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2A rally turns racially charged

• LOCALS, SHERIFF JOE ARPAIO FACE OFF AGAINST PAID PROTESTERS

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Five Baker County residents, all members of the Baker County Republican Central Committee (BCRCC), traveled to Salem last weekend to at-

tend a rally to support the Second Amendment. The rally was organized by the Oregon Republican Party (ORP).

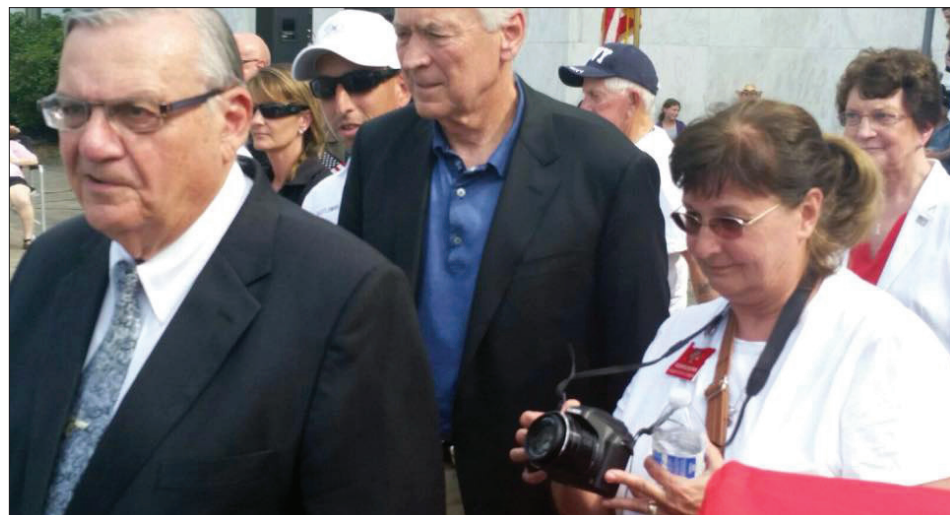
What followed wasn't quite what the 2A supporters had anticipated.

"The hatred—it was palpable," said BCRCC Chair, Suzan Ellis Jones.

Jones, along with Carole Dyke, Wayne Dyke, Kody Justus and Heidi Justus of Baker City, were gathered on the steps of the

Capitol Building in Salem where Sheriff Joe Arpaio of Arizona, invited by the ORP, was scheduled as the keynote speaker.

The pro-2A crowd, about 500 in total, was listening to State Representative Greg Barreto of Cove, ORP Chair Bill Currier, Rep. Sal Esquivel, Rep. Mike Nearman, and Sen. Kim Thatcher speak, when a smaller crowd—an estimated 200—began to gather across the street.



Sheriff Joe Arpaio at left, was walked to his car by guards and supporters, including Suzan Ellis Jones (at right) of the Baker County Republicans.

Submitted by Heidi Justus.

"We'd heard ahead of time that the Oregon Democratic Party and ACLU had planned to round up a counter-presence," said

Jones.

That presence ended up having nothing to do with the heart of the rally itself, but instead focused on rac-

ism and demands for amnesty by a large group of illegal immigrants within the crowd of protesters.

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Baker County's Trevor Dunn (left) poses with Gene Simmons from Kiss.

Submitted Photo.

KISS tribute band to perform at Barley Brown's

• BAND PHANTOM KISS WILL KICK OFF HELLS CANYON MOTORCYCLE RALLY

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"You wanted the best you got the best, the hottest band in the world ... Kiss." Those words, taken from the 1977 Kiss "Alive II" comprise possibly the most famous introduction in rock and roll history. Baker City fans will have the chance to relive childhood memories when Kiss tribute band Phantom Kiss takes the stage Friday night, July 10, during the Hells Canyon Motorcycle Rally. Phantom Kiss will set up and take the stage in front of concert host Barley Brown's Brew Pub.

Lyle Hall, from Idaho Falls, Idaho, fronts the band as the Starchild made famous by Paul Stanley. Hall not only looks the part but possesses a striking vocal similarity to Stanley.

Lead guitarist Mike Dunn takes the stage as the Space-man aka Ace Frehley.

Mike's father Trevor Dunn, complete with blood and signature ax bass, plays Gene Simmons' Demon character.

Both Dunsns, father Trevor and son Mike are 10-year

Baker County residents.

And, laying down the beat, from Twin Falls, Idaho, Joe Otero assumes the form of the Catman made famous by original Kiss drummer Peter Criss.

Phantom Kiss members don exact replica costumes and play the same make and model instruments as the original Kiss.

"We've invested thousands of dollars into the costumes, the instruments, and the stacks of Marshal amps," said Trevor Dunn during a recent interview from his home in Sumpter. "We do this to pay tribute to the Kiss fans. Our whole goal was that when you close your eyes you hear Kiss and when you open your eyes you see Kiss."

Phantom Kiss band mates Dunn and Hall both have had direct contact with members of the original Kiss members. Paul Stanley released an autobiography in 2014 and Dunn informed him of Phantom Kiss during a book-signing in Portland. It is tradition for Kiss to throw guitar picks out to the audience during concerts and Phantom Kiss upholds that tradition. During the book signing, Dunn handed Stanley a Phantom Kiss guitar pick.

About a month after the book-signing, Dunn and his wife attended a 40th anniversary Kiss concert. After the concert, the Dunsns attended an acoustic concert performed backstage by the band.

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'Surviving America' films here



Submitted by The Depot Inn

'Surviving America's' Dave Canterbury (left) poses with Weldon Reedy of The Depot Inn.

• ACTORS AND CREW STAY IN SUMPTER, SPEND TWO DAYS FILMING IN COUNTY

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The Sumpter area will again be featured on a reality television show airing on a major network this fall. The town played host last week to a group filming a new show called *Surviving America*. The cast and crew lodged at the Depot Inn in Sumpter.

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Cattlemen talk water supply

• ROCK CREEK DRAINAGE AREA CRITICAL

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The Baker County Livestock Association (BCLA) hosted a meeting on Wednesday, June 24, at the Best Western Sunridge Inn, the focus of which was a presentation by Baker County Soil and Water Districts (SWCD) District Manager Whitney Collins, regarding the critical water supply situation in the Rock Creek drainage area, west of Haines.

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Friday Sunny and hot. Highs around 97. Lows at night in the high 50s.

Saturday Sunny and hot. Highs around 95. Lows at night in the high 50s.

Sunday Sunny and hot. Highs a few degrees cooler around 93. Lows at night in the high 50s.

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