

School district to discuss business opportunities if bond measure passes

Baker School District 5J invites the Baker County business community to learn about local work and business opportunities if a proposed \$48 million capital construction bond is approved in the Nov. 6 election.

The District will be holding two business outreach information sessions at the Baker High School Commons, 2500 E St.:

- Tuesday, Oct. 23, at 4 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 27 at 9 a.m.

The information sessions will be led by Wenaha Group, the District's project

manager for the proposed bond project. Light refreshments will be provided.

The District is committed to engaging with local contractors and trades people, retailers, those in the service industry and others if the bond measure is approved, Superintendent Mark Witty stated in a press release.

These information sessions will focus on how local businesses could provide services, materials and support to the bond improvements and to identify local capabilities that could be incorporated into the design.

The District's goal is to

help local businesses plan ahead so that bond dollars could be spent locally whenever possible, Witty said.

In addition to traditional construction trades, he said the bond improvements could offer an opportunity for many business sectors in Baker County to provide support such as:

- Hospitality and short-term rentals for visiting consultants and construction workers
- Restaurants, catering and groceries
- Building material and parts suppliers
- Automotive and equip-

ment service and rental, including fuel and parts

- All types of retailers
- Signage and copies

The proposed bond projects would provide a significant financial investment in the Baker community. In all, the bond improvements would total \$52 million, incorporating \$48 million in bond proceeds and a \$4 million grant from the Oregon Department of Education.

The District's business outreach is intended to be nonpolitical, Witty said. The meetings will not include discussion about the merits of the bond measure.

Local voters to decide on variety of races

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On Nov. 6 voters in Baker County will have the chance to vote on a variety of races and measures.

Measure 1-88

• Voters in the Baker School District 5J will decide on a \$48 million bond to build a new elementary school and remodel other schools.

Countywide

• County Commissioner Position 3 (Chair): Current Chair Bill Harvey and Commissioner Bruce Nichols are the two candidates.

• Measure 1-84: Baker County Second Amendment Preservation Ordinance would prevent the county from enforcing any law that restricts the right of the people to possess firearms,

ammunition and firearm accessories.

• County Clerk: Stefanie Kirby, who works in the clerk's office, is the only candidate to replace Cindy Carpenter, who is retiring.

• County Treasurer: Alice Durlinger, the incumbent, is running unopposed.

Baker City

• City Council: There are four council spots up for election and 10 candidates. The 10 candidates are Raymond Rienks, Carly Annable, Lynette Perry, Doni Bruland, Daryl DeMoss, Randy Schiewe (the lone incumbent), Kevin Luckini, Slade Elbert, Ken Gross and Morgan DeCarl.

Please turn to Pages 6A and 7A to read the candidates' answers to questions submitted by the Herald.

Sumpter

• Mayor: Samantha Rowan is the only candidate.

• City Council Position 1: Mick Allen.

• City Council Position 2: Jennifer Lake and Charlie Briscoe.

• Measure 1-85: Shall the City of Sumpter Ban Marijuana Business. The voters of Sumpter will decide if they will ban marijuana processing sites, dispensaries, producers, wholesalers and retailers.

The city has two dispensaries operating now.

Haines

• Mayor: Jim Brown.

• City Council: There are three open spots and four candidates — Katie Jones, Don J Adcock, June Falcon, Angie Shurtleff.

• Measure 1-86: Prohibit

its Commercial Marijuana Facilities in Haines. If approved, the city would pass an ordinance to prohibit the establishment of commercial marijuana processing sites, dispensaries, retailers, producers and wholesalers.

• Measure 1-87: Authorizing 3-percent tax on cannabis retailers, manufacturers and by-products. If approved, the city would impose a 3-percent tax on the sale of cannabis and all by-products by a retailer or manufacturer in the city were one to ever open.

Huntington

• City Council: There are five candidates running for three seats — Robert Price, Allen Clark, Wade Boxberger, Shellie Nash and Lillian Matthews.

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School board to honor students Thursday

The Baker School Board will recognize outstanding students as well as a community member and a 5J District employee when it meets Thursday night.

The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 1655 First St.

Students to be honored are Emily Black, Baker High School "Promise Student of the Month," and Noelle Quintela, Brooklyn Primary School "Promise of Baker Student of the Month."

The Board also will recognize Cody Miller, independent owner-operator of Grocery Outlet, Baker City's newest grocery store, which opened Thursday. Miller donated \$2,472.54 to the school district as part of the opening day festivities. Miller said the amount

represented how much customers saved during the first hour of shopping at the new store, compared to what they would have spent shopping elsewhere.

Ma'Lena Wirth, who is an interpreter and translator in the District's English as a Second Language program working with students and families, will be honored as well. Wirth recently received national recognition from the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute.

