



Haines Elementary School starts Monday, Aug. 31

Photo by Gina Perkins

(At left) new principal, Skye Flanagan and teachers enjoyed lunch at the Frontier Restaurant on Tuesday. They are all busy preparing for students. Pictured (left starting from back): Mrs. Black - 3rd Grade; Mrs. Bogardus - 4th Grade; Mrs. Belding - 1st Grade; Mr. Flanagan - Principal; (Right starting across from Mr. F) Mrs. Marlia - Pre-K/Special Education; Mrs. Peppera - Kindergarten; Mrs. Collier - 2nd Grade; and Mrs. Evans - 5th/6th Grade.

Baker City Planning Commission to Hold Public Hearing

On Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2015 at 7 p.m. the Baker City Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider the following requests:

CUP-15-061 - Acom Consulting, on behalf of Verizon Wireless Communications, has applied for a Conditional Use Permit to construct a 100 foot high transmission tower on 2960 East Street, Baker City in the Industrial (I) Zone. The property is also listed as Tax Lot 1400 of Assessor's Map 09s40e16BA and is owned by Donald and Roberta Fink. A single family residence and outbuildings are currently on the subject parcel.

The subject property is located within 100 feet of a residential zone, setting height standards for structures at 38 feet. As the proposed transmission tower will exceed the height maximum, a Conditional Use Permit is required. Acom Consulting has submitted renderings, a site plan, and data explaining both the need for a transmission tower and its safety relative to proximity of residences.

CUP-15-062 - Acom Consulting, on behalf of Verizon Wireless Communications, has applied for a Conditional Use Permit to construct a 100 foot high transmission tower on 2431 11th Street, Baker City in the Industrial (I) Zone. The property is also listed as Tax Lot 1800 of Assessor's Map 09s40e17CA and is owned by Randall Kramer. A shop is currently on the subject parcel.

The height standards for the General Industrial District are 50 feet. As the proposed transmission tower will exceed the height maximum, a Conditional Use Permit is required. Acom Consulting has submitted renderings, a site plan, and data explaining both the need for a transmission tower and its safety relative to proximity of residences.

CUP-15-063 and VAR-15-064 - Applicant, Amy Briels, and property owner, Nanci Shepard, have applied for a Conditional Use Permit to use a pre-existing

residence as a professional office space. Additionally, a Variance request has been submitted to allow the use of the pre-existing residence as a commercial office space under a Condition Use Permit, as required for structures in excess of 2,000 square feet. The subject property is located at 2419 Main Street, Baker City in the Residential High-Density (R-HD) Zone, and is also known as Tax Lot 100 of Assessor's Map 09s40e17da. The proposed change in use will provide professional office space for the real estate services of Compass Real Estate, Inc. An ADA-compliant access ramp will be added to the building. No changes are proposed for the existing parking configuration.

The public is invited to attend this hearing and to submit comments. Testimony and relevant evidence, either in support of or in opposition to the proposal, must be based on the applicable review criteria and submitted to the Planning Department by 5 p.m., on the hearing date, Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2015, or in person during the hearing. The Planning Commission will review the aforementioned applications based on testimony submitted by the applicant, Planning Department and impacted parties.

A copy of the application, all documents and evidence submitted by or on behalf of the applicant and applicable criteria are available for inspection at no cost and will be provided at a reasonable cost. The staff report for CUP-15-045 will be available for inspection on Sept. 9th, 2015; copies will be provided for a reasonable charge, digital versions will be e-mailed for free.

The hearing will be held in Council Chambers at Baker City Hall 1655 FIRST STREET, BAKER CITY, OR. If you have questions regarding the aforementioned applications, please contact Planner Kelly Howsley-Glover at (541)-523-8219 or kglover@bakercity.org, or at the Planning Department, located in the basement of the courthouse.

Powder River Correctional Facility Held Annual Family Day

Powder River Correctional Facility (PRCF) held its third Annual Family Day Event on July 25. The event was attended by 50 adults in custody and 164 friends and family members.

This year's event included a petting zoo, face painting, three-legged races, Bingo, fishing, and more. Local community volunteers and PRCF staff were on hand for a fun-filled day that has become one of PRCF's most popular facility occasions. Family Day was created to help families and friends understand the importance of their role in the successful transition of their loved ones back into Oregon's communities.

Events such as this at PRCF are part of an overall effort to increase visiting and family engagement at all 14 Oregon Department of Corrections prisons. Research shows that those who stay connected and receive visits while in-

carcerated are more likely to be successful when they release.

PRCF is a minimum-security prison in Baker City that houses approximately 366 male inmates who are within four years of release. PRCF serves as a transition and re-entry facility and is focused on cognitive programming, work programs, and preparing inmates for return to the community. PRCF is home to the 128-bed New Directions (Drug and Alcohol Treatment) Alternative Incarceration Program. Individuals who successfully complete this 180-day in-prison program are released to the community for a 90-day transitional leave period. Individuals who successfully complete the transitional leave period are granted a reduction in their sentence and move to post-prison supervision. PRCF opened in November 1989.

From the Baker City Manager's Desk...

Baker Rural Fire Chief Dan Weitz and Baker City Fire Chief Mark John were trained this week on how to suppress fire should a hard landing occur with any of the ten helicopters that were stationed at the Baker City Airport.

The Planning Commission met on Aug. 19 at 7 p.m. to hear a Conditional Use Permit

application for a new shop at 1500 Vista Heights Drive and unanimously approved the application. The proposed shop is approximately 2,500 sq. ft.

Baker City is working with the Oregon Department of Transportation and Baker County to create an Interchange Area Management Plan for I-84 exits 302 and 306. Maps, information and project documents are available at the project website, <http://sites.kitelson.com/BakerCityIAMPs>.

Several miles of fence were patrolled this week by City per-

sonnel. The only break found was where a small tree had fallen across the fence in the Elk Creek area. The damage was reported to the grazing allotment permittee, who planned to repair the fence the following morning. There was no sign of cattle entering through the damaged fence. At this time there is a lot of cattle activity at the higher elevations along the Stovepipe Allotment boundary.

City staff searched the Watershed last week for cattle using the helicopter services of Baker Aviation. All the cattle spotted were on the grazing allotment side of the fence.

The Parks Department would like to thank the family of Dave Banta for donating a bench in his memory. The bench has been placed along the new section of Leo Adler Memorial Parkway near Wade Williams field.

A new LED light was installed along the Leo Adler Memorial Parkway at Kirkway and 'H' this week. The Baker City Lions Club has purchased exercise equipment that will be installed at this location in the new Lions Fitness Zone. The club also planted two trees earlier this summer in preparation for the equipment installation.

Look for yellow "Caution Herbicide Applied" signs this week along the Leo Adler Memorial Parkway, in Baker City parks, and at Mt. Hope Cemetery. Grass Master, the lawn care contractor for Baker City Parks and Cemetery Departments, will be applying herbicides in these areas to control the spread of broadleaf.

Starting Monday, Auburn Avenue is closed for west bound traffic between 4th and 7th Streets, for the next two to three weeks, as water crews will be installing a 16" ductile iron pipeline. The project will replace an old undersized 6" cast iron pipe.

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