



The High Prairian

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NOTICES

HOEDOWN CANCELLED

Due to the lack of a large enough facility, there will be **NO OCTOBER 5th HOEDOWN**. The Fire Department let us use the both sides of the firehall last year, but due to the need to remain fire ready to meet the critical fire situation this year we would only be able to use half of the building. Our firefighting equipment and gear need to be in place and easily accessible in case of a fire. The rental of large tents was not an economical solution. We thank the local fire personnel for their continued dedication. Hopefully next year we may again have the very enjoyable Hoedown.

Fire Volunteers meet the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Fire Hall.

Fire Commissioners meet the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM at Fire Hall.

High Prairie Neighborhood Association meets the 4th Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM. September 26th meeting will start at 6:30, with an ice cream social and will be at Morning Song Acres.

High Prairie Historical Society meets quarterly the 3rd Sunday in March, June, and September and the 1st Sunday in December beginning at 2:00 PM. The September 15th meeting will be held at the home of Fred and Cindy Henchell.

Lyle School Board meets the next to last Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Boardroom.

Candidate's Night: October 24th at 7:00 PM at the Lion's Club in Lyle.

When requesting medical assistance or reporting a fire CALL 911

We're thinking...

A HIGH PRAIRIE COMMUNITY CENTER!

Audrey Bentz

Come to Morning Song Acres* on Thursday, September 26 for a discussion of type of building, design and financial viability. We begin at 6:30 p.m. with **HOMEMADE ICE CREAM** and we'll get serious about the Community Center project at 7:30. We need the voice of **EVERYBODY** in this community to make a wise and appropriate decision. Can we count on you?

Why a Community Center? A place for family reunions, birthday or anniversary parties, Cub/BoyScout/Girl Scout or 4-H meetings, community classes (exercise, art, CPR, paramedic, etc), emergency housing, Historical Group meetings, High Prairie Neighborhood Association meetings, special fund-raisers (annual "Fire House Sale" or fall "Hoedown"), holiday parties, firefighter training, teen events, child day care, social bratwurst or pizza parties, weddings, funerals, religious services — and probably more that we haven't thought of!

NEW RESIDENTS ARE ESPECIALLY URGED TO COME — GREAT WAY FOR US TO GET ACQUAINTED!

Questions? Call 365-3600. If you wish to bring a gallon of homemade ice cream, or a topping, call Audrey or Myrin at this number. See you soon!

**Where is Morning Song Acres? Turn north off Centerville Hwy on Struck Road, north on Oda Knight Road, then north again on Morning Song Lane. It's the retreat facility at the top of the hill.*

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

(From phone call to Douglas Taylor, Monday, June 03, 2002)

Tonight my teacher Mr. Gilbert Giles of the 7th and 8th grade telephoned. I had given him a couple of our High Prairie newsletters. Mr. Giles mentioned when reading them, it almost brought tears to his eyes. He thought it was so great that the community was working together so nicely. Saying that it may take time, but working together one can accomplish many goals. He mentioned that community councils working and using the many talents placed in the right direction could greatly improve the lot of a community. He mentioned that he was so proud of our accomplishments and our working as a community.

He now is 92 plus years old and he stated he has seen quite a decline in the schools. He said he started noticing the decline around 1967. He felt that schools now again were improving. Mr. Giles was raised a farm boy in Bickleton. His comment of parents supporting their children and having time to read to them when young made a great improvement on their learning abilities. This is not seen as much now as both parents are working or are single parents and children are home alone.

He told me from the time he was young his folks encouraged him and his brothers to go to college. He taught several years at Lyle and then went to

Woodland, Washington. There he taught and was principle for 16 years until retiring. Mr. Giles has been retired for 33 years and his retirement income does not meet the inflation of today. He has two grandchildren and eight greatgrand children

Both Gilbert and his wife Helen taught in Lyle schools in the late 1940's. Without a car and unable to drive, finding shoes and clothes to purchase is a problem as they are not sold in White Salmon and he must find a ride to Hood River.

DIFFICULT CHOICES

It's been the practice of *The High Prairian* staff to feature a couple or an individual in these newsletters. It is a difficult task to choose just one couple or individual to highlight as there are so many people in High Prairie who contribute so very much to the community. We hope that we will eventually be able to acknowledge at least the majority of those who work so faithfully to make this such a great community.

