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Ukiah Community Newsletter

New Faces on City Council

Well, two of them are new. Right, Mayor Clint Barber and Council Members Louise McKinnon and Penny Alford were sworn in on Tuesday, Jan. 9. Barber has served as mayor and on the council in the past.



Rural Fire District Proposed

Battle Mountain resident Judy Reese wants a rural fire district. "The state does not fight structure fires," Reese said at a Dec. 11 meeting in Ukiah. "What you pay on your taxes is strictly for them to fight wildland fire. That's why I'm interested in a fire district, that and the fact that insurance charges an arm and a leg because you're not in a fire district."

The proposed district would run from Gurdane Road to south of Ukiah, east to Dixie Ranch Road and west to Hwy 395.

Reese said the City of Ukiah could possibly be included in the new district. The RFD would levy a tax on all structures to pay for firefighting equipment.

The next step is a letter asking residents to serve on an organizing committee. "I can't go any further myself without this committee," she said.

Monument recently established a rural fire district following a big fire. "We tried to get it going years ago," Monument Fire Chief Roy Peterson said, "but after three complex fires in 10 years, people started getting interested."

Christmas in Ukiah, 2012



Clockwise, from upper left--Lizzie Enriquez, Jordon Hartzog and Jacob Cunningham decorate the tree at the NFJD Ranger Station; Brittini Gulden and Casey Levi string lights at the city park; Penny Alford and Stephanie Picard serve up hot chocolate on a cold day; Emalie Gulden and Pat Picard enjoy a quiet moment with a puppy; center, sledders start the trudge uphill for another run down Mill Street.

Successful Year for Ukiah 4-H

By Norma Barber

Ukiah Community 4-H Club members earned Small Animal and Overall Animal Herdsmanship Club awards at the 2012 Morrow County Fair. Herdsmanship acknowledges individual and club efforts in the care and feeding of animals, care and cleanliness of the barn, club displays and willingness to help others at the fair.

Individual awards were presented to:

* Tyanna Billings. Rabbits: Champion and Blue Ribbon--Showmanship; Reserve Champion, four blue ribbons and one red ribbon--Conformation.

* Quinton Orr. Poultry: Best of Show; Grand Champion--Breeding; Reserve Champion--Egg Production. Foods: Reserve Champion--Measuring Contest; Blue Ribbons in Cook for a Judge and cookies; Photography; Blue Ribbon--State Fair Exhibit.

* Bella Orr. Cloverbud: Ribbons for art, chickens, photography, beadwork, and cookies.

Alea Douglas, Elizabeth Gulden, Colton Schock, Alex Knudsen, Jordon Hartzog and Chyanne Montee also participated in 4-H activities during 2012.

Registration is now open for 2013 4-H clubs. Established projects in Ukiah include foods, poultry, hogs, photography and rocketry. Children may begin 4-H activities as Cloverbuds in kindergarten, and may join regular 4-H clubs after 4th grade. Interested children and parents may contact Laura Orr at 541-427-3134 for more information.

Meetings and Events

Ukiah City Council, Senior Center, 7 p.m. Feb. 5.
 Ukiah School Board, Ukiah School, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb 14.
 Stitch & Chatter Quilters, Presbyterian Church, Wed. and Sat.
 Senior lunch, Senior Center, 11:30 a.m. on Fridays.
Bingo! Wed. evenings, 6 p.m. at the Senior Center.
 Ukiah Food Pantry, Presbyterian Church. Check church reader board for dates.

Senior Lunch Menu

January 11--Meatloaf, mashed potatoes with gravy, mixed vegetables, fruit cup, coleslaw, roll, pudding delight.
January 18--Enchiladas, Spanish rice, refried beans, salsa with sour cream and chips, pineapple, tossed salad, chocolate cake.
January 25--Fish, potatoes au gratin, peas and carrots, coleslaw, garlic bread, fruit cup, ice cream.
February 1--Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, mixed vegetables, cabbage salad, grilled bread, fruit and cake.
February 8--Sausage links, hash-browns, sausage gravy, stewed tomatoes, orange slices, biscuits, upside-down pineapple cake.



Two days of powdery dry snow before Christmas, followed by a week of below-freezing temperatures made for great sledding over the holidays. Mill, Pine and Camas streets were especially popular, with many sleds coasting almost to Hwy 244.

