

Haines News

Real Cowboys Still Here

I've ridden in, driven through and seen lots and lots of cattle drives, but it still was fun Monday while sitting at my computer writing in the RC office to look up and see a herd being driven down Highway 30 past my window. I snapped a couple of pictures of Tom Kerns and his crew of Border Collies and cowboys taking the group of "ladies" through Haines, featuring them in this week's masthead. We have to remember the life we live here is very unique and something experienced by relatively few. I highly doubt the publisher of the New York Times looks up from their desk and gets to see a herd of cows trailing down the street. On the other hand, I'm quite certain I don't "get" to see much of what might mosey past their office on the streets of New York, either.

Real Turkeys for Visitors

John Donati on Foothill Road had "some real turkeys for visitors" I noticed when I was out Sunday taking photographs. His front yard was lined with wild turkeys. We sure see a lot of them around these days.

Happy Birthday and Get Well Soon

Marjory Peck recently celebrated her birthday and unfortunately, has been under the weather after returning home from a holiday visit with her daughter and son-in-law. We wish her a very Happy Birthday and get well wishes.

Gerald Maxwell said that Farrell is still at a rehabilitation center in Portland and is making progress. They are researching equipment which will assist her in being able to go up and down the stairs in their home when she is able to return. Their son, Alan, has been taking Gerald down to Portland to visit Farrell on a regular basis. Gerald said they go down and come back in one day and their last trip was one of the worst in terms of ice and bad roads that he's ever seen it. Glad they're home safe and sound, and hope that Farrell will continue to improve so she can come home soon, too. Gerald also wanted to add they had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday and were joined by J.O. and Sue Maxwell.

House Comes Down

Jo Jensen's old place is seeing some renovation. The new people living their have torn down the old house and have a new addition / remodel.

This was also the site of the 1902 murder of beloved Minnie Ensminger in the wee hours of Christmas morning by Pleasant Armstrong, a man with whom she'd broken off an engagement. A Christmas Eve dance was held at the farmhouse and he was a violinist playing music that night. Armstrong was convicted of the murder and it resulted in the only legal hanging taking place in Baker County. He was hanged a little over a year later following several appeals which took the case all the way to the state Supreme Court.

About 500 black-bordered invitations to Armstrong's hanging were issued by the sheriff including the one pictured sent to Albert V. Ferguson who was in the real estate and insurance business with James F. Ferguson in Baker City. (Information and image of invitation credited to Baker County Library

and Gary Dielman who has done extensive writing on the tragic event.)

Ensminger was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Ensminger, a prominent family here. She graduated from Muddy Creek School in 1898 and was a young teacher at the time.

Buy More Groceries in Haines

We are fortunate to have a little grocery store again right here in Haines. Instead of fighting the lines in Safeway, let's all shop more at the Haines Sellrite. North Powder also has a nice little store, CJ's owned by Cindy and Jim Wright.

Thank you, Haines Fire Fighters

We appreciate all of the volunteers within the Haines Fire Protection District. They meet the first Monday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Public Library. The meeting time will be adjusted (and announced) after winter is over.

Haines Elementary News

Message From The Principal, Skye Flanagan

This has been a most extraordinary year. I have been fortunate to find a home here at Haines, and I would like to take a moment to express how fortunate you all are to have such a wonderful, loving, professional staff here at Haines. From the front office, to the classified employees, all the way to the grade-level teachers, I have seen amazing things here that will provide your child(ren) a wealth of knowledge going forward.

I have seen teachers utilizing guest speakers (both professionals and parents) to enhance the learning is class; I have seen classes utilizing technology to visit with a volcanologist in Antarctica; I have seen very young students utilizing vocabulary that would impress a middle school teacher; I have seen after-school teachers bring bright smiles to students who are spending more time at school in order to meet their individual needs; and I have seen differentiated lessons that engage every level of learner across all spectrums.

