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Ferrioli blasts local nonpartisan movement

• OREGON'S SENATE MINORITY LEADER ALSO SPEAKS OUT AGAINST M97

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State Senator Ted Ferrioli met with the Baker County Republican Party at their general meeting

last week. Senator Ferrioli asked to address the committee as he was out of town during the public Open House two weeks ago and could not make it to Baker City. That Open House introduced several Republican candidates and outlined the local party's opposition to 1-74, an effort to make Baker County's Commissioner seats nonpartisan. A nearly identical ballot initiative was defeated last

year. Ferrioli said, "I am sure sorry this is back up for vote again for Baker County. It's a Trojan horse. Here is the case—if you can't make it quack and you can't make it walk, how do you know it's a duck? If you are running for office, you can still run as a Non-affiliated or Independent for a partisan office. In your local community, you have had real good luck with your two-

party system. I am not ashamed of being Republican. Are they ashamed of their party? If you are here in eastern Oregon, you want to keep your partisan offices. Too bad you have to do it again, but it will make you stronger." Ferrioli talked about his work with the Republican Legislative Campaign Committee; they have been meeting the last eight or nine years. SEE FERRIOLI PAGE 5



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Sen. Ted Ferrioli is Oregon's Senate Minority Leader.

Anti-patriot meeting results in police call



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A group of between 30 and 40 attended a meeting at the library to hear about the ROP's view on how the patriot movement proves threatening to eastern Oregon communities.

• ANTI-PATRIOT MOVEMENT HOLDS MEETING, SECURITY IN BLACK PANTHER T-SHIRTS CAUSES ALARM, LOCAL DEMOCRATS CLAIM NICHOLS, ASH AS THEIR CANDIDATES

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On Saturday, October 8, at the Baker County Library, members of the Rural Organizing Project (ROP)—hosted and sponsored by two local left-leaning groups, Baker County People For Human Dignity (BCPFHD) and the Pandhandle Community Alliance (PCA)—presented controversial claims about perceived threats to rural Oregon and its citizens, as claimed in the ROP/Political Research Associates (PRA) co-published, 100-plus page anti-patriot-movement book, titled "Up In Arms: A Guide to Oregon's Patriot Movement."

The ROP and PRA are based in western Oregon and in Massachusetts respectively.

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Security all wearing New Black Panther T-shirts, created concern, resulting in a call to police.

Suspect flees on foot



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Joseph Dial.

• TWO OFFICERS ALMOST STRUCK BY CAR

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On Tuesday, October 11, at 2:55 p.m., officers from the Baker City Police Department (BCPD) were attempting to serve an arrest warrant on Joseph William Dial, age 25 of Lakeview, at 211 Bridge Street in Baker City.

Officers arrived at the location and discovered Dial was a passenger in a vehicle driven by Chanae Hartmann, age 24 of La Pine, preparing to leave the mentioned location.

Officers attempted to stop the vehicle, but Hartmann failed to obey their commands.

As Hartmann left the parking lot, she almost struck two BCPD Officers as she sped from the location.

At 3:07 p.m. Hartmann was located on 5th Street near Myrtle Street and taken into custody without further incident. Officers learned at that time Dial had fled on foot from the vehicle before it was located.

Hartmann was arrested and transported to the Baker County Jail where she was lodged on two counts of Attempted Assault I and Attempting to Elude Police.

Baker City Police Chief Wyn Lohner said Wednesday morning that the search is still on for Joseph Dial.

A search warrant, based on an alert from drug dog Capa, was served on the vehicle that nearly struck the two officers, and items used to distribute meth were found, as well as drug paraphernalia and cash.

A subsequent warrant was served Wednesday morning at the location where the pair had been staying.

Said Lohner, "We now have reason to believe that Dial is armed with a handgun, so once again we caution citizens to not attempt to apprehend Dial, but call 911 if he is spotted. We would also like to remind citizens who may be sympathetic to Dial—that they can be charged with Hindering Prosecution (Felony) if they harbor him in their residence or attempt to help him escape."

Police have searched extensively for Dial but as of the time this article went to print, the fugitive had not been located.

Friday Mostly cloudy with showers. Chance of precipitation is 70%. Highs near 60. Friday Night: Mostly cloudy with a stray chance of showers.

Saturday Mostly cloudy with showers likely, breezy conditions will be present. Chance of precipitation is 50%. Highs in the mid 50s. Saturday Night: Cloudy and rain with lows in the lower 40s.

Sunday Partly sunny with a chance for rain showers. Highs in the upper 50s. Chance of precipitation is 40%. Night: Mostly cloudy with showers likely.

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