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Haines News

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Mutual Improvement Club's 100th "Dues Luncheon"

The Mutual Improvement Club is selling chances on a Centennial Quilt that members made to celebrate 100 years in our community. The post office has the quilt on display and tickets are available. It's beautiful.

The Club is also planning to publish a Centennial Cookbook and is now gathering recipes to include. If you have recipes you would like to submit, either old time favorites or new quickies, please contact the Secretary Dotty Miles 541 377-5795.

Club members provided cookies for Blood Mobile donors and helped the Elkhorn Grange serve lunch at the end of Cycle Oregon.

The Oct. 14, 2015 meeting will be our Dues Luncheon and will be held at the Methodist Church at 11:30 a.m. Bring a salad or side dish, your own table service, and your \$5 dues. Evelyn Fisher will host the meeting. Election of officers will be held. Please bring two recipes for desserts for our cookbook.

Herd of 31

Jim and Rhea Patton took their Jeep up to Pine Creek Reservoir (which they say is completely dry) and then drove to the end of the road. During their excursion they saw 31 mountain goats.

"It was such a beautiful day and we had so much fun watching them (the goats)," said Rhea.

Hunt of a Lifetime

Lois Johnson, owner of the Haines Steak House, said that Clay McEnroe and a group of 13 ate dinner at the restaurant last night in celebration of Alana McMaster's successful elk hunt. Alana is fighting cancer and went on the hunt which resulted in a gorgeous big bull elk. She fought through the headaches and other effects associated with taking chemotherapy on the hunt. She is a beautiful

young girl from Fisher, Penn. Johnson said that McEnroe has been "involved in several of these "Hunts of a Lifetime." Thank you to all who help kids like Alana! Congratulations!

Elkhorn Grange Fall Festival

Plan to attend the fifth annual Elkhorn Grange Fall Festival on Oct. 10 from 9-3 p.m. They will be serving lunch from 11-1:30 p.m. and the menu will include Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Bierocks, and Veggie Burgers. In addition to vendors, there will be delicious apple cider pressed on site. If you'd like to be a vendor call 541-856-3435.

Dessert Auction Raises Almost \$5,000

75 desserts were auctioned raising nearly \$5000 for Haines Elementary according to principal, Skye Flanagan. The funds will help purchase school supplies for all the students.

Sept. families of the month are: Lance Downing, Thomas Smithson, Paige and Landon Marlia, Taylor and Ashlyn Dalton, Wade and Wyatt Hawkins, EJ Goldberg and Hazel Hill, Chase and Ethyn Berndt, and Jady and Ashtyn Carter.

Elkhorn Scenic Drive

Marjory Peck and friends took a drive up to Anthony Lakes and clear around on the Elkhorn Scenic Drive. Marjory said she had never been to Olive Lake until today and said it was a beautiful drive. She was surprised at the big campground there. "It was an interesting day," she said.

Visitors

Erich and Andy Hummel flew in from Nevada on Thursday to the Baker City airport with a friend who is a pilot to see their grandma, Viola Perkins. They enjoyed a great hamburger at the Frontier they said on Sunday evening and returned home with their mom, Debbie on Monday. Viola says she is feeling better and able to move

more without hurting as much, which is great news.

Haines City Employees Healing

Sept. was a rough month for Valerie Russell and Josh Proebstel. Valerie stepped in a hole her dog dug and twisted her ankle badly and Josh fell on an arrow while out hunting and cut himself. He had to have surgery and both are on the mend. We wish them both a speedy recovery.

Saints and Sinners Fundraising Calendar

The Haines Methodist Church has completed the fundraising calendar featuring members and their dogs. Calendars are available at \$15 each, which must be pre-paid. If you are interested in ordering, you may contact Gina at the Record-Courier 541-856-3615 or Pastor Sally Wiens 541-963-6991. Checks should be made out to the Haines Methodist Church. They will make cute gifts and will be easy to mail. Orders will be taken during much of Oct. and will be here in time for Christmas.

Thank you

Sandy Wood says she wants to thank everyone who helped her while she was under the weather. She says she feels much better now and is really appreciative to all who helped her.

Fire Meeting Date Change

Mary Neske says the Oct. meeting for the Haines Fire Protection District will be on Oct. 6. (instead of the 5th) at 7 p.m. at the Public Library.

Burn Barrel Information

According to City Recorder, Valerie Russell, Fire Chief Jerry Hampton says there is absolutely no open burning allowed. You may burn in burn barrels with screens between the hours of 6 a.m.-10 a.m. ONLY. He says you must stand by the barrel with a hose the entire time and that the fire must be completely doused by 10 a.m. He said there are no exceptions to this and that if it is not out, the fire department will come and put it out for you, and you will be billed.

Hello from Wallowa County



During my trip to Wallowa County last Friday, I stopped in to see an old friend I met while working as the General Manager for the Wallowa County Chieftain. "Van" Van Blaricom is a well known columnist for the Chieftain. He writes a weekly column on birds and is also known for his conservative satire.

Van Blaricom is in his 90s and served during WWII in the marines earning three medals. He and his wife Betty who passed away the day after Christmas last year, were married for 71 and a half years. He has friends throughout Eastern Oregon including, Buck and Hope Buckner. Van now resides at Alpine House, an assisted living facility in Joseph with his little dog, Holly, which he gave to his wife as a Christmas gift three years ago as a puppy.

He was busy typing his column on his new Dell computer when I arrived.

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Sumpter News

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The amount of information given at the Wildfire Awareness meeting on Sept. 24 was amazing. Key among the points made; once the forest has dried out as much as it did this summer, fire season lasts far beyond one or two rainstorms. Further indication of the rain not being enough yet is Phillips Lake dropping another 800 acre-feet in two weeks, a period with only a quarter inch of precipitation at Mason Dam. No outdoor fires are allowed in the City of Sumpter.