I hope that you all get a chance to see it first-hand some time. We have many opportunities for involvement - whether it be volunteering with the PTCO or taking time to come in and read with a student, we can find a way for you to be a part of this school community. Thank you for trusting us with your children!

Vaccinations

The Oregon Health Authority, Public Health Division, has temporarily amended administrative rules in chapter 333, division 50, relating to school immunization law. These rule amendments remove the provision allowing old religious exemptions signed prior to March 1, 2014. Parents of children with religious exemptions signed prior to March 1, 2014 are required to submit updated documentation.

Vaccination data will be sent to the Health Department Jan. 11, 2016. If you have been notified of missing or insufficient immunizations, please bring documentation for updated vaccinations or a Vaccination Education Certificate and signed CIS form to the office as soon as possible. All parents are expected to provide updated records to the school office any time a student has additional immunizations.

Children without necessary documentation will be excluded from school Feb. 17, 2016.

January Family of the Month

Our January Family of the Month lunch will be Jan. 27, 2016 at 11 a.m. Families of the Month for January are:

Lane, Claire, and Avery Collier
McKaleigh Cyr
Sylus Watkins
Connor Porter
Abby Densley
Meren Jesenko
Sofie Kaaen
Sarah Paz Ryan
Makyah Butterfield
Neah Thomas
Loryn Travis
Ayden Welk
Dallin Stocks
Seirsha Myers

PTCO Corner

We would like to thank all the helpers at the annual Christmas Hawks Store. I was impressed by the fancy wrapping jobs done by these volunteers. We hope everyone enjoyed their Hawks Store Christmas gifts and had a fun winter break.

Coming up this month--students can look forward to a swimming party (funded by the PTCO) at Sam-O-Swim to celebrate the end of the quarter.

Chili Feed Fundraiser

More Importantly though, our biggest fundraiser of the year is coming up quickly. The annual Chili Feed and Raffle will be held Friday Feb. 5. Dinner is served from 4:30-7 p.m. so come when you want and support our school. You child was sent home with a manila envelope before Christmas break explaining the raffle tickets. Please support your child in selling tickets.

This fundraiser also takes a lot of volunteers! Chili makers, kitchen helpers, set up and clean up to name a few. Please consider helping us out.

Chili Feed Auction Baskets

As a part of the annual Chili Feed fundraiser, each class in asked to provide a themed basket that will be auctioned off during the event. The following is a list of each class's basket theme. Please send any items that fit the theme with your child to his/her classroom teacher. The Chili Feed is February 5th, so anytime before that day is appreciated.

Pre-K: Legos
Kindergarten: Italian
First Grade: The Great Outdoors
Second Grade: Black, White, and Read all Over
Third Grade: Birds
Fourth Grade: Chocolate
Fifth/Sixth Grade: Coffee & Staying in on a Cold Winter's Day

Haines Beach Day

In recognition of the halfway point in the school year, we will be having a 'Beach Day' on Thursday, Jan. 21. Kids are encouraged to wear 'beach' attire during the day, and we will be taking the students to Sam-O-Swim Center from 1:15 - 2:15 p.m. in the afternoon for a swimming party.

Homework Club

Homework Club at Haines has been extended to Thursdays. Release time will remain the same for all four days. Thank you Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Sundblad for spending valuable time with our students after school. If you have a desire for your child to join the Homework Club, please notify your child's teacher.

Approximately 500 invitations like this one were sent by the Baker County Sheriff for the Armstrong hanging which took place on Jan. 22, 1903. Courtesy of Baker County Library archives.

Three brave souls ice fished at the Haines pond on Sunday.

At right, much of the old Jo Jensen home is now rubble with the new owners constructing a lovely new addition. Jo Jensen made the BEST fudge ever.

Tom Kerns and two of his working dogs moving cows through Haines on Monday.

News of Record

Marriages

Dec. 30 - James Clayton Carnahan to Brenda Lucille Paul, both of Baker City.

