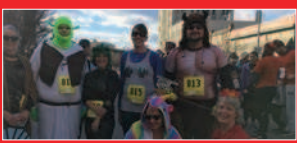


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Baker County will be key at December 2 nominating convention

• LOCAL REPUBLICANS WILL TRAVEL TO JOHN DAY TO HELP CHOOSE SEN. FERRIOLI'S REPLACEMENT

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With slightly more than a

week's notice, several carloads full of Baker County Republicans are gearing up for a trip to John Day next Saturday, December 2.

The purpose? To attend a Senate District 30 (SD30) nominating convention—the first big step in selecting a replacement for outgoing State Senator Ted Ferrioli, who leaves mid-term.

Ferrioli, who has also served as Oregon's Senate Minority Leader, officially

accepted a Board position with The Pacific Northwest Power Planning and Conservation Council. Ferrioli has expressed interest both in retiring and accepting this position for several years; however, the opportunity only recently became available.

This Council seat is one of a rare handful of salaried, six-figure appointments available to the Governor.

After Ferrioli's resig-

nation, the clock started ticking. He had three days during which to rescind that resignation, and did not. After those three days, his resignation became binding, and the Oregon Republican Party (ORP) had by statute, only 20 days to organize and hold a nominating convention. Three candidate nominees will be selected at that convention, to be held at the John Day Airport, and those names will be passed

along to the County Commissioners in each SD30 county. Each County Commissioner will have one vote for a nominee, with the top vote-getter submitted as the recommended replacement.

At the convention will be Baker County's PCPs, Precinct Committee People. PCPs are volunteer, elected officials who make up major political parties on a very local level.

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Submitted Photo.

Sen. Ted Ferrioli's last day in office will be Dec. 31, 2017 officially.

Fighting the good fight



Submitted Photo.

Crew Chief Debbie Carpenter in a UH-60 Blackhawk training for "dust landings." As a passenger during this flight, Carpenter listened to Five Finger Death Punch to get in the proper frame of mind.

• BHS GRAD RETURNS FROM AFGHANISTAN

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Debbie Carpenter, Baker High School Class of 1990, may be a Helicopter Crew Chief for a medevac (medical evacuation) unit—but she's also an expert in covert operations.

This Thanksgiving, Carpenter managed to pull off a plan that was three months in the making, convincing parents, Keith and Bobbie Carpenter, she would still be overseas during the holiday when in reality, she was about to land on their doorstep in full uniform.

She credits niece Hillery Lay with executing much of the surprise, laying low

at Lay's house waiting for her mom to return from a craft fair. Her dad was at home recovering from surgery.

"It took a while to get them in the same place. There were tears," she said. Happy tears, that is.

After graduation, Carpenter enlisted in the Army in 1991, and was active duty until 1995. She relocated to Wisconsin after that, and then joined the Army National Guard. Her "other" job entails computer-aided drafting.

Carpenter spent 2010 and 2011 in Iraq before returning stateside until February of this year when she was sent to arid Kandahar, located in the south central part of Afghanistan. Pakistan is the closest neighboring country.

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Submitted Photo.

Debbie Carpenter (center) with parents Keith and Bobbie Carpenter in Baker City.

More arrests at Lime

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On Monday at 3:49 p.m. Deputy Eric Colton of the Baker County Sheriff's Office made two more arrests at the old Lime plant along the freeway near Huntington.

Arrested were Robert Maurice Guerrero of Denver, Colorado and Staci Lee Helms of Lone Tree, Colorado. Helms was charged with Criminal Trespass II and Guerrero with Criminal Trespass II and Criminal Mischief III.

According to Sheriff Travis Ash, Guerrero, "was found to be in possession of spray paint and had been applying graffiti at the Lime plant. This area is well signed as 'No Trespassing.' Both subjects were issued citations to appear in court."

City passes new sign ordinance

• WORK SESSION NEEDS DISCUSSED

BY GINA K. SWARTZ
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Tuesday evening the second November regular monthly meeting of the Baker City Council was called to order by Mayor Downing.

Councilor Andersen provided the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

City Recorder Julie Smith called roll with all Councilors present.

Mayor Downing then called for approval of the consent agenda that consisted of minutes from both the October 24, 2017 and the November 15, 2017 regular Council meetings.

Without corrections or additions, Councilor Joseph moved to approve with a second heard by Councilor Thomas. Council voted unanimously to approve. Mayor Downing then called for Citizen Participation.

Dale Hutchens approached Council. He stated that he had moved to Baker City two years ago. He said, "I was waiting for the Welcome Wagons; they never came. But code enforcement did."

He explained that he had several vehicles and was told that those vehicles would need to be moved at least every three days.

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Friday Partly sunny and mild. Highs in the mid 40s. Friday Night: Turning mostly cloudy overnight. Lows near 30.

Saturday Mostly cloudy with a rain and snow mix. Highs in the mid 40s. Chance of precipitation is 40%. Saturday Night: Mostly cloudy with a rain and snow mix. Lows in the upper 20s.

Sunday Mostly cloudy with scattered snow showers. Highs near 40. Chance of precipitation is 30%. Little accumulation expected.

The Fire, Weather & Avalanche Center forecast:



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