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## When football and art come together

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Millman explained his process. "I'm a big sports fan," he said. "I love football and just wanted to make my favorite teams' helmets for myself. Coworkers came over, saw them and wanted one of their favorite team's helmet. Friends kept telling me I can sell them—and I finally listened and started listing on eBay."

"These are custom-painted helmets to look brand new from absolutely ugly and sometimes completely gouged and gross used helmets," he said.

Millman completely disassembles the helmet, sands down the entire thing, fills spots, sands it again and then preps for painting.

Once he has his blank "canvas" in shape, it's ready to paint to his customer's specific desires.

He said, "I'm always up for a challenge and during football season I'm always challenged—happy and busy making custom helmets for all fans! I find it always interesting what teams fans order and where I ship the helmets."

Millman's creations are shipping all across this U.S. at this point.



Submitted Photo.

This shiny yellow Cal helmet traveled to a coach in Oregon who purchased several helmets for his collection.

"One of my best experiences has to be White Plains Commissioner Chong's NYPD helmet! It took me much longer to finish than normal due to injuries—a sliced finger and decal mailing mishap," he said.

Millman jokes that there were blood, sweat and tears on that particular project, but it was nonetheless finished in time for the Commissioner's visit to the White House where President Trump saw the helmet.

"I'm still anxiously waiting for pictures of that meeting," Millman said.

He went on to add, "I enjoy making custom-painted helmets exactly the way customers want and order and some are ... abstract to say the least! I have made one with a design of half one team and half another, including the face mask, to one color fading into another. Any ideas customers have and want, I can do."

The customer's only limit is the imagination. Millman is currently

looking into building a web site for his work, but for now, those interested can look on eBay for "CMill71" and find his latest works of art.

He can also be reached via email at uwcmill13@gmail.com.

A custom helmet project usually takes Millman at least a couple weeks to complete, and prices are in a wide range depending on the complexity of the design, with just under \$100 being the low end.

## County: Local disaster declared in advance of solar eclipse

### • CHANGE IN CALL CENTER SUPERVISION DRAWS CRITICISM

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The Baker County Board of Commissioners held its first, regular session of the month on Wednesday, July 5, 2017, 9 a.m., in the Commission Chambers of the County Courthouse, which included citizen comment from Tom Muller, departmental updates from County Clerk Cindy Carpenter and County Treasurer Alice Durlinger, and a Declaration Of Local Disaster from County Emergency Manager Jason Yencopal, in anticipation of the Total Solar Eclipse event in August.

Present from the Board were Chair Bill Harvey, Commissioners Mark Bennett and Bruce Nichols, and Executive Assistant Heidi Martin.

Attendance also included Baker County Planning Director Holly Kerns, Baker County Sheriff Travis Ash, Baker County Parks and Recreation Director Karen Spencer, Baker County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Chair Ed Elms, Baker County IT Director Bill Lee, Baker County Administrative Services Director Christena Cook, Baker County Juvenile Department Court Supervisor Staci Erickson, and Nick Myatt.

Harvey called the meeting to order, provided the Invocation, and led in recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. The agenda was adopted with two additions, with a motion from Bennett, and a second from Nichols.

Citizen Participation

included Muller, who voiced opposition to the agreement, which is not finalized yet, between Baker City and the County, to have the Sheriff's Office manage the 911 Consolidated Dispatch Center. "I believe the 911 Dispatch Center should remain under the supervision of the County, not be given to Travis Ash and the Sheriff's Office. Money for having a full-time 911 Director has been set aside for this very purpose already..." Muller said.

He said that the Center Director should have the necessary experience and background to manage the Center, and that Ash doesn't have the specific skills, and that his training and experience are in law enforcement. "The last person was a disaster..." and Muller doesn't wish to see that happen again, he said.

The minutes from the Wednesday, June 21, 2017 regular session were approved, with some changes, with a motion from Bennett, and a second from Nichols.

Carpenter provided a County Clerk departmental update, which included details regarding election expenses and collections, document preservation, office staff goals, legislative bills, 2018 elections, and the Oregon Association of County Clerks (OACC) Annual Conference, August 15-18, 2017, at the Eagle Crest Resort, Redmond, Oregon.

In speaking of the Special District Election collections, she said, "This is really the best we've collected, since I've been in office, to be honest..." So far, \$3,252 has been collected, which leaves an outstanding balance of only \$2,758.94, she said.

She said that Lee has created a document preservation program, called Paper



Todd Arriola / The Baker County Press

Citizen Tom Muller believes the 911 Call Center should have remained under the direction of the County.

Vision, at a cost of \$2,916, which streamlines the preservation process, saving time, effort, and money.

She said she's uncertain whether the planned election room remodel will happen, because of unexpected election expenses associated with a Special Election in January 2018, due to recent measures passed by the State Legislature, the timing of which Carpenter and Bennett found to be surprising and suspect, they said. She said that, since she wasn't aware of the legislation, she didn't budget for it, and the remodel could be delayed.

She discussed legislation which may affect the County, and which she is paying close attention to, including Senate Bill (SB) 481, SB 769, House Bill (HB) 2113, and HB 3357. In regard to filing for a Special District Election, Bennett encouraged that, and Carpenter explained the increase in time, effort, and costs associated with write-ins.

