

Pine & Eagle Valley

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Oh my have we had some beautiful days. But, the weather man/woman says rain by Thursday or Friday, then sun. What that means here is that "mores" - mushrooms will be popping up like crazy. **Turkey and Spring Bear**

The hills came alive with turkey and spring bear tag holders. I've heard of many turkeys taken, but not a bear as yet. I think it is too cold out yet and the bears are enjoying their sleep.

Appreciation

A joint effort made possible by Cammie deCastro, who asked the Clinic Board to consider joining in with the Pine Eagle Charter School to thank the communities (Halfway, Richland and Oxbow) volunteers came to fruition on Thursday, April 14 at the ol Halfway Elementary School Cafeteria.

The meats were furnished, the rest potluck. Although the microphone didn't work as hoped, there were a couple of folks who stood up and shared, the first being Denzil Kuman, Pine Eagle Charter School Music Teacher. He praised the efforts of the P.E.E.F. (Pine Eagle Education Foundation). They are a group of volunteers who help bring in music from the outside, provide instruments, etc.

Vicki Johnson thanked her mother which was especially touching as we were sitting by her. Vicki shared about her 80 year old mother Sally Andrus who has tended to the area below the "Welcome to Halfway" sign. She totes water from the ditch, adds decor, flowers and more to the area and is a volunteer. Sally had tears....of thankfulness and joy as people applauded her efforts. Morgan Gover later shared - "Oh yes...the Halfway sign lady! We have always had fun watching her dedication and creativity with the project!"

There was a nice turn out, very positive, food was great and conversation "fabulous."

Story of Kindness

Friend Bill had another fishing story to share - While taking a break from the slow fishing and while imbibing in a quick lunch, we were treated to a matinee by Mother Nature. Behind the shadow of the afternoon sun, another hungry fisherman, a bald eagle, had snagged this brown trout out of the river and flew over us while heading back to its nest.

An osprey, another flying fisherman apparently searching for lunch and disturbed by the competition on its turf, came from out of nowhere and attacked the bald eagle.

The eagle, unable to defend itself while flying with this finned-back payload, dropped the trout from over 150 feet in the air into a patch of thorny alders 20 feet from where we were standing!

The eagle circled back towards where the paratrooper trout flopped on the ground, but in hot pursuit the osprey would not let the eagle have none of that. After a brief aerial show, the eagle retreated and the much faster and nimbler osprey returned to its own part of the afternoon sky.

My friend Steve crawled into the alders and retrieved the fish. He immersed the now well traveled trout back into the river, and though slightly scarred and wounded, the fish eventually swam away back into the safety of its dark pool.

There's a lesson here. You can be a victim of circumstance, and there are predators around you that will devour you if you are unfortunate to end in their talons.

However, there is also good fortune, and a rejuvenation if you are so fortunate, to have friends that will crawl through an alder patch to rescue you after you fall prey.

I tend to think that this brown trout eyes are now focused towards the sky but not so much as in fear of the predators, but more so in thankfulness for the kindness of others.

New Neighbors

This a note from new neighbors on Church Street Jim and Kelly Buckhalter. A huge thank you goes out to everyone who helped us out while tearing down the Church St. single wide. Jeff Cardoza and his friend Josh, Larry Cantrell, Kris from up the street (you helped more than you know) Francis Mader for picking up some of the lumber and Jason Davis for the trusses, and all the fine people of Halfway who were even curious enough to stop by, introduce yourselves and visited for a few minutes (we needed the break).

LaRue Sanitary did a great job of being so prompt with the trailers, we enjoyed visiting with your family. And finally, Samuel Akers for taking down the trees and cleanup of the debris. We hope we have not left

anyone out and if we did, please know that it wasn't intentional and that we thank you just the same. The week was eventful, full of wind storms, and house fires (two houses down) which slowed us down a little but we were glad we were there to help out and call it in before it got out of hand. We hope not too much blew around the neighborhood from the wind storm, we tried to get it all up. Now, we will get ready to do the improvements to the property. New 6' solid cedar fence, cabin shed, fire pit, etc. to start with. We hope it has improved the neighborhood, as we encourage everyone to take pride in, love and enjoy the place they call "home." Halfway is such a beautiful little town and everyone tells us how lucky we are to have property there, that they love it there!

Eagle Valley Grange

The Eagle Valley Grange is looking for vendors of quality crafts, antiques, collectables, art and etc. for their annual Eagle Valley Days celebration on Saturday, June 18. Fee is only \$5 per space. Come make some money at this one day event with a parade, kids games, entertainment, pie contest, and great food. Call 541-893-6292 or 541-540-6293.

Pine Eagle Charter School

There will be an Eastern Oregon Construction and Utility Career Day on April 21, in Baker City that our students will be attending.

Rob Crawford will be traveling with those who have made State for the Speech Tournament on April 21 to the 23rd. This event is held in Monmouth, Oregon.

On Saturday April 23, Track is at Union.

Then on April 28 it is officially Mid-term

Country Dance

A Country Dance will be held on Saturday, April 23, 2016 at the Pine Valley Grange Hall in Halfway from 7 to 10 p.m. Cost for the dance is \$3 each, \$5 a couple, or \$10 family. Coffee, tea and punch will be provided. There will be a table set up for those wishing to bring finger foods to share.

New dance rules for your Children's safety. 1) Children 6th grade and under need an adult chaperone at the dance. 2) NO child can leave the dance and come back in unless they get permission from whomever is at the admission table.

Ending

Have a wonderful week everyone, random acts of kindness can be awe-some for the soul. We leave with this thought by Bob Hope - If you haven't any charity in your heart, you have the worst kind of heart trouble.

Welcome



Danzig Ace Mader was born on March 30, 2016 at 9:34 p.m. at Saint Alphonsus Hospital in Baker City. He weighed 10 lbs 10 ounces and was 22 1/4 inches long. Parents are Francis and Candi Mader of Halfway. Grandparents are Crystal North of McMinnville and David and Debrah Mader, great grandparents are Don and Judy North of Richland and Glenda Villistrago of Ontario.

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 - Be bombastic
 - Garlicky mayonnaise
 - Device to thaw frozen goods
 - A fold or ridge
 - Accused's need
 - Dangerous fibrous minerals
 - Mythical beast
 - Grassland
 - "The Three Faces of ___"
 - Baseball's Master Melvin
 - "___ the fields we go"
 - Like some cows
 - Not us
 - Simply
 - A new sibling my marriage
 - Through the postal service
 - Home, informally
 - Appearance
 - "Chicago" lyricist
 - Absorbed, as a cost
 - ___-eyed
 - Consumes
 - Novice
 - Technologically advanced
 - As a whole
 - "Enigma Variations" composer
 - Magnetic mineral
 - Stinky
 - Arab leader
 - Nancy, in Nancy
 - Icelandic epic
 - Top competitors, often
 - African antelope
 - Not fair
 - "Tarzan" extra
 - Fix, in a way
 - It holds water
 - "I" lid
 - Casting need
 - "Is that ___?"
 - Blue hue
 - Charades, essentially
 - "___ we having fun yet?"
 - Fries, maybe
 - Amniotic ___
 - Church donation
 - One who is not strong
 - Rich waxy cheese
 - Golf ball support
 - Cleave
 - Dirty
 - Classified
 - Pickled
 - Errors
 - High points
 - "Naughty you!"
 - ___ grass
 - Maori war chant
 - "Don't give up!"
 - "Fancy that!"
 - Australian runner
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