

## Baker County Livestock Producer's Foundation Scholarship Applications Now Available

Applications are now available for the Baker County Livestock Producer's Foundation Scholarship for the 2016 school year. Applicants must be residents of Baker County and currently attending or accepted for a second year or higher at an accredited college or vocational school. They must also be pursuing an agricultural-related course of study. Applications are available at the Baker County Extension Office at 260 East Street, Baker City. They are due no later than July 15th.

The Baker County Livestock Producer's Foundation encourages the pursuit of educational opportunities and emphasizes the importance of scholastic achievement.

Donations from memorials and private donations make it possible to offer scholarships each year without using any of the principal amount.

Further scholarship information is available at the Baker County Extension Office at (541) 523-6418, or by calling Kay Markgraf at (541) 523-6019. The OSU Extension Service Baker County Website address is: <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/baker>.

## CUBA

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The Cubans are building many museums. One visit was to La Casa de Africa, showing items from over thirty African nations involved in a heavy slave trade in Cuba. We also made a visit to the Cigar Lounge where we learned about the history of cigars. We were given cigars but they crumbled in our luggage. (Guess they should have been smoked at the time!) Naturally, we made a visit to the Havana Club Museum of Rum.

We went to a community project where Afro-Cuban art, music and culture were featured. We ended the day with a visit to the Christopher Columbus Cemetery. Lavish tombs of wealthy Cubans before the revolution were very interesting. Over 2 million individuals are buried in the one cemetery. One thing I thought unusual was that they take the bodies out after 40 years, burn the remains, and place them in a smaller box allowing room for more bodies! However, if the member has been wealthy or influential, those graves remain intact.

The Cuban government is just starting to allow families to open their own restaurants. They are very proud of the fact that it is their privately-run home restaurant. Some were really off the beaten path and the bus had difficulty navigating the narrow streets.

We made a visit to a day care for children ages 2-5 years old, most from single mothers and many teenagers. Again, we dropped off supplies as a part of our humanitarian visit.

Approximately seven miles southeast of the center of Havana is the home of Ernest Hemingway, where he lived from 1942-1945. It is now a museum. It contains more than 22,000 original items, including record books, paintings, personal documents, books, etc.

We followed up with a drive to Three Morro Kings Castle, the largest Spanish fortress in the Americas. The fortress was used as a military base and prison for more than two hundred years. Che Guevara made it his headquarters during the Cuban invasion. Our Cuban family would not enter as her father was accused of being a spy and executed in the fortress.



Common mode of transportation in Cuba

A stop in Santa Clara took us to the Ernesto (Che) Guevara Mausoleum. He died in Bolivia in 1967 while leading that country's revolution. The mausoleum is a memorial that houses the remains of executed Marxist revolutionary Che and twenty-nine of his fellow combatants killed in Bolivia. I found the site where guerrilla forces commanded by Che ambushed Batista, by pushing tracks aside to derail the train. The original armored boxcars now have displays of photos, armaments and artifacts inside, and the bulldozer used to derail the train is at the site. This was a setback to the Batista forces, who were moving men and much needed equipment across to the north.

Leaving Cuba was easier than we imagined. We did not have our luggage checked on either the Cuban or U.S. side. It was a wonderful trip with a lot of memories.

Gerald Hopkins is retired as superintendent from Huntington School system, and also retired elementary School Principal from North Powder. His wife, Mary, who also traveled to Cuba, is a retired speech therapist from the Baker School District. Gerald remains active in local theatre productions, the Elgin Historical Society, and Lions Club. He and Mary have traveled to approximately 100 countries. "It keeps us busy", says Gerald.

## Hells Canyon Junior Rodeo



Outstanding rodeo talent was on display the entire weekend at the Hells Canyon Junior Rodeo Event / HCJ photo

Lexie Harrell, Baker City, won the All Around Trophy Saddle and was impressive in doing so. She also won Junior Girls Breakaway competition, the Junior Girls Barrel Racing and Junior Girls Pole Bending. Those wins and what else she did in the rodeo gave her enough points to be the high point contestant among all the Juniors (boys and girls), so she won the High Point Junior Breast Collar as well.

### Mini Mite Buckles:

Mutton Bustin - Riata Higby  
- New Plymouth, Id  
Dummy Roping - Riata Higby  
- New Plymouth, Id  
Goat Tails - Aspen Allred  
- Emmett, Id

### Cow Kids Buckles:

Barrels - Denni Jo Coleman  
- Harper, Or  
Goat Tail Untying - Denni Jo Coleman - Harper, Or  
Figure 8 Race - Denni Jo Coleman - Harper, Or  
Dummy Roping - Denni Jo Coleman - Harper, Or

### Hi Point Cow Kid Breast Collar:

Denni Jo Coleman  
- Harper, Or

### Pee Wee Girls Buckles:

Goat Tying - Raimee Pearson  
- Emmett, Id  
Barrels - Raimee Pearson  
- Emmett, Id  
Poles - Raimee Pearson  
- Emmett, Id

### Pee Wee Boys Buckles:

Goat Tying - Dawson McGinn  
- North Powder, Or  
Barrels - Zack Morrison  
- Baker City, Or  
Poles - Zack Morrison  
- Baker City, Or

### Hi Point Pee Wee Kid Breast Collar:

Raimee Pearson  
- Emmett, Id

### Junior Girls Buckles:

Breakaway - Lexie Harrell  
- Baker City, Or  
Goat Tying - Maggie Mackenzie - Baker City, Or  
Barrels - Lexie Harrell  
- Baker City, Or  
Poles - Lexie Harrell  
- Baker City, Or

### Junior Boys Buckles:

Breakaway - Caseyn Pearson  
- Emmett, Id  
Calf Tying - Ty Morrison  
- Baker City, Or

### Hi Point Junior Kid Breast Collar:

Lexie Harrell - Baker City, Or

### Senior Girls Buckles:

Goat Tying - Jessie Varner  
- Union, Or  
Barrels - Karry Davis  
- Halfway, Or  
Poles - Sabrina Craig  
- Weiser, Id

### Senior Boys Buckles:

Chute Dogging - Matthew Siddoway - Durkee, Or  
Team Roping - Jessie Varner & Matthew Siddoway

### Hi Point Senior Kid Breast Collar:

Jessie Varner  
- Union, Or

### Sportsmanship Buckle:

Caseyn Pearson - Emmett, Id

### All Around Saddle:

Lexie Harrell - Baker City, Or

## Rodeo News

North Powder 8th grader, Michelle Williams, is competing this week in Lebanon, Tennessee in the world's largest Junior High School Rodeo. Williams qualified in barrel racing, pole bending, breakaway roping and ribbon roping. The event features 1,000 contestants from 43 states, Canada, and Australia - all vying for cash prizes and \$100,000 in college scholarships. Good Luck, Michelle!

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