

Haines News

by Gina Perkins

1000 Tons of Blue Granite from Haines Quarry to Become Castle Wall

Semis loaded with huge rocks from the Haines Quarry are being taken to Portland and will be part of a castle wall at the Japanese Garden in Washington Park. The Grand Opening for the Park is scheduled for Spring 2017. An extensive article appeared on Oregon Live.

According to the Oregon Live article written by Janet Eastman, "A 22-foot-tall, Japanese-style castle wall built of Oregon granite will partially enclose the village. A courtyard will be used as a gathering spot and for activities, performances and demonstrations."

"There was a deep search to find the hard stones for the 140-foot-long, heavy castle wall, according to garden spokeswoman Claire Foster."

"Oregon is rich in basalt, a type of lava-derived rock which can have an irregular grain and is considered too fragile for larger projects like the Castle Wall, as it might crumble under the wall's weight," she says.

"The rare source for granite in Oregon is outside Baker City, so garden curator Sadafumi Uchiyama visited a privately managed quarry that has been closed for a century. It was reopened for this special project."

"Several trips to this quarry yielded 1,000 tons of what's known as Baker City Blue granite, which was named for its fine grain and a slight blue tint," says Foster.

"Rough-hewn blocks of granite were selected by Uchiyama and Suminori Awata, a 15th-generation master stone mason from Japan."

"Awata and master masons Matt Driscoll of O'Driscoll Stone and Kyle Schlagenhauf of Green Man Builders will employ the centuries-old ano-zumi technique to construct the curving wall. Instead of mortar, smaller ballast stones will be carefully fitted to join larger foundation stones."

Haines Elementary School Program Dec. 3

The annual school Christmas program has become so well attended that it is now held at the Baker High School auditorium. It will take place on Thursday, Dec. 3 at 6:30 p.m. There will be a short Pre-School program held at the school, however on Dec. 16 at 2 p.m. Community members are welcome to attend. Principal Skye Flanagan said that he is hoping to be able to have a music performance here at the school at some point for all of the Haines community members who have strongly supported the school for so many years.

A big thank you to the Mutual Improvement Club which has faithfully made popcorn balls for years for the school program. They did so again this year.

Buy a Bowl of Soup and Help Support the Mutual Improvement Club

The Club will be serving soup, cookies, and a roll for only \$5 at the 4-H Bazaar on Saturday held at the fairgrounds arena in Baker City. Help this great group of ladies earn money which they in turn, donate to many worthwhile projects in the community.

They will be having their Dec. 9 Christmas party which will begin with caroling for some members and a 2 p.m. gift exchange of sweet treats in a festive container (with the recipe included) will follow.

Dotty Miles also said the group just shipped six military boxes.

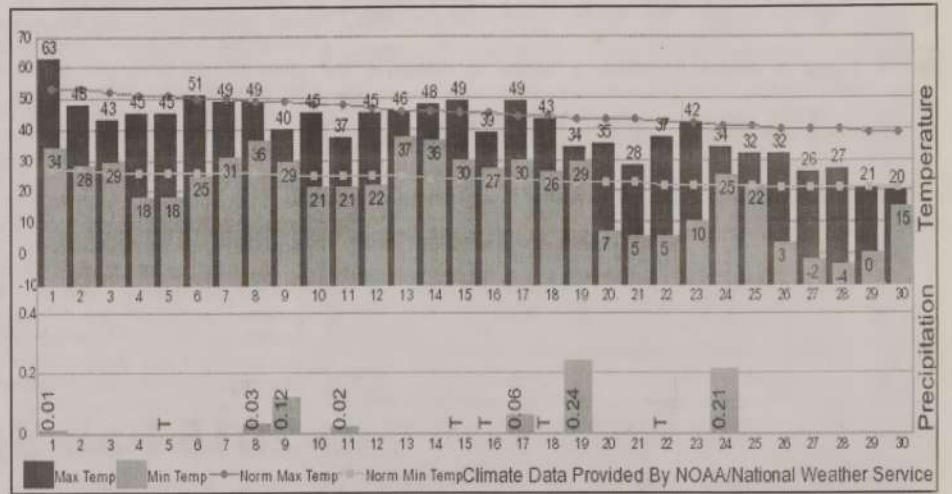
Haines Christmas Round-Up Cancelled

Joann Illingsworth has cancelled the Haines Christmas Round-Up which she had originally scheduled for Dec. 12.

Need a Beautiful Christmas Tree?

Both the Haines Stampede Association and Tammy Dowell who owns Baker Botanicals (and lives in Haines) have beautiful Christmas trees for sale. The Stampede Association's lot is on Campbell Street across from the museum and Tammy's is located at her business on Tenth Street.

NOAA Issues Monthly Climate Summary For Baker City



For Miss Lutz

According to preliminary data received by NOAA's National Weather Service in Pendleton, Ore., temperatures at Baker City averaged colder than normal during the month of November.

The average temperature was 30.2 degrees which was 4.1 degrees below normal. High temperatures averaged 40.1 degrees, which was 4.8 degrees below normal. The highest was 63 degrees on Nov. 1. Low temperatures averaged 20.4 degrees, which was 3.5 degrees below normal. The lowest was -4 degrees, on the Nov 28.

There were 26 days with the low temperature below 32 degrees. There were five days when the high temperature stayed below 32 degrees.

Precipitation totaled 0.69 inches during November, which was 0.21 inches below normal. Measurable precipitation - at least .01 inch - was received on seven days with the heaviest, 0.24

inches reported on the Nov. 19.

Precipitation this year has reached 9.16 inches, which is 1.10 inches above normal. Since October, the water year precipitation at Baker City has been 1.20 inches, which is 0.02 inches below normal.

The highest wind gust was 51 mph which occurred on the Nov. 18. There was one day when the wind exceeded 50 mph.

The outlook for December from NOAA's Climate Prediction Center calls for near to above normal temperatures and near to below normal precipitation. Normal highs for Baker City fall from 39.0 degrees at the start of December to 34.0 degrees at the end of December. Normal lows fall from 20.0 degrees to 17.0 degrees. The 30 year normal precipitation is 0.97 inches.

The National Weather Service is an office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, an agency of the U.S. Commerce Department.

Golf and Bridge Association Luncheon

The Baker Ladies Golf and Bridge Association will have their Annual Christmas luncheon on Wednesday, Dec. 9 at 11:30 a.m. at the El Erradero Restaurant. Please bring a gift of \$10 or less if you want to participate in the gift exchange. Any questions, please call Nancy at 541-519-6774.

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Postal Particulars

with Krista Dennis

You may have seen a direct mailing from the USPS in your mail box recently. The Post Office is promoting a new smartphone app that will allow users to take pictures of family and friends alongside Charlie Brown and other "Peanuts" characters. Here is how it works...after downloading the app to your device, use the app to scan a USPS blue collection box to see the characters appear on the screen. When someone stands next to the box, they will be surrounded by the characters. You can then snap a photo and share on social media. This holiday-themed app will also allow users to create other "augmented reality" experiences, including seeing planes fly around a Christmas Tree. You can also order stamps, boxes and schedule pickups. Sounds like a lot of fun to me!

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