The Editors

IN MEMORIAN

compiled by Dona Taylor

High Prairie resident Norma Kearns passed away in a Portland hospital June 1, 2002. She and her husband Billie lived here since 1993. She loved being a homemaker and reading her Bible.

Ronald Everett Gill passed away August 17, 2002 while visiting on High Prairie with his sister and brother-in-law, Patrice and James Archuleta. He was a skilled craftsman having built his own sailboat, and was proficient in all his endeavors.

Dona Taylor's father Rev. Clare D. Brown passed away at his home at Arlington, WA on August 12, 2002. He was a former Centerville, Dallesport, and Lyle resident.

Our sincerest condolences to their families.

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BUSY FIRE SEASON

Cal Edwards



Photo courtesy of Jesse Burkhardt, The Enterprise.

Fire Commissioners (l - r) Chris Patrick, Fred Henschell, and Doug Taylor proudly debut the new urban interface pumper at the August HPNA meeting.

High Prairie's fire department has been very busy this year. We completed major engine repairs on our 6X6 heavy brush rig and did an engine replacement on the 4X4 Dodge brush rig. With help from the county grant we were able to hire several repairs completed on the Ford pumper. We plan to have additional work done on the Ford this fall.

We were called to fight several fires: Klickitat Heights, Centerville Highway mile post 5, Rowland Lake, Sheldon Ridge (The Dalles), Sherman County, Dallesport, Murdock, Klickitat River & Highway 14, Centerville Highway mile post 12, and some false alarms here on the Prairie. Some of the fires were man made, some were caused by lightening, and some were of undetermined causes. One High Prairie crew was able to save a home in the high wind at Murdock when they were assigned a location between it and a home that was already fully involved when we arrived.

We believe we have had enough practice this year so please be careful while we are waiting for the fall rains.

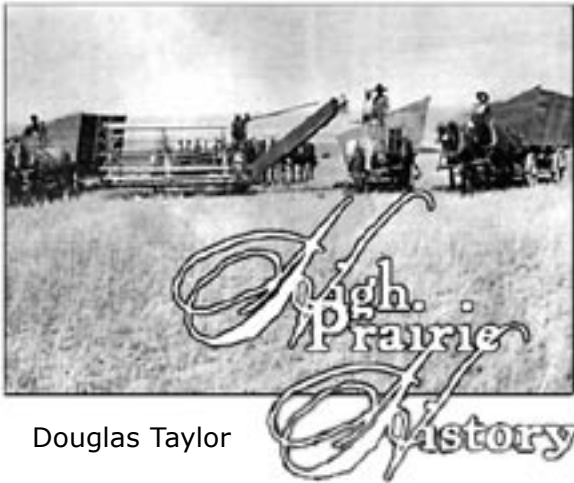
Our new Urban Interface Pumper was only on the job one week when Chris Patrick used it on a fire

at mile post 12, Centerville Highway. Chris said it worked great and he was glad that it is equipped with foam capabilities. The new Engine won a ribbon in the Goldendale parade. It won 2nd place. We were told that Goldendale always wins 1st place in the Goldendale parade. It was fun having other Klickitat County fire departments help us celebrate this wonderful addition to Klickitat County.

We have also had several medical calls this year. The fire department now has room for additional Firefighters and First Responders or EMT's. The fire department will provide the required training for volunteers. If you are interested or have questions, call any firefighter or attend a fire meeting. The meetings are at the fire hall. They are at 7PM on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month.

We have used the new water supply point often this year. It works great. It can fill a truck quickly and is a major improvement over our past practice of begging door to door for water. I thank Myrin and Audry every time I use it. I also remember all of the community members that helped us build it. We have plans for additional landscaping, painting, and a small protective building for the well. Please call Fred Henschell or myself if you would like to help.

Please remember there is a burn ban in our local area as well in all of Klickitat County. Please continue being careful.



Douglas Taylor

WHAT A GREAT COUNTRY

Coming home from a 4th of July celebration, I was reflecting on the spirit of our nation and our community members. How great we have become by uniting and pulling together. We have much to be thankful for and many dedicated people to appreciate.

I was thinking back to the time when we had very few neighbors. We all knew each other and if one needed help everyone pitched in with whatever resources available and completed the projects. It seems as the community grows the spirit has grown with it.

