

## Classifieds

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The LDS Family History Center**, 2625 Hughes Lane is open Tuesday 1-4 p.m.; Wednesday 10-1 p.m. and 5:30- 8:30 p.m.; Thursday 10-1 p.m.; Friday 1-4 p.m. and by appointment. (Phone 541-523-2397 during regular hours or 541-524-9691 any time) Consultants help everyone use Ancestry.com; Find My Past; Heritage Quest Online and other family history websites free of charge.

## HELP WANTED

## NOTICE OF PERMANENT POSITION VACANCY

**HELP WANTED-** The USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) in Baker City, Oregon is currently accepting applications for a full time, permanent, Program Technician. Applications and materials are available online at [www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov), and will be accepted beginning February 9, 2016 and closing February 23, 2016 11: 59 p.m. EDT. Salary begins \$28,886 - \$52,043 per year (\$13.84 - 24.94 per hour) based on qualifications and experience. Applications must be submitted through USAJobs. For more information please contact the FSA Office at 3990 Midway Drive, Baker City, OR 97814 or (541)523-7121 x 106. FSA is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

## LIVESTOCK

**Angus Bulls** - EPD Records available, yearlings, two year olds, replacement heifers and bred cows. Bill Clonts, Bar A Angus, 541-519-8579 [bclonts@thegeo.net](mailto:bclonts@thegeo.net)

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## PUBLIC MEETINGS

**Powder Valley Water Control District** meets the 2nd Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at 690 E. Street, North Powder, OR 97867.

**The Baker Rural Fire District** meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Pocahontas Fire Station, with the exception of May and June when they hold their budget meeting at 6 p.m. with the regular meeting following at 7 p.m.

**The North Powder Rural Fire Protection District** meets the second Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Rural Fire Building, 340 "E" Street, North Powder.

**Burnt River Irrigation District** meets the second Tuesday of every month at 1 p.m. at the office of Silven, Schmeits & Vaughan, 1950 Third Street in Baker City.

**The North Powder Cemetery Maintenance District** meets the fourth Tuesday of the month at 5 p.m. at the Grange in North Powder.

**Safe Haven:** Alzheimer/ Dementia Caregivers Support Group. Second Friday of every month at 11:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall (right wing of Nazarene Church). Lunch will be provided. 1250 Hughes Lane, Baker City.

**The Haines Fire Protection District** will meet on the first MONDAY each month at 6 p.m. through the winter months. Meetings are held at the Public Library in Haines.

**Celebrate Recovery:** Hurts, Habits, and Hangups; Tuesdays at 6:15 p.m. in the Family Life Center, 1250 Hughes Lane, Baker City.

**Veterans Safe Zone:** Veterans Support Group; 1st and 3rd Monday of every month at 6 p.m. in the left wing of the Nazarene Church, 1250 Hughes Lane, Baker

**The Medical Springs Rural Fire Department** meeting is the 1st Thursday of every month, 7 p.m. at Pondosa Station.

**The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Lone Pine Tree Chapter** is scheduled to meet on Friday, Feb. 12, 2016 at 12 p.m. at the Flying J Restaurant in La Grande. This is a public meeting and interested individuals are welcome to attend. This month's program will be the history and meaning of the DAR Insignia.

The next **NRAC meeting** has been scheduled for Feb. 23, 2016 starting at 3 p.m. at the Baker County Courthouse located at 1995 Third Street, Baker City. The agenda includes how Coordination is progressing with the agencies and a wildfire and forestry discussion by Mac Kerns and Forestry Work Group. The next meeting is scheduled for March 22.

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## Sumpter News

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This past week has seen lows in the 20s and highs in the 40s, so it's slick as heck out there. We've also continued to have snow fall. Jan. 1-31 saw 37.5" fall, bringing winter 2015-16 up to 103.2" as of Jan. 31. So, November 2013 to May 2014 was 74.9". November 2014 to May 2015 was 52". Will November 2015 to May 2016 pass up the total of the two previous winters together? Only need 24 more inches.

## Calendar (as of Feb. 7)

Saturday, Feb. 13 - Sumpter Valley Blue Mountain Snowmobile Club Poker Run (registration at Schoolhouse Community Center Friday night and Saturday morning)  
Saturday, Feb. 13 - Sumpter Valley Railroad Board Meeting, Baker City, 10 a.m.

Saturday, Feb. 13 - SVBMSO Outhouse Races, 3 p.m.  
Tuesday, Feb. 16 - Sumpter Volunteer Fire Department, City Hall

Tuesday, Feb. 16 - Powder River Rural Fire Department fire training, Mosquito Flats station, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 18 - Bag Ladies, Schoolhouse Community Center, noon-?

