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Home health care providers are also noted targets of the ACA, due to a 14 percent reduction in payment. About 40 percent of the providers nationwide, and an estimated 70 percent in Oregon, are facing bankruptcy in the next four years because of that reduction. Walden understands the important services home health care and hospice providers offer and has personally written bipartisan legislation which offers the same savings the ACA is trying to achieve, but targets where the funding waste actually is, as it has been identified by the Government Accountability Office.

Walden talked a bit about the Keystone Pipeline, lower fuel prices, the national budget and the national debt. "We are at a time, at 18 trillion in debt, where each person in this room, and people not in this room, have about a \$56,000 bill if you just average the debt across all Americans," he said. In an effort not to leave that debt to the next generation, the House has written a budget that controls government spending and, among other things, reigns in federal programs found to have previously misappropriated funding, like the Environmental Protection Agency and the Internal Revenue Service.

Walden spent the rest of the meeting answering various questions from the audience. The questions ranged from veteran benefits and VA accountability, to taxes and tax structures, and general government responsibility. He spoke about Congress pushing back on the president's executive orders and revamping the way the federal government runs their business.

OBITUARIES

Dr. Menzie McKim, Jr.

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He graduated from Baker High School in 1939 and then entered the U.S. Navy during WWII. He served 182 days which qualified him for the G.I. Bill. He attended Jefferson Medical College majoring in urinalysis, pathology, surgery, and psychology. He graduated Salutatorian of his class in 1947. Shortly afterwards, he was recalled to active duty by the U.S. Army to serve in the Korean War. He was sent to Okinawa as a urinary surgeon for one of the first MASH Units. It was there that he worked with Dr. Dick Homberger who co-wrote the book Mash. This book was later produced in the famous movie based on the skillful, caring work, and rather outrageous humor of the operating staff. The family still argues about whether Menzie was Hawkeye or Trapper John.

Upon his return to Baker City, Menzie (also called Kimmie by those who loved him) practiced at the old Baker Clinic with his brother, Dr. Palmer McKim, and Dr. Carl Kostol. In 1979, Dr. Kostol and Dr. Menzie built the new Baker Clinic, located on Pocahontas Road, and were later joined by Drs. Robert McKim, Menzie's nephew, Jon Pederson, and son, Thomas McKim. Years of high-quality surgery and family practice were considered to be outstanding by many in the community. Dr. Menzie retired from practice in 1989.

Menzie had hobbies. He loved fishing, football, his faithful hunting dogs, work and parties at the family cabin on the Snake River, harassing his good buddy Cliff Bond, and watching his wonderful family grow.

Volunteer Community Service was also an important part of Menzie's life. He served as a Director of the Baker School District, a 50-year member of the Masons, and 45 years with the Elks.

Preceding Dr. Menzie in death were his parents, his wife Elizabeth Hanes McKim of over 60 years, and brothers Dr. Palmer McKim, Robert McKim, and Donald McKim.

He is survived by his wife, Holly Sullens McKim, of Baker City; his son, Dr. Thomas McKim (Dr. Cynthia McKim), of Eagle, Idaho; daughter Nancy Galvin (John Galvin), of Boise, Idaho; stepson Eric Menard, of Monterey, Calif.; sister-in-law, Jean Hall, of Boise, Idaho; four grandchildren, six great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions in Dr. Menzie's memory may be directed to The First Presbyterian Church or Soroptimist International of Baker County. This may be done through Coles Tribute Center, 1950 Place Street, Baker City, Ore. 97814.

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COMMISSIONERS

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Bishop briefed the board on the benefits Baker County would receive if the Bill passed and he encouraged the Commissioners to consider submitting a letter of support to Oregon's State representatives. There are approximately 135 buildings that lie within the Nationally Registered Historic District that is Baker City's Main Street, and about 13 other Nationally Registered Historical Buildings are scattered throughout the county, one of which is Howell's Cafe in Huntington. The cafe is a prime example of a historical building that would greatly benefit from the restoration incentive.

The Commissioners asked Bishop to return to the regular Commission session to present this matter so the Board may formally vote whether or not to support it.