Calendar

- Monday, Oct. 5 - McEwen Lodge, Masonic Hall, 8 p.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 6 - Auxiliary meeting, Schoolhouse Community Center, 10 a.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 6 - Sumpter Volunteer Fire Department, 7 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 10 - SVRR Annual Meeting, Little Pig in Baker City, 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 13 - City Council, City Hall, 7 p.m.
- Thursday, Oct. 15 - Bag Ladies, Schoolhouse Community Center, noon-2
- Thursday, Oct. 15 - Planning Commission, City Hall, 7 p.m.
- Friday, Oct. 16 - free weed control distribution, near City Hall, 9-2 p.m.
- Friday, Oct. 16 - Fire Department Bingo, Schoolhouse Community Center, 7 p.m.
- Thursday, Oct. 15 - Planning Commission, City Hall, 7 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 17 - Sumpter Valley Community Volunteers, Masonic Hall, 10 a.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 20 - Sumpter Volunteer Fire Department, 7 p.m.

City

Sumpter hosted the Baker County Mayors' Council on Sept. 17. The ladies of the fire department's Auxiliary provided lunch. Representatives from Baker City, Richland, Baker County Economic Development, and Baker County Tourism attended. The County Commissioners were at a Commissioners meeting in La Grande, and it appears that Halfway and Baker County Emergency Management may have been distracted by the Dry Gulch fire. Senior council member Annie Oakley conducted the meeting. Council members Cary Clarke and Samantha Esposito, Sumpter bookkeeper Kathi Vinson, and City Recorder Julie McKinney were also present. Business development was the most discussed subject.

At a special council meeting on Sept. 22, Leland Myers was sworn onto council. By the end of the meeting, Leland was Sumpter's new mayor and senior council member Annie Oakley was elected President of Council. Annie will conduct meetings when

the mayor is absent. Leland served on council many years ago, and has much experience as a volunteer in the community.

Council member Cary Clarke commented, "If you cut him, he'd bleed Sumpter."

A 20 old newspaper article was brought up in concern about Leland's being on council, but council member Bob Armbruster was assured that the incident in the article had been dismissed by a judge and that the County Court had no record on Leland Myers. A phone call confirming this had been made before Leland joined the planning commission a couple of years ago.

With Cary and Leland going onto council, they had to resign their planning commission seats. City Hall has posted a call for letters of interest in serving on planning commission.

Organizations

Sumpter Volunteer Fire Department (SVFD) Auxiliary met on Sept. 15. It had been a busy couple of months for fire department spending, including about \$3,000 on insurance. Bingo is coming back, but on third Fridays rather than second. So watch for posters for Oct. 16, Nov. 20 (Thanksgiving is Nov. 26), and Dec. 18. The Annual Fire Department Spaghetti Feed will be Tuesday, Oct. 27. LeAnne Woolf requested help from the Auxiliary for serving the food at Mayors' Council.

Sumpter Valley Railroad Restoration, Inc., hosted two special charters this past week. County Treasurers from across the state of Oregon held their fall conference here in Baker County and on Monday, Sept. 21, the group rode the train from McEwen to a catered supper in Sumpter. On Friday, Sept. 26, first-graders from Grant County's Humbolt Elementary rode the train, toured the dredge, panned for gold, visited the Sumpter museum, and took a walking tour of downtown Sumpter.

SVFD and Auxiliary hosted a town hall on Wildfire Awareness on Sept. 24. Presenters were Kurt Clarke, Sumpter Fire Chief; Wes Morgan, Powder River Rural Fire Chief; BLM's Tom Morcom and Jason Simmons; Noel Livingston from the Forest Service; Steve Meyer of Oregon Department of Forestry; and Gary Timm of Baker County Emergency Management. They discussed how a homeowner can get an assessment to help with making a property easier for firefighters to defend; evacuation levels; the Baker County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP), which is created from back-and-forth discussions between a community and local agencies on a

community's specific risk issues; burn permits; fire restriction levels; and many other important topics.

Several handouts also were available. One, the newspaper-like "Living with Fire," has been and continues to be available at City Hall. Living with Fire guides a homeowner through making a property more likely to survive a wildfire by starting with access and edge-of-property improvements to reviewing what a building is made of to what can be done inside a home to increase its fire survivability. It's a shame that only about twenty people were present.

The Snowmobile Club has installed at the Schoolhouse Community Center four new windows that they donated to the City of Sumpter. The windows are vinyl-wrap, double-paned sliders that will allow creation of a cross draft on warm afternoons and evenings.

People

On Sept. 21, Baker County Historical Society hosted a presentation on Sumpter made by LeAnne Woolf. LeAnne based the program on Sumpter's walking tour, and included events and photographs from 1862 to 2012. Several people came up afterward and said that Sumpter's history and restoration projects made it sound like an intriguing place.

Churches

Sunday morning services are held at St. Brigid's in the Pines at Auburn and Bonanza in Sumpter on the first and third Sundays of the month at 11 a.m. followed by a coffee 'hour.' Weekly services at McEwen Bible Fellowship include Sunday School at 9:45 a.m., Morning Worship at 11 a.m., and Wednesday evening prayer at 6:45 p.m.

Deadline

News and calendar items received by Sunday evening will be included in the Sumpter column the following week. Send in news and/or photos with captions of guests, births, group meetings, any special occasion.



Sumpter's new mayor: Leland Myers

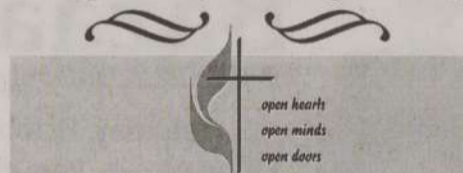
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