

# Classifieds / Local

## HELP WANTED

**BAKER SCHOOL DISTRICT** is currently accepting applications for an **Assistant Boys' Basketball Coach at BHS**. For a complete description of the position and the application process, go to [www.Baker5J.org](http://www.Baker5J.org). For additional information, please call Cathy Martin at 541-524-2261, or email at [cathy.martin@bakersd.org](mailto:cathy.martin@bakersd.org). 7.14

**BAKER SCHOOL DISTRICT** is currently accepting applications for two **Assistant Volleyball Coaches at BHS**. For a complete description of the position and the application process, go to [www.Baker5J.org](http://www.Baker5J.org). For additional information, please call Cathy Martin at 541-524-2261, or email at [cathy.martin@bakersd.org](mailto:cathy.martin@bakersd.org). 7.14

**BAKER SCHOOL DISTRICT 5J** is currently accepting applications for a **Paraprofessional** at South Baker Intermediate. Closing Date is July 19, 2017, at 4:00 p.m. For a complete description of the position go to [www.baker.k12.or.us](http://www.baker.k12.or.us). You may also call Cathy Martin at 541-524-2261 or email [cathy.martin@bakersd.org](mailto:cathy.martin@bakersd.org). 7.14

**BAKER TECHNICAL INSTITUTE** is currently accepting applications for a **Part-time Health Services Instructor**. Position open until filled. For a complete description of the position and the application process, go to [www.Baker5J.org](http://www.Baker5J.org). For additional information, please call Cathy Martin at 541-524-2261, or email at [cathy.martin@bakersd.org](mailto:cathy.martin@bakersd.org). 7.21

**BAKER SCHOOL DISTRICT** is currently accepting applications for **Bus Driver(s) and Substitute Route Drivers**. Closing Date is July 24, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. For a complete description of the position and the application process go to Job Openings at [www.Baker5J.org](http://www.Baker5J.org). You may also call Cathy Martin at 541-524-2261. 7.21

## LAWN / GARDEN

**LAWNMOWER.** Craftsman lawnmower. Works great but owner has upgraded to an easier to start mower for herself. Retailed for around \$350. Asking \$100 OBO. 541.519.0572. Leave a voicemail.

## PUBLIC EVENTS

**LIVE MUSIC SUNDAYS.** 4 to 6 pm at Geiser Pollman Park Baker City Events presents **Powder River Music Review**. Public invited, attendance by suggested \$5 per person donation. Weekly raffle winner! For complete list of events: [www.facebook.com/powderrivermusicreview](http://www.facebook.com/powderrivermusicreview) or [www.bakercityevents.net](http://www.bakercityevents.net).

• During Miners Jubilee the live music schedule changes! Please see the Community Calendar on Page 2 of this week's issue for that schedule. •

## County

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Kerns and Harvey emphasized that the process is not some form of "witch hunt," that County staff don't drive around looking for violations, and that the process has to be, and is complaint-driven.

Kerns said that she'll research how other counties are addressing this process, and she'll provide an update to the Board.

The Board discussed

some County-associated issues and concerns with Billman, who's been a Field Representative for Walden for three weeks.

Billman said that he planned to meet with different County Commissioners, for such a discussion, including those of Malheur, where he traveled to after meeting with the Baker County Board on Wednesday.

Bennett encouraged Walden's participation in resolving Secure Rural Schools (SRS) and Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) funding issues.

He pointed out the need for local revenue from sus-

tainable logging contracts, and he said there was a failure during the severe winter of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to aid the County with funding.

Among other issues, Bennett also spoke of the high level of poverty throughout the County.

Nichols said, in addition to issues with SRS funding, there are too many conflicting laws and regulations, which causes more harm than good, and processes are delayed for years.

He cited the example of U.S. Forest Service versus Bureau of Land Manage-

ment rules and regulations, which differ greatly.

He said that the County needs to have a bigger voice, and that there needs to be better communication from various agencies.

Harvey said he would like for Walden to be able to spend more time discussing issues and concerns with the County, one of them being the lack of logging and revenue from that activity.

Harvey said that the Forest Service needs to be able to finish timber projects, with funding remaining in place.

Among other details, he elaborated further on the

issues regarding timber sales and logging, blocked access to roads, livestock allotment maintenance, wolves and other endangered species, and the general economic survival of the County.

Billman, having grown up seeing similar types of issues the County is experiencing, provided his own understanding and input during each discussion.

Bennett, speaking about tourism, said that it's great, but that it's cyclical, and it's dependent upon a variety of factors.

Billman agreed that the community needs to have sustainable and dependable

revenues year-round.

Other discussions included the still unresolved issues with management and structure of the Tri-County Weed Management Area (TCWMA).

Harvey and Bennett pointed out problems with the lack of staff for Baker County, and the lack in communications, among other issues.

Harvey said that the County wants to work to resolve the issues with the TCWMA, but that one way or another, there will be staff located in Baker.

## Wolf depredation committee discusses Range Rider

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The Baker County Wolf Depredation Compensation Committee held a regular meeting on Wednesday, July 5, 2017, 3 p.m., in the Commission Chambers of the Baker County Courthouse, including a discussion of the objectives of the Range Rider position,

in response to the largest missing livestock claim in the history of the State compensation program, which was submitted by Baker County producers for losses last year.

Present were committee chair and Baker County Commissioner Mark Bennett, committee member Steve Edwards, Baker County Commission

Executive Assistant Heidi Martin, and Baker County Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCD) District Manager Whitney Collins.

