

Local

KrisAnne Hall visits Burns

• BAKER COUNTY MAN GIVES FIRSTHAND ACCOUNT OF WILDLIFE REFUGE TOUR

Submitted by Jim Iler

On Monday, January 18, three carloads of us from Baker County traveled to Harney County to attend the Kris Anne Hall Constitutional lecture.

We arrived a couple hours early so that we could visit the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge to see for ourselves the truth of the so-called occupation. This is an overview of the trip from my perspective.

On arriving at the main entrance to the Refuge, we found six or eight rigs parked, with a pickup crossways in the lane. Several men were standing around an open bonfire, the rest meeting and greeting visitors. On being satisfied of our intentions, security radioed for a pilot car to come to lead us through the “compound” of buildings to the Welcome Center.

We were astounded at the number of cars and trucks parked at various buildings, most of them from out of state!

We followed the pilot car for hundreds of yards, arriving at a large building at the south end of the complex.

A number of cars were parked there, and we had a hard time finding space to park.

Another outdoor bonfire was blazing, at the south end, with picnic tables and canopies set up to make shelter for the men and women milling around and talking.

Outside the door was a sizeable inventory of five-gallon propane tanks. The door opened into a large storage area, with shelves of food and supplies reaching to the ceiling. Sacks of onions and spuds and rice competed with cases of canned goods and bottled water and coffee for space.

A couple of picnic tables served as places to sit and to hold boxes of supplies. It seems that most visitors brought something to donate to the cause.

We then were guided into the kitchen/reception area. Here, women work around the clock keeping huge coffeemakers filled and preparing food for the inhabitants.

A big bowl of hard-boiled



Submitted Photo.

KrisAnne Hall spoke to a packed house in Burns on Monday.

eggs just came off the burner. The kitchen is set up to serve a large number of people, with multiple stoves, sinks, refrigerators and counter spaces.

A platter of snacks was open to all, and one sink was filled with frozen meat, thawing.

People were milling all around, some passing through on some designated task, the others giving tours and information.

The room had a radio base station, and most everyone who lived there was carrying radios.

It was evident that communications were very effective, and that the security squads were well-organized.

There were tables and chairs, and board games set up. Several children were playing in the building and outside. There were several dogs outside.

The IT guy in charge of the electronics and the wiring of the computer system showed us the utility room where he was setting up his control station behind the washing machines.

The remainder of the building seemed to be made up of a number of “dorm rooms” off a central hallway, where different shifts could sleep. There was said to be a central bathroom and shower facility.

The community spirit of everyone there was amazing. They are getting so much outside support that they are overwhelmed.

I looked at the visitor’s sign-in log, and saw hundreds upon hundreds of names and addresses. The donations jar held hundreds of dollars in cash donated just that day.

Another thing that is very noteworthy is that the organization of all

the people and activities is so well coordinated as to boggle the mind of a bureaucrat.

The people there are very careful to take their responsibilities seriously, and they go to great lengths to care for the people’s property.

There are signs stuck everywhere, designating what kind of trash goes in what containers, no dogs inside, wipe your feet, keep everything neat, etc, etc.

Two of the women complained to us about the unbelievable messes that they found at the Headquarters when they first came.

Some buildings were filled with trash and garbage that had to be cleaned out and sanitized. They said that the filth left by the Refuge employees nearly made them sick.

Volunteers were doing a number of activities, from food prep to organizing donations, to washing clothes, to giving guided tours, to supplying the sentries, to settling in the newcomer volunteers or manning the roadblocks, etc.

It was also interesting that there were all races and creeds there, all working together in their common goals. Leo Castillo was able to interview several people for his local radio show Sunday at 9 p.m. on KBKR 1490.

We then drove back to the Memorial Building in Burns, 30 miles away, to attend the KrisAnne Hall lecture.

We were again astounded at the number of rigs, mostly local, that filled the parking lot to overflowing. We had to park on a side road off the parking area.

The hall was filled with probably 300 people. Some were in their “Sunday”

clothes, some just came in from feeding cows, some brought their infant children, and some brought their walkers.

A broad cross-section of the community all came to hear the truth about the actual jurisdiction and authority of the federal government in their county. And they got an earful!

KrisAnne’s mission was to educate the people as to the purpose and intent of the Constitution, and the strictly-limited and enumerated powers and authority of the government of the United States.

She explained that the federal government was a “product of a contract” between the several states of the union, and that the states reserved unto themselves all the powers not specifically delegated to the United States in Article 1 Sec 8.

She explained how the process of Nullification is being used all over the country to prevent the agencies of the federal government from applying jurisdiction that was never granted to them or delegated to them. She emphasized that no federal legislation is valid if it extends to any thing not specifically granted as above.

After two hours of invigorating and informative talk, punctuated often by clapping and cheering, she closed for the evening.

The introductory session was followed on Tuesday evening by another talk on what needs to be done to stop this unconstitutional federal overreach in areas such as gun control, mandatory health care, forest practices and environmental regulations crippling local economies.

Justus

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In contrast to Justus, Hunsaker is a former Federal employee and has been an outspoken opponent of the transfer of public lands to local control.

