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## City Hall Week comes to Baker City

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Last week throughout the state of Oregon the League of Oregon Cities (LOC) facilitated round-table meetings with leaders of various municipalities around the state, seventeen regional meetings in all.

The Friday morning meeting at City Hall saw leaders from Baker City including City Councilors Daniel Lowe, Rosemary Abell, Jim Thomas, and City Manager Fred Warner, Jr. Among others attendees were Mayor Sheila Farwell

from Halfway, Mayor Jim Brown of Haines, Mayor Lynn Ewing from Maupin and Mayor Ron Lundbom of John Day.

Former Mayor Mark Stringer from Nyssa, who is now running for Senate District 30, also attended. Craig Honeyman was on hand as the representative from the LOC.

Four topics were the focus of the discussion: Property Taxes, PERS Reform, Recreational Immunity and Transportation.

"I am interested in those issues as they affect Eastern Oregon, as they affect small cities and as a

City Councilor specifically as they affect Baker City," said Lowe as he opened the meeting. He also stated, "We had hoped to have some of our representatives and senators here to also sit with us to hear our voices." Unfortunately, none were in attendance.

Warner noted he had received calls from both Representative Cliff Bentz and Senator Ted Ferrioli letting him know they were unable to attend due to prior commitments.

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Mayors from various cities around eastern Oregon gathered in Baker City last Friday.

## Broncos fans gather at growing annual 'Sumpter Dome' party



Submitted Photo.

Raffling off items such as the ones above helps raise funds for Bronco Girl Beth Miller who, on horseback, leads the team out onto the field during games at her own expense.

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"It all started with a 12-inch screen," said Sumpter's Vern Holoopeter. That was six years ago.

The inspiration for hosting his first Boise State football viewing party at what has come to be known as the "Sumpter Dome" came from conversations with fellow fans.

Holoopeter said he lives by the Sumpter fairgrounds and he struck up lots of football conversations with visitors to the Flea Market. He learned many Labor Day Flea Market attendees were either sad to be missing the season opener, due to being in Sumpter, or planning to go home so they could watch the game.

Holoopeter decided to put a television in his yard and host a viewing of the opening game.

The first year, everyone

who came huddled around a 12" television.

Holoopeter said, "We had a blast," and he promised a bigger TV the next year and a bigger one the year after that.

A couple years ago, Holoopeter hit on the idea of using projection. The issue was finding someone who could make him a big enough screen. He tried everyone he could think of, but no one could manufacture a 10' wide screen without a seam.

He finally got in touch with the sign and graphics shop that designs all Boise State's banners. They were able to take a roll of ten-foot-wide banner material and produce his first screen. Holoopeter rigged a roll-up system like used with blinds, and that setup is still in his front yard.

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Vern Holoopeter stands outside the "Sumpter Dome."

## Man rides ATV into cable

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At 4:54 p.m. on September 8, the Baker County Sheriff's Office received a report from property owner, Don Chastain of French Gulch Road, of a trespass situation.

Gordon Paustian, age 81 of Baker City, was traveling by ATV when he entered Chastain's private property. According to Sheriff Travis Ash on Monday, Paustian had ridden approximately one-half a mile into the property and passed one 'No Trespass' and one 'Private Property' sign before striking a cable that the landowner had stretched across his road. Though the cable was in the shade, Deputy Robb said two pink ribbons marked it.

Paustian left the site of his own accord and sought medical treatment, which amounted to some stitches on his tongue.

Chastain opted not to press trespass charges, simply asking that the incident be logged.

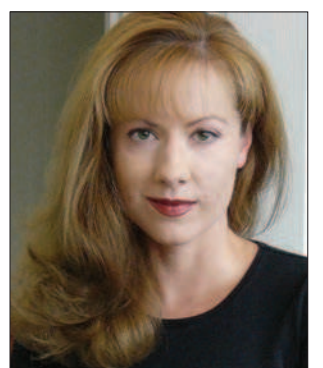
## Suit settled against former owners of The Record-Courier

• PERKINSES AGREE TO LEAVE THE NEWSPAPER BIZ FOR 5 YEARS, DO NOT OWN RIGHTS TO THE RECORD-COURIER

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On September 13, the lawsuit filed by Kerry McQuisten, individually and as owner of Black Lyon Publishing, LLC, of which *The Baker County Press* is part, against defendants Gina Perkins and Lynn Perkins, former owners of *The Record-Courier*, came to a close in a settlement.

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Plaintiff Kerry McQuisten.



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Defendant Gina Perkins.

**Friday** Sunny and mild, highs near 80. Friday Night: Mostly clear and cool, lows near 40.

**Saturday** Sunny and mild, highs in the mid 80s. Saturday Night: Mostly clear and not as cool, lows in the mid 40s.

**Sunday** Partly sunny with a chance for showers in the afternoon. Highs near 80. Sunday Night: Chance for showers early then partial clearing overnight. Lows in the upper 40s.

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