Sometimes the mere mention of a project brings results beyond belief. I was so surprised that a mention of our deteriorating picnic tables at a HPNA meeting brought forth four new tables. Lowell Turner saw the need, went home fashioned a design, gathered the material, put them together and donated these to the community. This is the kind of spirit that has become a norm for our community.

If I were to try and name individuals for their accomplishments. I certainly would miss many individuals and families and would certainly not think of all their generousities offered. I can think of many, many projects that have been accomplished through the giving of neighbors contributing labor, machinery, money, donations, expertise and a whole lot of perspiration. Not necessarily in that order of course, for the good of the community.

In years gone by if a neighbor needed a barn roofed there was always willing hands for help or maybe a cow having trouble calving; it was sometimes necessary to call on a neighbor. Moving cattle was a job that sometimes required a little assistance, branding, vaccinating and otherwise identifying animals was sometimes a community thing. Occasionally a bale buck was needed for a short time until a hired one could be found. What about moving a building, chasing cattle or horses home, pulling a stuck vehicle from the mud or snow, fixing the neighbor's fence.

One can think of many community functions over the years raising money for 4-H projects, fire department needs and kids doing community deeds. One 4-H project the kids performed was fashioning, and painting the sign at the cemetery, installing posts at some of the local ponds with ropes and intertubes tied to them for the safety of swimmers. The kids even got together working as a group raising funds charging or receiving donations of a various amounts, mowing grass, stacking wood or general cleanup of yards for some of the elderly and others.



Locator signs, one of the many 4-H projects, can still be seen around the prairie.

Our firehall was fashioned by the generosity of many helping neighbors; our water source was a product of need, land donation, county grants and the sweat of many volunteers. The county grant fund has made many valued improvements for our community. But without the community applications, commitment and involvement there would be no county grant funds or valued improvements.

This willingness to give certainly has not been lost as I scratch my head and think of the monumental

private contributions made over the last several years. I think it would be impossible to put a price on just labor donated, not to mention equipment, material, land, surveys and other valued commodities.

Least we forget; I might mention our other great community friends that border us, we have always had tremendous support with our fires from Lyle, Centerville and Goldendale and of course the Department of Natural Resources always stands ready to support our fire fighters.

Think positive, "This Land is your land, this land is my land, and it was made for you and me".

It makes one proud to be an American and most of all a High Prairiean.



PICNIC TABLES

Lozetta Doll

Lowell & Mary Turner donated four new picnic tables to the High Prairie Community. Lowell built the sturdy tables from some material they had left over from the construction of their home.

A group of High Prairie painters (Doug Taylor, Shannon Hess, Arlen Aleckson, and Tom and Lozetta Doll) sanded and painted the tables one afternoon last month. The paint, a light gray, was donated by the High Prairie Neighborhood Association.

The tables will be stored, covered and secured. The community will enjoy and appreciate them for many years to come.

HIGH PRAIRIE STUDENTS THANK YOU

Cal Edwards

The High Prairie students who attend Dallesport Elementary: **Michael Hickman, Tessa Blouin, Sky Blouin, Ariel Brisbois, Carisa Coe, Christian Coe, Chris Girl, Kyle Grayson, Brent Hefling, Alesha Hefling, Chantelle Hickman, Destiny Hickman, Kirstin Hylton, Gavin Justin, Taylor Keith, Jim Price, Brittany Price, Nick Wolf, and Jennifer Wolf** thank you for the new playground equipment at Dallesport Elementary.

Because of a request from High Prairie, Appleton, Lyle, and Dallesport the county awarded a grant to the Lyle School District for new playground equipment. The students selected the colors last spring and it was installed by volunteers this summer. It is now being used by all the Dallesport students.

If you haven't seen the new playground yet, stop a take a look. There is a unique tic-tac-toe game built into the equipment.



CAUTION

Sharon Alexson

It's back to school time. That means school buses and children along the routes waiting to be picked up for school. Be aware of signs along the highway and roads that indicate that there is a school bus stop ahead. **SLOW DOWN!! USE CAUTION!** There just might be a school bus ahead that is stopped and the children are either loading or unloading. We want our children to have a safe and happy school year.

