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Public Encouraged to Attend Economic Development Meeting

The next public meeting for the Baker County Economic Development Council board has been scheduled for 9 a.m. on Thursday, April 14 in the Baker County Commission Chambers. The meeting will last until 10:30 a.m.

BCVibe Meeting Scheduled

The second meeting of the BCVIBE group has been scheduled for 10:30 a.m.- noon on Thursday, April 14 in the Baker County Commission Chambers.

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Helping Solve Hiring Problems for Employers

By Gina Perkins

Sometimes you have to think outside the box to solve a problem.

Greg Smith, Director of Baker County Economic Development and his assistant, Julee Hicks have been doing just that for JR Streifel, owner of Grumpy's Repair. Streifel has been trying to find qualified auto mechanics without much success using traditional means and sought the help of Baker County Economic Development.

Smith did some research and decided to make an inquiry at Portland Community College (PCC) because of their strong Automotive Service and Repair Technology program. He and Streifel traveled to PCC and the results seem promising.

"Not only do we believe we found highly trained candidates for JR, but this also has the promise of bringing young families to Baker with kids.



Submitted photo
Greg Smith and JR Streifel (in center of photo) visit with instructors at Portland Community College.

These are family wage jobs. This will help not only business owners in Baker but will also help schools by adding a few more kids to the enrollment which is a good thing," says Smith.

"We hope this is a long lasting

and mutually beneficial relationship with the college," Smith added. He also plans to reach out to other community colleges and see if similar relationships can be built with their different program offerings.

Promise of Oregon Video Highlights BTI

A new video highlighting the Baker Technical Institute debuted Tuesday on "The Promise of Oregon" website at www.promiseoregon.org.

The Baker School District opened the institute in August 2014. It includes career pathways in construction, industrial and engineering systems, health services and agriculture. In addition to its offerings in career and technical education (CTE), the institute emphasizes science and math skills.

The institute was founded on the dual premise of preparing students for the workforce and creating economic development in a small community.

The video can also be seen on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4rEGQbtixHA>. The Baker video is the third of four planned videos for 2016 showcasing cutting-edge pro-

grams -- science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM), CTE, the arts and more. The videos encourage schools and the public to "dream bigger" about what is possible in Oregon's schools.

The "Promise" campaign, which is being run by the Oregon School Boards Association (OSBA), aims to create a groundswell of public support for K-14 education, in hopes of meeting Oregon's 40-40-20 goals and lifting student achievement and graduation rates.

OSBA is a member services organization for more than 200 locally elected boards serving school districts, education service districts and community colleges. It also provides services to charter schools and their boards.

Ready for Pre-School?

Beginning April 4, St. Stephen's Pre-School Pre-K is accepting applications for the 2016-2017 school year. Download an application at www.threesandpres.com and mail it in or you can register from 9-noon, April 4 in the classroom.

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Sumpter News

This early Monday afternoon, the wind has kicked up nastily and snow is pelting the windows. In March, we had 7.3" fall, bringing the winter accumulation to 118", just two inches short of 10 feet. In yards, it never managed to fluff up to much more than three feet at a time. There are large patches of bare ground and crocuses are getting a good bloom on. It's quintessential Sumpter: clouds of dust being blown down streets between shoulder berms of snow.

Calendar (as of April 3)
Thursday, April 7 - Planning Commission, City Hall, 7 p.m.
Saturday, April 9 - Sumpter Valley Railroad Board Meeting, Baker City, 10 a.m.
Saturday, April 9 - Sumpter Valley Blue Mountain Snowmobile Club, Schoolhouse Community Center, 6:30 p.m.
Monday, April 11 - Powder River Rural Board Meeting, Mosquito Flat, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, April 12 - City Council, City Hall, 7 p.m.
Thursday, April 14 - Sumpter Valley Community Volunteers Meeting, Community Center, 6:30 p.m.
Friday, April 15 - Bingo, Community Center, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, April 19 - Sumpter Volunteer Fire Department, City Hall
Tuesday, April 19 - Powder River Rural Fire Dept fire training, Mosquito Flat, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 21 - Bag Ladies, Community Center, noon-?
Thursday, April 21 - Candidate Town Hall, Community Center, 6:30 p.m.

City
A barbecuing incident destroyed a bulletin board at The Depot Inn and scorched several logs on March 28. Sumpter Volunteer Fire Department did respond. Use caution as we get back outside this spring to enjoy the warming weather.

There was a presentation on High Performance CPR on March 29. Many fire department members from both stations and a few community members attended. High performance refers to starting CPR immediately and maintaining a compression rate of 110-120 per minute. The presenter emphasized not leaning on the chest between compressions to allow blood to fill the heart fully before sending it back out again and minimizing as much as possible any interruptions to compressions. Because of the high rate of

compressions, it's very tiring and switching off with a partner every two minutes is recommended. Seattle's cardiac arrest survival rate has more than doubled since they started HP CPR, often instructing over the phone whoever is present at the arrest. Oregon recently became the twenty-third state to legislate at least an introduction to CPR in schools between seventh and twelfth grades.

Planning Commission members sat down with Utility Manager Jeff McKinney on March 30 to go over the sewer ordinance and DEQ guidelines for STEP/STEG systems. Sumpter is one of about two communities in Oregon to use a sewer system in which solids settle in a tank (ST portion of acronym) near the home while fluids flow into a lagoon for dispersal.

The City of Sumpter is seeking a Seasonal Parks Attendant. This job requires organizational skills for Flea Markets and other special events, with clerical support from City staff, and cleaning and maintenance of Grounds and Volunteer Park facilities. You will be working outdoors in all kinds of weather. You must have a tidy appearance and people skills. Salary is based on experience. For more information or an application, contact City Hall at 240 N Mill St, Sumpter, 97877, or call 541-894-2314.

Organizations
There were around 30 extra Jeep and other four-wheel drive vehicles in Sumpter this past weekend. Sumpter Valley Community Volunteers served breakfast to 60 people, including residents, Baker City's Locked and Loaded Off Road Club, and the club's guests from as far away as the Portland area. The sun was shining and the weather was fabulous for what

Locked and Loaded hoped was their first of many April snow runs. Many of the club members had children along (lock up the house and load the kids). They were playing in the snow in Sumpter, so you know if they were given the chance, they were out in the snow on the trails, too.

SVCV thanks the many individuals and businesses who donated breakfast foods to help SVCV maximize the funds raised for working on projects around Sumpter Valley.

Sumpter Valley Railroad Restoration, Inc., is looking to hire up to four part-time depot agents for the upcoming operating season. The positions will be listed at the employment office. The McEwen depot is 13 hours/regular weekend and 24 hours/Flea Market weekend. The Sumpter depot is 9 hours/regular weekend and 18 hours/Flea Market weekend. Further information can be requested via info@sumptervalleyrailroad.org.

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.



Photo by Lori-Jean Pruitt
Ready for the Trails