

Local

Man arrested in gun theft



Photo courtesy of Ken Hackett.

Law enforcement cornered Breshears after a foot chase to Broadway.

• SUSPECT WAS HIGH ON METH, TRANSPORTED TO HOSPITAL

On August 8th, 2017 at approximately 12:30 p.m. a male suspect, later identified as Mr. Brent Alexander Breshears (3/3/91) entered Trader Rays, 2800 Broadway Street in Baker City, and stole two handguns.

He fled the scene and was unable to be located at that

time.

The Baker City Police Department (BCPD) with the help of the Baker County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) continued throughout the day to look for Breshears.

At approximately 4:45 p.m., BCPD received information on a possible location for Breshears.

BCPD officers, along with BCSO deputies, responded to Resort Street near Madison Street.

BCPD officers located Breshears in the Baker County Library.

Once Breshears saw BCPD officers he fled the library through an emergency exit, which sounded the alarm.

BCPD officers chased Breshears on foot and he was eventually taken into custody by BCPD officers and BCSO deputies on Broadway near 2nd Street. Breshears was taken into custody on a parole and probation detainer and other charges will be forthcoming.

While being lodged at the Baker County Jail, Breshears informed a

BCPD officer that he had recently ingested a large quantity of methamphetamine.

Breshears was immediately transported to St. Alphonsus Medical Center, in Baker City, where he is still being treated for that ingestion.

A subsequent search warrant was conducted on Mr. Breshears backpack and one of the two stolen handguns from the earlier theft at Trader Rays was located.

Nilsson

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After his run-in with law enforcement, Nilsson lodged a verbal complaint against Maldonado. Ash said he assigned a supervisor to investigate the complaint. The supervisor, per protocol, interviewed those employees involved in the arrests, so the complaint was investigated; however, Nilsson and Schroder refused to speak with that supervisor. More information was not available due to the investigation being an internal personnel issue.

Nilsson then interviewed with *The Baker City Herald*, giving additional details of events, which Shirtcliff could not substantiate before this issue went to print, due to the stage in the legal process, without violating ethics rules with the Bar.

On Wednesday, law enforcement turned information on the case against Nilsson and Schroder over to Shirtcliff for review. A list of overall charges, which may or may not change from the original citation, will be released publicly in the near future.

Nilsson, from Salt Lake City, became a Baker City Council member in February of this year.

Food and shelter funds available

The Baker County area has been awarded federal funds under the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program. The award is \$8,337 to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the county. Public or private voluntary agencies interested in applying for Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds must contact Mary Jo Carpenter, Community Connection of Baker County, 2810 Cedar Street, Baker City, Oregon 97814. The Application Form must be received by August 29th at 9 a.m. For more information call 523-6591.

The selection was made by a National Board that is chaired by the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and consists of representatives from the American Red Cross; Catholic Charities USA; National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA; The Salvation Army; United Jewish Communities; and, United Way of America. The Local board was charged to distribute funds appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter program in high-need areas around the country.

A Local Board made up of representatives from The Salvation Army, Catholic Charities, Baker City Police Department, American Red Cross, Ministerial Association, and Community Connection will determine how the funds awarded to the Baker County area are to be distributed among the emergency food and shelter programs run by local service agencies in the area. The local Board is responsible for recommending agencies to receive these funds and any additional funds available under this phase of the program.

Under the terms of the grant from the National Board, local agencies chosen to receive funds must: 1) be private voluntary non-profits or units of government, 2) have an accounting system, 3) practice nondiscrimination, 4) have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs, and 5) if they are a private voluntary organization, they must have a voluntary board. Qualifying agencies are urged to apply.

Previously, these funds have been distributed to the Catholic Church Food Bank, Salvation Army Food Bank, Haines/North Powder Food Bank, Halfway Food Bank, Huntington Food Bank, MayDay, Inc., and Community Connection of Baker County. They provided nearly 2,000 meals, and six months of lodging for families in crisis.

Community Bank awards \$17K to good students

The seventh year of Community Bank's Earn While You Learn Program has set an all-time high in cash awards paid to student-customers for their academic success. For the 2017 pay out period, 748 students in the Eastern Oregon and Southeast Washington area cashed in on their good grades. Community Bank's student customers earned a total of

\$17,135.

Since the bank's program began in 2011 earnings have steadily increased. In the first year of the Bank's Earn While You Learn Program just six years ago, 190 students were paid \$3,895. This year's payouts bring the program's grand total of academic award money to \$79,608.

The program is designed to encourage students in

their academic success by awarding Community Bank Youth Savings accounts customers for their good grades. During the months of June and July, all Community Bank branches accepted end-of-the-year report cards from students in grades 1st through 12th. For every top grade (indicated on the grading system used for each school) in a main

school subject that appeared on the report card, Community Bank deposited \$1 into their Community Bank Youth Savings Account.

The Earn While You Learn Program is an annual reward of \$1 per top grade, up to \$50 annually per student, with payments given for the whole school year in June and July.

Paving starts near LaGrande

High Desert Aggregate and Paving, Inc., has begun work on the Oregon Department of Transportation's project along Island Avenue (OR82/Wallowa

Lake Highway) in the LaGrande area.

The project includes upgrading sidewalk ramps to meet current American with Disabilities Act

(ADA) requirements and repaving the section of highway between Adams Avenue in LaGrande to Riddle Road, near Starbucks's Coffee.


The freeway ramps at Interstate 84 Exit 261 will also be resurfaced and some traffic signal upgrades will be performed.

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Powder River Pavilion
4 to 6 pm
Eastern Oregon Scenes
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Baker City Oregon



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On
September 23, 2017

3:00 PM to 6:00 PM
At the Geiser Grand, 1996 Main Street, Baker City, OR

\$5.00 per person, no ticket sales at door
Only 200 tickets will be sold

Tickets are being sold by the Baker County Republicans or can be obtained by mail prior to Sept. 18th.

Send your check to: Baker County Republicans, 24121 Clarks Creek Road, Bridgeport, OR 97819

Call 541-519-5035 with any questions