For more information on Kody Justus and his position on Baker County issues, on Facebook go to “Justus for Baker County,” or the website, www.JustusForBakerCounty.com. Voters are also invited to call him at 541-519-4061 for more information.

Powerball



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Teri Osborne holds up the big check in Salem.

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Osborne is a graduate of Burnt River High School in Unity, and employed by OTEC. Her husband, Nathan, drives a school bus for 5J.

Osborne doesn’t claim to know any secret to a winning strategy.

Osborne said, “We do not buy many lottery tickets, just one every couple of months. We figured why not buy one since it was so big?”

She went on to add, “We bought a ticket with five sets of numbers—three were our own numbers and two quick picks. We added the Powerplay to all lines. So it was a \$15 ticket. It was one of the quick picks that won.”

When the winning numbers were drawn, excitement was in the air, as one might imagine.

She said, “I looked the numbers up on my phone while we watching a show on TV and told Nathan that we had missed being millionaires by one! We joked about that was okay, we wouldn’t have known what to do with it anyway.

“He asked if we win anything for four numbers and the Powerball—and I couldn’t remember. I told him I thought it did but that it was like a \$100 or something like that but not much. I was still looking on my phone to tell how much when I found the payouts and I grabbed him by the sleeve and was like, ‘Oh my gosh! It says \$50,000!’”

Osborne continued the story, “He kept saying that can’t be right. So we got on the computer and tried to look up the numbers on the Oregon Lottery website, but it was unavailable. We just kept looking for the numbers and the payout to confirm. When we finally found it, it had all the numbers and that the Powerplay was 2x. We had to look up what that meant since we’ve never won anything on a Powerball ticket before. That’s when we found it was doubled. We still didn’t believe it. Neither of us slept well thinking what if it’s true and how cool would that be.”

A sleep-deprived Osborne headed for the grocery store first thing the next morning.

She said, “I went to Safeway about 6:30 a.m. to check the ticket. I was pretty bummed because when I checked the ticket (multiple times) the machine kept saying to please try again. My first thought was that it wasn’t a winning ticket, but I know the machine says, ‘sorry not a winner,’ when you don’t win so I didn’t know why it giving that message.

“A checker saw me and let me know that they log into the machine about 7 a.m. and I could check it then. So I picked up a few things and put them in my car, then went back to check the ticket. The machine lit up with \$100,000 and I am pretty sure I had a hot flash! The Safeway employees were very excited and I still couldn’t believe it. I let Nathan know it was official.”

With the Oregon lottery, claiming a prize that large means a trip to Salem.

“We both had a pretty busy schedule for this week,” she said, “so we wanted to go right away. I called the Lottery office and asked what we needed to do and for a prize that big we had to go there. The forecast was for bad weather on the mountain passes so we worked it out with our employers to be gone Thursday afternoon and Friday. We had pretty good roads over to Salem. We went to the Oregon Lottery office on Friday morning. When we filled out the paperwork and handed it in the lady said, ‘Oh! We’ve been waiting for you!’ Everyone at their office was very friendly and excited for us. It was, of course, an enjoyable experience. I was surprised to find out we were the only ones who had won with the multiplier. For an extra dollar and a chance to double or more a winning ticket I couldn’t see a reason not to do it.”

The Osbornes took a detour on the way home.

She said, “We went to Eugene and saw our son, Keith. Had a good visit with him and came home Saturday. We plan to pay off some things, help our kids, and save the rest. We have a couple things we want to do for ourselves but nothing outrageous. We certainly don’t want to blow it all.”

Have they been hit up for loans? Osborne replied, “Everyone has been very nice about the whole thing and no one has asked to borrow any. We do have plans to pay it forward some, but won’t be sharing what we plan to do. It’s not necessary. We still have feelings of disbelief and are very thankful.”

EOU presents ‘Soundtracks’ song extravaganza

Eastern Oregon University is bringing music from movies, musicals and video games to life in “Soundtracks” opening January 29-30 in McKenzie Theatre.

The high-energy song and dance production features a wide range of songs from cult classics like “Time Warp” from “The Rocky Horror Picture Show,” the haunting “Hanging Tree” from the “The Hunger Games” trilogy, to music from “Portal”

and other popular video games and much more.

Act one opens with the iconic “Star Wars” theme and the nearly 30 numbers to follow are all being staged and choreographed meticulously by the cast and crew.

The music department has collaborated on themed concerts every winter since its “Beatles Celebration” show in 2010. EOU alumna Ariana Bloodgood, of Hood River, is returning as choreographer after

working on the hit 2015 production, “Then & Now: Replay.”

This year Bloodgood is bringing the Phoenix Theatre group she directs at Hood River Valley High School to perform during the Friday night and Saturday afternoon shows. Phoenix Theatre will also give an individual performance Friday afternoon at Greenwood Elementary School.

“Soundtracks: Songs from Movies, Musicals &

Video Games” opens at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29 with repeat productions at 4 and 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30.

Red Cross Drug Store is sponsoring the event.

Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$7 for students and seniors, or \$6 for groups of 10 or more. Purchase at Red Cross Drug Store, Looking Glass Books and the EOU Bookstore.

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