In other business, the Board will:

- Hear a report about this year's week-long overnight Outdoor School program for sixth-graders from principals Katy Collier of Haines Elementary School, Geno Bates of South Baker Intermediate School and Amanda Wilde of Keating Elementary School.
- Review personnel reports that

include the resignation of Tammy Pierce as Baker Technical Institute's administrative and marketing assistant; and the hiring of Daisy Walden on an extra-duty contract to serve as Friday Experience facilitator; Beck Cross, as a custodian at the District Office; Ed Wilde, as bus driver; Georgene Wirth, part-time dishwasher at Brooklyn; and Mike Morgan, as a vocational journeyman electrician apprenticeship instructor to teach community classes.

The Board also will conduct the second reading of revised policies on topics ranging from staff ethics to special education and relations with law enforcement agencies. Directors are expected to adopt the policies during the action portion of the meeting.

LOCAL BRIEFING

Event highlights local food projects

An event set for Oct. 23 in Baker City will highlight local projects designed to encourage local food production.

The FEAST event — Food Agriculture Education Solutions Together — is co-sponsored by the Northeast Oregon Economic Development District (NEOEDD) and the Oregon Food Bank.

It is scheduled from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Baker County Library, 2400 Resort St.

The free program will honor these projects:

- Baker Community Garden. Project leader, Sheila Petty
- Raised beds, gardening and food preservation with One Transition at a Time. Project leader, Danean Riley
- Raised beds, gardening, gleaning and food preservation, Giving Gardens. Project leader, Tammy Meyer
- Food fermentation classes with Baker County Farmers Market. Project leader, Pek Wijayratne

The projects were conceived during a 2017 FEAST event and received mini-grants from NEOEDD with funding provided by the Oregon Food Bank. More than 50 people were engaged in gardening, education, gleaning and food access projects. Apples, pears, peaches, raspberries, plums and grapes were gleaned and donated to food access outlets such as food pantries and churches. Produce raised in community garden plots was also donated.

Baker County Democrats meet Thursday

The Baker County Democrats will have their monthly meeting on Thursday, Oct. 18, at Rogers Fellowship Hall, Fourth Street and Washington Avenue. Social time, with coffee, tea and cocoa, starts at 5:30 p.m., with the meeting at 6 p.m. County Commissioner Bruce Nichols will be the guest, and there will be a discussion of work for the Nov. 6 election. Everyone is welcome.

Field trip to local tree farm Oct. 20

Everyone is welcome to attend a field trip to a local tree farm on Saturday, Oct. 20.

Jim James, executive director of the Oregon Small Woodlands Association, will talk about managing properties in the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) and the benefits of membership in the Woodlands Association.

The "Howdy, Neighbor!" tour will also include information about maintaining forest health and reducing homeowners and liability insurance costs, as well as regulatory requirements for properties in the WUI.

The tour of Steve and Mickey Edwards' tree farm is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and will include a lunch featuring smoked buffalo sandwiches. Participants are asked to bring a side dish, salad or dessert.

To RSVP, email to prxs@me.com, or call the Edwardses at 541-523-5299 or the OSU Baker County Extension Office at 541-523-6418.

Prescription drug take back event Oct. 27

The Baker City Police Department, in collaboration with the Drug Enforcement Administration, will accept unwanted or expired prescription drug pills and patches on Saturday, Oct. 27, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Police Department, 1768 Auburn Ave.

Police can't accept liquids, needles or sharps of any kind. The service is free and anonymous.

More information is available by calling Phoebe Wachtel, the department's administrative assistant, at 541-524-2014, extension 20, or Lynn Magnuson, evidence technician, at 541-524-2014, extension 29.

Turkey dinner Nov. 4 at St. Francis

The annual St. Francis de Sales turkey dinner is set for Sunday, Nov. 4 at 2 p.m. or 4 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. The menu includes roast turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, fruit salad, and homemade pumpkin pie with whipped cream.

Tickets are available by calling Jody Colton at 541-519-0162 or the parish office at 541-523-4521.

Cancer support group meets

The Baker County Cancer Support Group will hear a presentation from a Meridian, Idaho, firm that provides products for people diagnosed with breast cancer.

The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 18, at the conference room of St. Luke's Eastern Oregon Medical Associates, 3950 17th St.

The information will be presented via the internet over

Skype by staff from Prairie Medical, said Gloria Schott, support group organizer.

Items offered include mastectomy bras, breast forms and custom-made breast prosthesis.

Jackie Godfrey, a nurse navigator at St. Luke's, also will speak on the topic of "Getting the Most Out of Your Doctor's Appointment."

The Cancer Support Group

meets every third Thursday of the month at the same time and place. Anyone who has been diagnosed with cancer and their family members are invited.

More information is available by calling her at 541-403-2659, or the American Cancer Society at 1-800-227-2345, seven days a week, 24 hours a day, or go to www.cancer.org

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