January City Council

Fire insurance premiums for property owners and for the city are set to go up this year due to a change in the city's ranking from 8 to 10, for no fire protection.
 Ukiah was last ranked in 2003. City Planner Laura Foley has arranged for an on-site survey in an effort to have the ranking changed.
 The city dropped three large delinquent water and sewer bills from its collection agency account, but will deny future service to those individuals.
 The League of Oregon Cities is holding training session for the council at the Senior Center on Tuesday, Jan. 16 at 6 p.m.
 In other business, the council:
 * Approved sending council members to a Citycounty Insurance Services workshop in Portland, paid for with grants from CIS.
 * Tabled discussion of the water line easement on the vacated portion of Alba.
 * Decided to advertise the maintenance position in March.
 * Passed a resolution honoring retiring Council Member Rose Gatens and Mayor Carole Picard for their service to the city.

December/January School Board

Gun Wiriyasijja and Sara da Silva graduated on Jan. 7. The girls, from Thailand and Brazil, thanked the board and the staff for their year at Ukiah School. Both plan to go on to college.
 Ukiah's team took first place at the Technology Student Association competition at BMCC on Dec. 13 with a Christmas toy.
 Overton Electric upgraded light fixtures throughout the school except for the gym, which will be done the weekend of Jan. 19.
 Two leaking water heaters at the school were replaced at a cost of about \$600, and Gordon Electric of Pendleton replaced a breaker box at the boys dorm.
 First semester ends on Jan. 10. On Jan. 11 EMT Chris Helberg will hold a first aid class for school staff.
 No school on Monday, Jan. 21 for Martin Luther King Day.
 Four students have turned in applications for work scholarships to pay part of their their ASB fees by doing maintenance work at the school and the dorms.
 After another large pine blew down during a recent windstorm, the school plans to remove eight of the dozen or so trees near the buildings. The lumber is valued at about \$3300.

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Ukiah Profile

Bert McCormack Archives Ukiah History



Bert McCormack has been managing a rotating display of local historical photos at the Ukiah Senior Center since 2004.

"Everybody is interested in history," says Bert McCormack. But unlike many of us, he does something about it.

McCormack, who splits his time between his place on Deerhorn Creek and a new home in Enterprise, shows up at the Ukiah Senior Center every two months to organize displays of historical photographs.

During construction of the Senior Center McCormack showed some of his old photos to City Planner Laura Foley, who had budgeted \$1200 for a display case in the building.

"She wanted some pictures to put in the Senior Center, so I told

her I had some," McCormack says. "It started with pictures from my grandmother had that I scanned and enlarged and printed. The first one was from 1938, of my uncle William McCormack and a horse named Bird."

"We always intended the display case to be used for pictures," Foley says. "I think it is wonderful that Bert has such a treasure trove of area photos and that he's willing to curate them for us."

McCormack has 300 to 400 photos and is always interested in getting more. Many are from his family's old albums, while others have come from Ukiah residents and people who attended the three "Time to Remember" events he helped organize at the Senior Center a few years ago. He borrows the photos, makes copies and then returns them.

But some just show up in the display case when he isn't looking. He identified two recent additions to the veterans display by recognizing family members included in the pictures.

McCormack has three basic sets of photos. He sets out about 50 pictures of local veterans for Veterans Day and Memorial Day. Another set of wedding pictures goes out in February for Valentine's Day. In between he displays historical photos of everything from old mines and logging operations to early motor travel to pioneer farms and ranches.

He buys inexpensive frames for the photos and changes the display six times a year. He can make copies of photos on request.

McCormack also copies excerpts from books of local history and Umatilla County Historical Society publications and provides them to anyone who is interested.

"I got started and enjoyed it so I'm still doing this," he says. "I get a lot of good comments on it. Most people look at the pictures and had no idea, like the school pictures of Ukiah. I got all the school reunion pictures from Lucille Gilliland. She also had pictures of the Gilliland cemetery."

If you have photos to contribute or questions to ask, you can contact Bert McCormack at bbmccormack@frontier.com or 541-426-8015 or or catch him at the Senior Center lunch on Fridays.



Basketball coach T.C. Conner conducts practice with the Ukiah girls team.

Ukiah Girls Basketball

by Tyanna Billing and Jam Aroonchai

Ukiah High School senior Brittni Gulden has double the experience of the rest of the girls on the basketball team combined.

With eight girls, the team draws from five different countries.

"Basketball has a ball and hands. It's like handball," said Luisa Ferreira from Brazil. Handball is Ferreira's number one sport.