Durlinger provided a County Treasurer departmental update, which included details regarding interest rates paid on balances in the Oregon Short Term Fund (OSTF), the

ten-year history of County foreclosures, the top County taxpayers for 2016-2017, percentage of taxes collected, and the status of the collection of taxes from Charter Communications.

Durlinger said, "The (interest) rates are looking much better..." at 1.45% most recently, and that there is a balancing act, with keeping funds in the bank, and avoiding fees.

Speaking of foreclosures, Durlinger said that currently, there are eleven deeds left from 2015 for the County to take in 2017, and six deeds left from 2016 to take in 2018 (which could change, depending on circumstances).

The top 15 taxpayers for 2016-2017 includes Idaho Power Co.; Ash Grove Cement Co.; Union Pacific Railroad Co.; Northwest Pipeline Co.; Oregon Telephone Co.; CenturyLink; Marvin Wood Products, Inc.; Level 3 Communications, LLC; Tesoro Logistics NW Pipeline Co.; TTX Co.; Verizon Communications; Carshetown, LLC; Pine Valley Land, LLC; Eagle Telephone System, Inc.; and Safeway Inc./BTS II (Albertsons Store).

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## — WEEKLY HAY REPORT —

Friday, June 30, 2017 — Eastern Oregon

Prices trended generally steady in an extremely limited test compared to week ago prices. Most producers are sold out for the year, and are busy out in the fields preparing for new crop. Some producers have cut and starting to bale and are preparing to start selling 2017 hay. So far, new crop hay pricing, in an extremely limited test, seems generally steady compared to 2016 pricing for similar quality.

Tons Price Range Wtd Avg

No new sales confirmed for the past three weeks.

USDA Market News Service—AMS.USDA.gov

## — CATTLE MARKET REPORT —

Wednesday, June 28, 2017

Vale, Oregon

Cattle sold through the auction: 538

### Steer Calves

300-400# Bulk N/A Top N/A  
400-500# Bulk N/A Top N/A  
500-600# Bulk 150.00-161.00 Top 164.50

### Heifer Calves

300-400# Bulk N/A Top N/A  
400-500# Bulk N/A Top N/A  
500-600# Bulk 127.00-144.00 Top 147.00

### Yearling Steers

600-700# Bulk 141.00-156.00 Top 161.00  
700-800# Bulk 134.00-141.50 Top 142.00  
800-900# Bulk 124.00-132.00 Top 134.50  
900-1,000# Bulk 109.00-118.00 Top 120.00

### Yearling Heifers

600-700# Bulk 127.00-136.00 Top 137.00  
700-800# Bulk 117.00-123.00 Top 124.00  
800-900# Bulk 115.00-123.00 Top 124.00  
900-1,000# Bulk 107.00-113.00 Top 114.50

Thin Shelly Cows 61.00 - 69.00  
Butcher Cows 71.00 - 78.50  
Butcher Bulls 79.00 - 95.00  
Stock Cows Young N/A  
Hfrets 74.00 - 88.00  
Pairs Young - N/A

ProducersLivestock.com  
541-473-3136

## — LOG PRICE REPORT —

Prices are based on the majority of saw mills in Northeastern Oregon and Central Idaho. The prices listed below are a composite prices of various sawmills willing to visit with me about this topic.

Ponderosa Pine—small diameter class 8-11 inches diameter class \$250 per mbf. Only one sawmill was willing to buy small diameter pine at this time.

Ponderosa Pine—medium diameter class 12-17 inches diameter class \$300 to \$350 per mbf

Ponderosa Pine-large diameter class 18 plus inches diameter class \$380 to \$410 per mbf

The Pine prices are still approximately \$40 per mbf below average lumber/log market due to 2017 fire salvage

Doug Fir & Western Larch—\$380 to \$420 per mbf. Normal prices typically ranged between \$425 to \$475 per mbf.

White Fir—\$300 per mbf. Normal prices typically ranged between \$340 to \$360 per mbf.

Engelmann Spruce—\$350 at one Idaho sawmill, other sawmills including with White fir prices.

In general, the log prices still impacted from 2015 fire season and fire salvage that resulted. Sawmills are starting to get log yard inventory in line with sawmill production needs. With a new Administration as of 1/20/2017, a more normal economic environment should result and hopefully a more healthy housing situation will result in a better climate for Northeast Oregon Sawmill and private forest landowners.

Courtesy of Arvid Andersen,  
Andersen Forestry Consulting

## — PRECIOUS METALS REPORT —

Price per ounce, USD

Gold: \$1,224.40

Silver: \$15.98

Platinum: \$909.85

Palladium: \$844.03

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## — AG COMMODITIES —

Corn: \$392.00/bu/USD

Wheat: \$560.00/bu/USD

Soybeans: \$994.25/bu/USD

Oats: \$287.25 bu/USD

Rough Rice: \$11.91/cwt/USD

Canola: \$510.80 CAD/mwt

Live Cattle: \$113.55/lb./USD

Feeder Cattle: \$142.23/lb./USD

Lean Hogs: \$84.58/lb./USD

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