ACKNOWLEDGING COMMUNITY SERVICE: CAL and SHARON EDWARDS

Douglas Taylor



Cal was raised in Southern Idaho while Sharon was growing up in Clark County WA. Sharon is from Battleground, which was very rural back then.

Sharon's family moved to Idaho while she was in high school. They met in high school and were married in Vancouver, WA later on.

They have lived in California, Massachusetts, Yakima, Spokane, and Seattle. Cal worked for the Bell System, which required most of the moves. Sharon worked in insurance and banking and then raised their children. Their son is Wes and their daughter is Christy. Sharon received the Golden Acorn award from the PTA for her volunteer work in the children's schools. They retired and moved

to High Prairie in 1997. They live in the Struck home on the original Scotland Acres.

Cal and Sharon are both officers in the Lions club where Sharon works every Tuesday preparing meals for the Senior Lunch. They are both members of the High Prairie Historical Society and the Lone Pine Cemetery Association. They are both active with the High Prairie Neighborhood Association. Cal is a member of the Lyle School Board, the High Prairie Fire Department, and Klickitat County Republican Central Committee.

They sometimes believe they are too involved with community activities but believe that life is better when communities and counties take care of themselves, avoiding outside help as much as possible.

Cal's hobbies are vegetable gardening, wood working, and animals. Sharon enjoys cooking, crafting, flowers, fine restaurants, and travel, especially near water.

They both believe High Prairie is a great place to live because it has the best neighbors.

They both are very generous of their time and knowledge. They are the kind of folks you feel comfortable working and having for neighbors.

WE CAN USE YOUR HELP...
SUBMIT ARTICLES OR STORIES FOR
THE HIGH PRAIRIAN
TO DOUGLAS TAYLOR
(365-3242, OR HIGHPRAIRIE GORGE.NET)



ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE WINNERS' CIRCLE



Congratulations to our local fair participants:

- Judith Strait on her prize blue ribbon Sunflower,
- Tatiana Taylor on her blue ribbon in showing and fitting in the novice swine division,
- Kelly Call on her Grand Champion Goat,
- Kassandra Call on her Reserve Grand Champion Goat,
- Tyler Call Reserve Champion Boer Goat,
- Jesse and Kerrie Call blue ribbon goats, and
- Kerrie Call Blue ribbon on her breeding Ewe. (Sheep Division).

BRIDGE, ANYONE??

Lozetta Doll

If anyone is interested in playing bridge, or learning to play bridge, please call Tom or Lozetta Doll at 365-0010 or Martha Hamil at 365-5459. It's a great game and winter is coming! Soon the snow will be flying and playing a friendly game of bridge with good friends and neighbors is a fun way to spend an afternoon or evening.

4-H NEWS

Martha Parsons

August 21–25 was the Klickitat County fair and Rodeo

Lots of local kids participated against each other to get High Point. Saturday they participated in all around grand champion showman competition with the top Junior, Intermediate and Senior from horse, lamb, goat, hog and beef departments. They each show the animals together as a group with judges picking the best from each animal group

We have three groups that own goats based in the Lyle-Centerville Area. The "Ewe Kids" are lead by Lori Call living on Mott Road, (it's a family group) another family group is Debbie Brown's family called "Itty Bitty" on Centerville Hwy. They have Boer, Nubian, Saanen cross and Nigerian Dwarfs. third group is headed up by Ruth Slate who has an up and coming 4-H group, which has recently grown from three to nine members. They are called "Rocky Mountain Hillbillies." Zach, Lara and James Parson are the original three members and doing very well at the fair. Both boys got reserve champion showman ribbons and grandchampion breed of Alpine, Nubian and Boer cross pet. Lara is pee wee and got Grand Champion showman for her age and took Nubian cross pet champion breed. They all received several blue ribbons.

The kids participated in several fun activities with their goats, including a milking contest, obstacle course and costume contest.

Loretta Lindsey is Barn Coordinator for goats at the fair and enjoys watching all the kids show their animals.

Rocky Mountain Hillbillies are looking for more members and club sponsors for goat, hog, and steer sales at the 2003 fair. The club is also collecting cans and donations to build up club money for equipment and decorations. They are a hard working group. We plan to have a meeting soon to discuss yard sale and raffle possibilities. We are even making a scrapbook. If you live in Klickitat County, have children 18 years and under you really should check out what 4-H has to offer.