been enjoyable and the zucchini is coming on.

Bingo

The VFW hall Friday night bingo had 21 persons show up, three from Eagle Valley, and the pots were \$12 each. I thought for sure

that the jackpots would go out the door but, alas, they decided to stay in. When we have our next bingo on Aug. 14, the regular jackpot will be \$80 for 61 numbers and the Special bingo remains at \$800 for 56 numbers. Faye Bergman won the consolation of \$27. Come out and enjoy a fun night of bingo and visiting with friends.

Ice Cream Social

The New Bridge Grange held

their Annual Awesome Homemade Ice Cream Social this last Sunday afternoon at the Richland Community Park. The ice cream was delicious, music delightful, volunteerism in abundance. An award was given to Frank and Shirley Randall who have been part of the New Bridge Grange for 63 years, members since 1952, the year they were married. The Citizen of the Year Award went to Mike Lattin. Thanks to all who make the event of the ice cream social, well...so social.

Clear Creek Music Festival

The Clear Creek Music Festival had two lovely weeks in Halfway. It was fun to watch as the youth and adults would scurry up and down Main Street in anticipation of playing their various instruments

or hearing. "It's a beautiful night for a concert" in a beautiful tenor voice. From all reports, the event was well attended, very enjoyable, beautiful music and looking forward to next year.

Ending

A reminder that you have got to give me a helping hand with the news. These last few months with this eye issue has been interesting. But the good news is, is that hopefully it is going to run its course. The prednisone diet is making me

puffy and fluffy. But it is doing what it needs to do to help me have vision in my left eye.

So with that being said, have a fabulous week. Let's get something done while the weather is cool and we can get outside and do it. And we shall end this week's news with Inside some of us is a thin person struggling to get out, but they can usually be sedated with a few pieces of chocolate cake. ~Author Unknown

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I asked her about ISIS and she shared with me information from the exclusive interview she had with General John Allen in March of this year for NPR (which can be found at <http://www.npr.org/2015/03/22/394636772/gen-allen-irans-involvement-complicates-anti-isis-effort>).

Interestingly, she brought the conversation about ISIS back to school sports, marching band, and 4-H. She explained that many of the young men training with ISIS are lost. Many are only second generation. She said they do not have a sense of community or an opportunity to belong to anything like school sports or organizations like 4-H. She says the locals know and understand this but the opportunities simply don't exist.

She has two young sons and says while they have access to many wonderful

things and the opportunity to travel, she would love at some point to move back to the United States so they can know what it's like to be on a school sports team with school colors and all of the trappings. She said she'd love for them to have the opportunity to bake brownies for a county fair or play in the school band.

"They've been to Rome, they speak two languages, they're receiving an exceptional education, but they've never done anything like that. I want them to have the same high school experience I did, to experience a county fair," she said.

I asked her if she had words of advice she might want to share with young people here. She emphasized that many of her colleagues were Harvard graduates and came from powerful families. "But I certainly did not. I had

\$300 when I went to college and took my horse. I shoveled horse poop, gave riding lessons and wrote for my local paper. I graduated from a state school. I worked hard and I was willing to go places others wouldn't go and tell stories they wouldn't tell. This will apply to anything. You can do anything."

Teri Schultz currently is a Brussels-based free lance radio reporter, mostly covering the European Union and Nato for NPR and CBS. On the day we met for coffee, she was celebrating having recovered from breast cancer after being diagnosed three years prior. If you are interested in hearing or reading any of her interesting reporting, a simple Google search will lead you to many of her interviews. Schultz has also offered to send the Record-Courier news stories from time to time.

Kevin Cassidy Elected 5J School Board Chairman

by Emily Braswell

The members of the District-5-J School Board were all in agreement as they nominated and voted for the next board Chairman. Previous Chairman Andrew Bryan attended the July School Board meeting via conference call and he nominated Vice Chairman Kevin Cassidy to fill the position he held for the past two years, the maximum for any member to serve in that position. The vote was unanimous, with Cassidy abstaining from the vote. Melissa Irvine was nominated and elected unanimously as Vice Chairman.

Cassidy thanked the other members and stated, "There is some significance to me personally, as 40 plus years ago, my grandfather actually sat right here as the Board Chair for this District. That's one reason why I knew that this was something I could do for community service and I hope that I can help facilitate this Board well."

Wellness Checkups for All Students in 7th, 9th, 11 grades

As the beginning of the school comes closer, the yearly checklists are being double checked. One of the items on that checklist is a yearly physical for grades seven, nine and 11. It's not just for athletes anymore. Dr. Melissa Knutson of the Saint Alphonsus Medical Group spoke on behalf of the several community groups who will be coming together to provide an all-encompassing, comprehensive examination for each adolescent in those three grades.