As of Christmas, the girls have played two games with good results, improving in each game, said Natsupang "Jam" Aroonchai from Thailand. Teamwork has been improving along with the

team's skills and abilities.

"Without teamwork there is no game!" Gulden said.

Coach T.C. Conner is optimistic about the upcoming season. "This year I think the girls will do good. They will come together as a team."

Conner has been coaching both the girls and the boys teams for many years with the same approach and techniques. The teams are working hard during practices two hours a day five days a week.

Led by the three team captains, Gulden, Ferreira and Kaede Shimojo from Japan, the girls not only want to have a good season this year but also a fun, knowledgeable life lesson.

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Sunday Suppers--Looking for a Few Good Cooks

Penny Alford and Norma Barber are organizing a series of dinners every other Sunday at the Senior Center. The first dinner is scheduled for January 13 at 5 p.m. Cost is \$6 per person, with children under 10 eating for free. The two women hope the dinners will run through the end of March.

"I think it will be fun, something for people to do and give them another day to visit," Alford said

The city council waived the usual rental fee and loaned \$200 to buy food for the first dinner. Alford and Barber expect proceeds from the first two dinners to repay the loan and provide funding for additional meals.

But they don't plan to do all the cooking.

"There's good cooks through the whole community, and if they want to cook dinner and prepare a special dish, they can," Alford said.

Anyone interested in cooking can contact Alford at 541-427-3019.

Susan Barber Graduates

Susan Barber, daughter of Clint and Norma Barber, graduated from Montana State University in Bozeman on December 15 with a BS in health and human performance.

Susan graduated from Ukiah High School in 2003.

The Barbers drove to Montana for the ceremony with their other two daughters, Laura Orr and Janet Wallgren, who flew in from Sweden, two grandchildren, and two of Clint's sisters and their families.

Susan plans to begin classes this fall for a physical therapy assistant certificate at Montana State University School of Technology in Great Falls, Mont.



Bird Feeder Info--The Audubon Society (www.audubon.org) says that feeding does not interfere with bird migration, which is triggered by changes in day length rather than the availability of food. Most backyard birds have a feeding tour that includes neighborhood feeders and natural foods. They won't suffer if feeders are left empty for a few weeks, except during bad snow or ice storms that bury natural food. In that event, feeders could be life-saving for some birds.

Winter Basketball Schedule

Note: All home games are held at the Ukiah School gym and include a junior-high "mini-game" during halftime.

- Home Game--**Fri., Jan. 11, Prairie City, 6 p.m.
- Home Game--**Sat., Jan. 12, Spray, 2 p.m.
- Mon., Jan. 14--Boys at Heppner
- Fri., Jan. 18, Monument/Dayville at Dayville, 6 p.m.
- Sat., Jan. 19, Long Creek at Long Creek, 2 p.m.
- Home Game--**Fri., Jan. 25, Mitchell, 6 p.m.
- Sat., Jan. 26, Prairie City at Prairie City, 2 p.m.
- Mon., Jan. 28, Heppner boys at Heppner
- Home Game--**Thurs., Jan. 31, Monument/Dayville, 5 p.m.
- Fri., Feb. 1, Spray at Spray, 6 p.m.
- Home Game--**Thursday, Feb. 7, with Long Creek, 6 p.m.
- Fri., Feb. 8, with Mitchell at Mitchell, 6 p.m.
- Sat., Feb. 9, junior high tournament.

Chowder Dinner Raises Money for Medical Travel

Fundraisers, including a December 15 bingo game and dinner featuring Tom Gatens' famous clam chowder, raised more than \$1500 to help with travel expenses for Bobbi Hofbauer.

Hofbauer, 16, has a cystic-lymphangioma, a rare non-cancerous tumor, in her abdomen. She has had surgery but also needs a special procedure done at the Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus, Ohio. Bobbi and her parents, Phil Hofbauer and Monica Day-Hofbauer, left for the first treatment on January 7.

Donations included \$500 from Oregon's Special Transportation Fund, \$200 from Camas Creek Bible Fellowship and private contributions.

Phil Hofbauer raised additional funds with a firewood raffle.

Get Ready to Ski!

Ukiah School's ski program starts on February 10. Community members are invited to ride with students on the school bus to Anthony Lakes every Sunday for six weeks. Bring your own skis or join the program (lessons, rentals, lift tickets, fuel) for \$200. Contact Laura Orr at the school for more information--541-427-3731.

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