Arrests

Jan. 4 - Failure to Appear (Clackamas County); Release Violation (Union County); Contempt of Court (Baker County Circuit Court); Derek Allen Benadum, 36, 14825 SW Farmington Road, Beaverton, Ore.; concurrently jailed.
Jan. 5 - Baker County Parole and Probation Detainer: Markus Gregory Burke, 36, 2230 Campbell Street, at 12:35 p.m. at 1520 Campbell Street; jailed.
Jan. 6 - Contempt of Court (Baker County Circuit Court); Mary Elizabeth Reynaga, 49, 2530 Fifth Street, at 4:14 a.m. at 3410 K Street; concurrently jailed.
Jan. 7 - Warrant Arrest (Baker County Parole and Probation): Michael Steven Myers-Gabiola, 24, unknown Baker City address, at 12:01 p.m. at Walnut and H Streets; jailed.
Jan. 7 - Warrant Arrest (Baker County): Samantha Parkay, 26, at 1:13 p.m. at 3950 17th Street; jailed.
Jan. 8 - Warrant Arrest (Baker County Circuit Court): Lia Dior Mansuetti, 26, 1560 Indiana Avenue, at 12:26 p.m. at her residence for Failure to Uphold Conditions of DUII Diversion; jailed.
Jan. 8 - Warrant Arrest (Baker County Circuit Court): Devon Terese Kirkman, 21, 2127 Seventh Street #2 at 12:53 p.m. at 2750 Madison Street; cited and released.
Jan. 8 - Warrant Arrest, Failure to Appear, Contempt of Court (Baker County, original charge is Theft III), Possession of a Controlled Substance: Kenneth Roy Street, 46, 2275 19th Street at 2:02 p.m. at his residence; jailed.
Jan. 8 - Unlawful Possession of a Weapon, Felon in Possession of a Weapon: Larry Dean Edison, 60, 2027 Seventh Street at 11:37 p.m. at Main Street and Madison Street; jailed.
Jan. 9 - Warrant Arrest (Baker County Justice Court): Malia Leialoha Quiroz, 32, 2627 Church Street at 4:00 p.m. at 2627 Seventh Street; cited and released for Failure to Pay Fines.
Jan. 9 - Warrant Arrest (Baker County Justice Court): Carrie Lynn Coscorrosa, 42, 1560 Indiana Avenue at 5:10 p.m. at her residence; cited and released for Failure to Pay Fines.