Thursday, Feb. 18 - Sumpter Valley Community Volunteers Meeting, Schoolhouse Community Center, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 19 - Bingo, Schoolhouse Community Center, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 23 - Alpine Chapter O.E.S., Masonic Hall, 8 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 25 - Planning Commission, City Hall, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 27 - SVCV Potluck and Game Night, Schoolhouse Community Center, 5 p.m.

## City

A water valve on the main transmission line into town was broken—apparently by the snowmobile trail groomer—so no water was making it to the water tower. The situation was discovered Sunday morning and a patch was in place by Sunday afternoon. The tower had been full enough that no one went short on water. Thank you to Utility Manager Jeff McKinney and his off-time aide, Lee German, for such prompt action.

Planning Commission did not meet on Feb. 4 after all. The next meeting will be held Feb. 25 at City Hall. The Evacuation and Comprehensive plans are on the agenda for each meeting. So far in the Comprehensive Plan, Commissioners have reviewed the Introduction, Goal 1, and Goals 3 and 4. Goal 1 covers citizen involvement. Goals 3 and 4 are short sections on agricultural and forest lands, respectively. At the Feb. 25 meeting, Goal 2 is on the agenda. It is a meaty one about land use planning.

## Organizations

McEwen Masonic Lodge held its annual Sweetheart Dinner on Monday, Feb. 1. Before their regular monthly meeting, the men prepare and serve dinner to wives, daughters, girlfriends, and other loved ones. Some years, prime rib is the entrée. This year, a marinated chuck roast was served.

The Sumpter Valley Blue Mountain Snowmobile Club Poker Run is Saturday. Snow is plenty deep on the trails. The Outhouse Races will be at 3 pm, after Poker Run cards have been turned in. Registration for the Outhouse Races is open Friday night and Saturday morning, and

at the starting line of the races themselves; the intersection of Center and Sumter Streets, across the highway from City Hall.

## People

Twick Shaver was in town this past weekend. Twick attended Sumpter School in 1972-3, the year the school reopened after having closed in the mid-sixties. Mrs. Kerr was the teacher that year and for many after, instructing first through fourth grade in one room until Sumpter School once again closed (around 1979 or 80), this time for good. Twick was in fourth grade with Sumpter residents Ron Borello and LeAnne Woolf, and with the son of resident Joy Myers, Casey. Twick works in construction on such projects as bridges and dams, and was on his way to a site in Rawlins, Wyoming.

Also this past weekend, an elk totaled a small SUV on the straight stretch east of town between the city limits and Cemetery Road. Despite traveling below the speed limit, the vehicle was unable to stop on the shady, slick section of highway. The elk didn't survive, either. The Oregon State Police officer asked that people remember to slow down and move over whenever passing an accident scene or people on the side of the road; it's the law.

## 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.

## Baker County Safe Communities Coalition Rewards and Reminders Program

Baker County Safe Communities Coalition is conducting another Rewards and Reminders outing in Baker County. The program will take place during the month of February.

The Rewards and Reminders Program has been implemented in various cities and counties across the nation. The program has proven to reduce the sale of tobacco to youth and subsequently reduce the use of tobacco by minors.

The program is not punitive in nature. Our goal is to increase awareness among local retailers about the issue of teen tobacco use. In most communities, retailers that sell tobacco products are very supportive of the program. This program is not a sting operation playing "gotcha" with our local merchants.

The program is made up of a team of volunteers, including youth (15 - 17 years of age) and adults. A team of two youth and one adult will make contact with a local retail store. The youth will enter the store and ask the clerk if they can purchase a tobacco product. If the clerk attempts to sell the tobacco product to the youth,

the youth will not accept the tobacco product, instead the youth will give the clerk a letter advising him/her that they almost sold tobacco to a minor. The purpose of the letter is to remind the clerk that Oregon Law requires retailers to check identification before selling a tobacco product. (The Safe Communities Coalition will offer training information to the clerk if he/she attempts to sell tobacco to a minor.) If the clerk asks the youth for identification and refuses the transaction, the youth will give the clerk some type of reward (gift certificate to a local business) and letter thanking the clerk for not selling tobacco to a minor.

There is no illegal activity in the process because the youth do not actually purchase or touch the tobacco product.

The Rewards and Reminders Team appreciates the support of the Baker County Community. If you have any questions in regards to this program please call Raymond Day at (541) 523-8215 or Melissa Grammon at (541) 523-7400.