Bennett said that more thorough records are needed from SWCD-contracted Range Riders, including GPS points, map information, time sheets, and any coordination with

producers, among other details, which prompted the meeting.

He also mentioned the option of using regular riders for area producers as Range Riders. "We want to make sure that, whichever option is chosen, it's something that is truly in the spirit of the prevention, of the program, so that we're getting the best bang for our buck, and we're helping the folks out there—that was the goal of this," Bennett said.

Edwards spoke of the general options, and Collins said, "I had a ton of interested people call—I had over 80 people call, who were interested (in applying as Range Rider), but I had one who was qualified, because you have to be a licensed independent contractor, to carry an actual contract with the SWCD (for liability purposes)..."

Edwards asked, "It's not just construction? Any type of contractor?" Collins said a general independent contractor, but technically, the license should be in a related field, for example, as a horse trainer, a designation the first Range Rider held.

Collins said that the SWCD is probably between 60 and 90 days from recruiting a rider,

because of bid requirements, proposals, ranking of applicants, etc. Bennett asked about the possibility of expediting that process, and Martin asked, "Due to the time constraints, why don't we just stick with the same guy (Halfway-based James Chetwood, the most recent Range Rider), and just have him do what we need him to do?"

Collins said that a bid is still required, because the contract is worth over \$5,000, and the SWCD went through this process every year, with the Range Rider.

Bennett asked if an emergency contract could be sought, and Collins said she would check into that possibility. In 2016, Chetwood logged 318 hours of riding time, at \$22 per hour, for a total of \$6,996, the amount that was awarded through the program for limiting wolf-livestock interaction. This year, that amount is \$6,599.

Bennett said that one of the main requirements for the Range Rider would be to meet weekly with Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) staff, including Baker District Wildlife Biologist Brian Ratliff, landowners, and others associated with

the program. Other requirements would include providing maps where the rider had been, among other details.

In response to the suggestion of an emergency bid and contract, Collins said, "I'm just not comfortable with an emergency contract on it... I don't think it gives people enough time to really consider..."

She suggested that landowners could have a more active role on a year-long trial basis, including acting as riders in more heavily affected areas, turning in time sheets, and being compensated, resulting in a more focused process.

"In the past, it was a great partnership with us, but we've got to sit down—I think we need to have a hard look," she said.

Bennett said that, while exploring different options, he and Martin need to determine what the fairest and most equitable way would be, and Collins needs to speak with SWCD staff and legal counsel, if applicable.

Martin said, based on history, there are at least five ranchers who would meet qualifications for participation in the suggested trial option.



### Legal Notice

#### 2017 OTEC Unclaimed Capital Credits

Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative (OTEC) hereby gives notice of UNCLAIMED PAYMENTS OF CAPITAL CREDITS OWED TO THE NAMED PERSONS ON RECORD. Such unclaimed capital credits have been available to OTEC Members since December 31, 2013.

Pursuant to OTEC bylaws and policy, the names of OTEC Members entitled to capital credit refunds – who have not yet claimed their refunds – can be reviewed on the OTEC website at: [www.otecc.com/members/unclaimed-capital-credit](http://www.otecc.com/members/unclaimed-capital-credit).

If you are an OTEC Member and current (or former) consumer of OTEC electric power, please check the OTEC website and list of Members who have failed to claim capital credits owed.

Application for re-issuing funds owed may be made at your local OTEC office or 4005 23rd Street, PO Box 226, Baker City, Oregon 97814. Unless those persons named or their heirs claim payment no later than January 31, 2018, the unclaimed funds will be forfeited to the Cooperative or, where required, forwarded to the Department of State Lands. Historically, the Board of Directors has contributed the amount of the forfeited funds to the Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative Scholarship Fund to benefit those served by the Cooperative.

As required by law, and pursuant to OTEC Bylaws, OTEC will "publish notice of the redemption" [i.e., forfeiture] of unclaimed capital credits in the leading Baker County newspaper of general circulation, for four consecutive months, simultaneously notifying the public to go to the OTEC website ([www.otecc.com/members/unclaimed-capital-credit](http://www.otecc.com/members/unclaimed-capital-credit)) to see if they, or someone they know, have unclaimed capital credits. If you know someone named on the list, please have them contact their local OTEC office to update their account and apply for their unclaimed capital credits.

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## ODF raises fire restrictions

Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) instituted a set of fire prevention measures in a Regulated-Use Closure starting at 12:01 a.m. on Wednesday July 12, 2017.

Open fires are prohibited, including campfires, charcoal fires, cooking fires and warming fires, except at designated locations.

Smoking is prohibited while traveling, except in vehicles on improved roads, in boats on the water, or at a cleared area free of flammable vegetation.

Non-Industrial chainsaw use is prohibited, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Cutting, grinding and

welding of metal is prohibited, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Mowing of dried and cured grass with power driven equipment is prohibited, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m., except for the commercial culture and harvest of agricultural crops.

Use of fireworks is prohibited.

Possession of the following firefighting equipment is required while traveling, except on state highways, county roads and drive-ways: one shovel and one gallon of water or one 2 ½ pound or larger fire extinguisher.

Debris burning is prohib-

ited, except in burn barrels for which a Burning Permit has been issued.

Use of exploding targets is prohibited.

Use of tracer ammunition or any bullet with a pyrotechnic charge in its base is prohibited.

The use of sky lanterns is prohibited throughout the year in Oregon.

The Regulated Use Closure for ODF's Northeast Oregon District affects private, state, county, municipal, and tribal lands protected by the Oregon Department of Forestry in seven counties: Union, Baker, Wallowa, Umatilla, and small portions of Malheur, Morrow and Grant.