The comprehensive exams are being provided through 100 percent volunteerism of community members from St. Luke's Medical Associates, Saint Alphonsus Hospital and Clinics, the Baker County Health Department, New Directions Behavioral Health and Wellness, the Baker 5-J School District and more. Some of the stations students will be sent through, such as the Behavioral, Mental, and Sexual Health, are new additions to the yearly checkup and are being provided with the hope to provide early intervention in these areas.

Again, the Wellness Physicals will be available to all students in the three listed grades, and will be provided free of charge. Seventh graders will be seen on Aug. 3,

Ninth graders will be seen on Aug. 4, and Eleventh graders will be seen on Aug. 5. All physicals will be at St. Luke's Eastern Oregon Medical Associates at 5 p.m. for girls and at 6 p.m. for boys each evening.

Board Members Sworn In

Newly elected (and re-elected) Board members Andrew Bryan, Chris Hawkins and Melissa Irvine recited the Oath of Office as they were officially sworn in by new Superintendent Mark Witt. They will each be serving four-year terms as School Board Members.

A very long list of action items followed the Board elections. Most were re-approvals and some were either new positions or had a different employee filling an old position. All items were approved in their entirety, including: appointing Doug Dalton as the CFO/business manager/Deputy clerk and as budget officer, designating the Baker City Herald as the District's legal newspaper of record, designating Clarke and Clarke as the insurance agents of record, appointing Dan Strack as Safety Officer, and appointing Betty Palmer as Title II Coordinator.

Chinese Students and Teachers Introduced

Superintendent Witt introduced Mr. and Mrs. Li to the Board. They, along with 11 of their students, are on a three-week visit to Baker City from Xi'an, Shaanxi, China as part of a cultural exchange program being spearheaded by Witt. The goal for the program is to establish an ongoing exchange, where groups of students from Baker can visit Xi'an, and students from Xi'an can come here. During the introductions, Mr. Li took the opportunity to present a large banner with Chinese calligraphy to the Board and let them know how grateful he was for himself and his students to be able to benefit from the opportunity to visit new places and learn new things. Loosely translated, the banner says, "Virtue, knowledge, energies, and doing the right things."

Photos of the exchange students and the activities they have participated in can be seen on Baker High School's Facebook page: www.facebook.com/bakerbulldogs.

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Answers to last week's puzzles

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10. Shred (2 wds)
15. Replacement for a flat (2 wds; var. spell.)
16. Cosmic energy from the sun
17. Apronlike over-dresses
18. Bison features
19. Victorian, for one
20. Walt Kelly's cartoon possum
21. Handle of a joiner's plane
22. Words with identical end sounds
25. PC linkup
26. Curt
27. Begins
29. "The Turtle" poet
31. Balloon filler
32. Destroy the interior of
33. "... bitten, twice shy"
34. Checkers, e.g.
35. Owl
38. Crusty deposit on teeth
40. Vitality
41. Mouth, in slang
43. Grassland
44. "... he drove out of sight"
45. "Men always hate most what they most": Mencken
46. Deeds, actions or events
50. Andrea Bocelli, for one
52. Branch
54. "La Traviata" mezzo
55. Male sheep (British)
56. "Well done!"
58. What "it" plays
59. Dental filling
61. Sweetbrier
64. Oater transport
65. Influences past events
66. Fine-tunes
67. Most arrogant | coins
2. Apparition
3. Canal site
4. Bank offering, for short
5. Call, as a game
6. Above
7. Austrian province whose capital is Innsbruck
8. Mint family member
9. Strong and deep in tone
10. Engine speed, for short
11. About to explode
12. Wide view of landscape
13. More anxious
14. Part between the fetlock and hoof
23. "Cogito ___ sum"
24. Speech disorder
26. Because of that (law)
28. Back | 30. Almost boil
35. Regarding this point (law)
36. Having no or few dividing walls between areas (hyph.)
37. Those who cause extensive damage
39. Detective, at times
40. Easily irritated
42. Substance that produces fever
47. Printed announcement
48. Consents to perform or fulfill
49. Having extreme wisdom and calm judgment
51. ___ orange
53. Very (music)
57. Blowgun ammo
60. "Absolutely!"
62. "... a chance"
63. Clavell's "___-Pan" |
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Hello, my name is **Latina** and I am a real cutie. I have been with Best Friends of Baker, Inc. for two weeks. I am currently living with three adults and two young children who spend a lot of time playing with me and teaching me my social skills. I am no longer fighting a leash and have learned that the leash means I get to go on walks with the kids and other dogs. I am just now being introduced to the basic commands of being a great family pet. I am not house trained. I now weigh about 7 pounds and am too young to be vaccinated so that will have to wait. I am hoping to find a wonderful family that will have lots of time for me and will allow me to continue being an indoor dog. I will make a great lap dog and walking companion and will be the most loyal family member ever. Please take another look at my cute picture, then pick up the phone and call Carmen at 541-519-4530 or Best Friends of Baker, Inc.

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