## Baker City Pharmacy Closing

Baker City Pharmacy will be closing at 6 p.m. on Feb. 18, 2016.

Said pharmacist Jerry Yencopal who is retiring, "We want to thank all our friends for letting us be your pharmacy. Some places would refer to you as customers, but to us you are more than that. You are a big part of our lives."

"We have served some of you only recently, some for many years and some for three generations. We want to thank you for the trust you placed in us, your friendship, the many opportunities to smile, laugh, encourage and pray for you and you for us," Yencopal added. "The people of Baker County are special."

## Community Bank Announces New \$500 Photo Contest

As part of America Saves Week 2016, scheduled for Feb. 22 - 27, Community Bank is sponsoring a \$500 photo contest and is spreading the saving message and urging people in the community to make their savings automatic as part of the America Saves Week message.

Community Bank is announcing a new contest to celebrate America Saves Week. The "HAMILton Saves!" contest involves entering a photo of HAMILton, the Community Bank pink piggy bank, and an explanation of your savings goal. You do not have to be a customer to enter. You can pick up your own HAMILton piggy bank now from a local Community Bank branch to get

started.

Entry into the contest begins Feb. 19, 2016 and ends Feb. 25, 2016. A bank selection committee will determine the winner from all eligible entries based on the quality/creativity of the photo along with the content of the savings goal description. The winner, announced on Feb. 26, 2016, will receive \$500 to use towards their savings goal. Entrants must be 13 years old or older to enter. To see complete contest rules, ask for a copy at your local branch of Community Bank or visit [www.communitybanknet.com/files/HAMILton\\_Saves\\_Rules.pdf](http://www.communitybanknet.com/files/HAMILton_Saves_Rules.pdf).

## Oregon Dept. of Revenue Reminds Oregonians to Claim Their Kickers

Tax return filing season is open and the Oregon Department of Revenue wants to remind you to claim your tax surplus credit, or "kicker," on your 2015 personal income tax returns.

The credit is how the state is returning a more than \$402 million tax surplus to eligible Oregon taxpayers. There won't be any kicker checks issued as there have been in the past.

We've launched What's My Kicker, a new online tool that calculates your credit amount based on information from the 2014 Oregon tax return you filed. All you need to enter is your Social Security number or individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN), last name, and filing statuses for 2014 and 2015. Visit [www.oregon.gov/dor](http://www.oregon.gov/dor) and click on the "What's My Kicker" link. You can only use this tool if your 2014 and 2015 filing statuses are the same.

If your filing statuses are different, you can calculate the amount of your credit by multiplying your 2014 liability before any credits, except credits for taxes paid to other states, by 5.6 percent.

You're eligible to claim the credit if you filed a 2014 Oregon tax return and had tax due before credits. Even if you don't have a filing obligation for 2015, you still have to file a 2015 Oregon tax return to claim your credit. The state may use all or part of your kicker to pay any state debt, such as taxes due for other years, child support, court fines, or school loans.

For more information on claiming your credit or how to donate it to the Oregon State School Fund, see the instructions for Oregon Form 40 (full-year Oregon res-

idents), Form 40P (part-year residents), and Form 40N (nonresidents). All forms are available on our website at [www.oregon.gov/dor/forms](http://www.oregon.gov/dor/forms). Those using tax preparation software will be presented with options to determine their eligibility and credit amount.

Remember to file as early as possible to limit the potential for people to file fraudulent returns using your information. Filing early can also expedite processing by getting your return into the system sooner. We also recommend that you:

- \* File electronically, using one of the many free options listed on our website at [www.oregon.gov/dor/e-filing](http://www.oregon.gov/dor/e-filing).

- \* Have your bank routing numbers ready when you file so you can use direct deposit for your refund. You can get your refund in 7-10 days by e-filing and using direct deposit, versus up to 10 weeks if you file a paper return and request a paper check.

- \* Complete your federal return first. You'll need information from it for your state return, and you must submit a copy of your federal return with your state return.

- \* Ensure you have your W-2 included with your return. Filing a return without a copy of your W-2 can delay the processing of your return and refund.

Visit [www.oregon.gov/dor](http://www.oregon.gov/dor) to get tax forms, check the status of your refund, or make tax payments; or call 1-800-356-4222 toll-free from an Oregon prefix (English or Spanish); 503-378-4988 in Salem and outside Oregon; or email [questions.dor@oregon.gov](mailto:questions.dor@oregon.gov). For TTY for hearing or speech impaired, call 1-800-886-7204.

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