Judgments

Dec. 22 - (Dec. 14 original judgement: State of Oregon vs. Monell Kaye Knight for Theft I; class C felony.) Restitution in the amount of \$ 3,770 to be paid to U.S. Bank.
Dec. 23 - State of Oregon vs. Stacy Weichman for Telephonic Harassment; class B misdemeanor.
Dec. 23 - State of Oregon vs. Ruth Ann Sangston for Negotiating a Bad Check; class A misdemeanor.
Dec. 28 - State of Oregon vs. James Henry Bobo II for Wildlife Violation; unclassified misdemeanor; compensatory fines ordered to Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Oregon Hunters Association's Turn-In-Poachers Fund.
Dec. 28 - State of Oregon vs. Sheila Kae Buxton for Negotiating a Bad Check; class A misdemeanor.
Dec. 28 - State of Oregon vs. Jay W. Oncher Fontaine for Driving While Suspended; class A misdemeanor.
Dec. 30 - State of Oregon vs. Franklin Wayne Glasscock for Theft I; class C felony.
Dec. 30 - State of Oregon vs. Riky Lee Carter for Theft II; class A misdemeanor.
Dec. 30 - State of Oregon vs. Tara Jean Dawson for Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants; class A misdemeanor.
Dec. 30 - State of Oregon vs. Rodger Martin Myers for Contempt of Court; punitive offense, violation.
Dec. 30 - State of Oregon vs. Mary Elizabeth Reynaga for Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants; class A misdemeanor.
Dec. 30 - State of Oregon vs. Joseph Robin Spencer for Theft I; class C felony.
Dec. 31 - (July 8 original judgement: State of Oregon vs. James Andrew Ryan for Criminal Impersonation of an Officer; class C felony.) Fines and a Unitary Assessment totaling \$100 ordered.
Dec. 31 - State of Oregon Department of Human Services and Christina M. Warmuth vs. Justin R. Warmuth for Domestic Relations Dissolution, Final Response. Justin R. Warmuth ordered to pay cash child support to Christina M. Warmuth, plus arrears past support in the amount of \$5,642.
Dec. 31 - Ryan Downing vs. Tiffany Downing for Domestic Relations Dissolution. Ryan Downing ordered to pay child support to Tiffany Downing.
Dec. 31 - State of Oregon vs. Krystal Kay Grisel for Assault 4, Sec. 3; class C felony.
Dec. 31 - State of Oregon vs. Thomas James Barger for Criminal Mischief I; class C felony.
Dec. 31 - State of Oregon vs. Mary Ellen Prevo for Theft III; class C misdemeanor. Restitution ordered, to be paid to victims: Ace Hardware and Silva Kendale.
Dec. 31 - State of Oregon vs. Anthony Joseph Yattaw for Assault III; class C felony.
Jan. 4 - (Aug. 4 original judgement: State of Oregon vs. Austin Edward Scott for Assault II; class B felony.) Compensatory fine ordered in the amount of \$2,000 to be paid to Thomas Hinrichsen.
Jan. 4 - State of Oregon vs. Kim Elizabeth Montiel for Contempt of Court; punitive offense, violation.
Jan. 5 - State of Oregon vs. Derek Allen Bernadum for Contempt of Court; punitive offense, violation.
Jan. 5 - State of Oregon vs. Desiree M. Barnett for Harassment; class B misdemeanor.
Jan. 5 - State of Oregon vs. Chuck Wayne Briney for Possession of Methamphetamine; class C felony.
Jan. 5 - State of Oregon vs. Theresa Anne Briney for Possession of Methamphetamine; class C felony.
Jan. 6 - State of Oregon vs. Christopher Wade Wymbs for Assault 4; class A misdemeanor.
Jan. 6 - State of Oregon vs. Jason David Brown for Assault 4; class A misdemeanor.
Jan. 6 - State of Oregon vs. Bryan William Morris for Assault 4; class A misdemeanor.

Oregon State Police Reports and Accidents

Jan. 2 - On I-84, milepost 301 westbound, 6:08 p.m.: A red Jeep Wagoneer, driven by Steven Grant Culpepper, 30, of Henderson, Nevada, was stopped for speeding violation. Upon initial contact Officer Levi Macy observed signs of impairment. The driver consented to the Standard Field Sobriety Tests and displayed signs of impairment during them. The driver was arrested, transported to a Baker County Correctional Facility and lodged without incident. He provided a voluntary breath sample indicating a Blood Alcohol Level of 0.12 percent. Culpepper was charged with Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants, Exceeding Speed Limit - 65 Zone, 21 and Up, and Open Container of Alcohol.
Jan. 3 - On I-84, Milepost 288 westbound, 1:27 p.m.: A white Chevy S10 pickup, driven by Zachary R. Youngblood, 18, of Hoquiam, Washington, was traveling westbound and lost control on the icy roadway. The S-10 spun around and struck another vehicle; a Ford driven by Scott Berry, 31, of John Day. Youngblood remained on the scene, parked on the freeway shoulder, and had complained of pain. He was transported to the hospital in Baker City by ambulance. Berry left the crash scene and was contacted by OSP La Grande at the next exit. The weather and driving conditions were extremely hazardous during the time of the crash. Youngblood was issued a citation for No Insurance and his pickup was towed to town.

Public invited to Transportation Safety Action Plan meeting in La Grande, Jan. 26

Transportation safety advocates, local city/county representatives, concerned citizens and other interested parties are encouraged to attend a public meeting in La Grande on Jan. 26 regarding the state's draft Transportation Safety Action Plan. The meeting will be held 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. at the La Grande Public Library, 2006 4th Street.