Another discussion was presented by Commissioner Bennett regarding a change to the yearly funds received by the County through the Secure Rural Schools (SRS) and Community Self-Determination Act. This Act grants a large sum of federal dollars to the state, in lieu of paying taxes, which is divided between its counties and administered through the U.S. Forest Service or Bureau of Land Management. The counties must allocate the funds to Title I, Title II, or Title III; up to a certain percentage for each. The funds historically were able to be used for a wide variety of projects at the county's discretion, with the stipulation that projects utilizing Title II funds first be approved by a Resource Advisory Committee (RAC). Several years ago, the reigns were tightened on the expenditure of all funds until they could be used only for environmental projects.

Recently, the legislative process that revived SRS renewal every year failed. This opened a door for

congressmen to craft a broader, more lucrative version of the Act. Coupled with the county's input, Oregon's representatives are pushing to make it not only resemble the original document, as it allowed a large array of projects, but so it also cedes the influence for use of Title II funds to the County; in essence, reversing the roles of the RAC and the County.

Related to SRS concerns, Commissioner Bennett advised the Board of a lobbyist position created by the Eastern Oregon Counties Association (EOCA); specifically Union and Harney counties, which has not gone over well. The lobbyist was supposed to assist primarily with the SRS and Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) statutes, which didn't happen. The wages for this position cost each participating county around \$16,000 a year. Last year the decision was made to retract Baker County's inclusion from the lobbyist's assistance. The Board will need to make a decision whether or not to re-employ the lobbyist's services and include their required wages in next year's budget. Although not making a final decision at this time, the Commissioners concur that paying for the extra lobbyist position is an ineffective use of funds.

To end the session, Commissioner Harvey suggested forward thinking regarding the clean up or restoration of the dilapidated buildings on the Lime Plant property.

"I'm concerned for safety issues, big time...and besides it being one huge eyesore in Baker County, it's a dangerous mess that needs to be cleaned up." Commissioner Bennett suggested applying for funds from the EPA's Brownfields Recovery Act. The possibility for the project will be discussed at a later time.

News of Record

Arrests

Jan. 15 - David Mero as a fugitive of Ariz.

Jan. 17 - Shawn Horn for Probation Violation.

Jan. 19 - Laura Feign Osterkamp for Delivery of Controlled Substance and PCS Meth-amphetamine.

Jan. 19 - McKenzie Jacob Sullivan for Delivery of Controlled Substance and PCS Meth-amphetamine.

Jan. 19 - Bryson Buchanan for Unlawful Delivery and Possession of Meth-amphetamine.

Jan. 19 - Kristin Dejong for

Unlawful Delivery of Methamphetamine.

Jan. 19 - Arthur Gentry for Unlawful Delivery of Methamphetamine x2 and Possession of Meth-amphetamine x2.

Jan. 19 - Jodene Layton for Unlawful Delivery of Methamphetamine x2 and Possession of Meth-amphetamine x2.

Jan. 19 - Roger Miller for Unlawful Delivery of Methamphetamine x2.

Jan. 19 - Buddy Otnes for Criminal Conspiracy x2.

Jan. 19 - Heather Winston for Unlawful Delivery of Methamphetamine.

Rural Christian Women's Group Schedules Speaker

The Rural Christian women's group is bringing Troy and Kim Meeder from Crystal Peaks Ranch to Baker City on March 6-7. It is a very casual Friday night event from 7-8 p.m. for families wanting to hear Kim and Troy speak. This will take place at the Nazarene Church on Hughes Lane and refreshments will be served. Saturday morning will be a time for "women only" to hear from Kim from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. There is no charge and you are welcome to bring a friend.

Wallowa Valley Orchestra Seeking Members

The Wallowa Valley Orchestra, part of the Inland Northwest Musicians, is seeking new members.

If you play an orchestral string instrument; violin, viola, cello or string bass, or a woodwind, brass or percussion instrument, please consider joining us on Tuesday evenings. We rehearse in the Enterprise High School music room, from 6:30-8 p.m. There is no fee, there is no audition. Students are especially welcome as the WVO is a teaching orchestra, formed by members of our community, giving anyone interested the option to rehearse and perform in a small orchestral setting. We do ask that you are able to read music and have access to an instrument. Musicians from neighboring counties are also welcome to join us.

Contact the INWM office, 541-289-4696 if you have any questions, you can also find information on our website, www.inlandnorthwest-musicians.com, or find the Wallowa Valley Orchestra on facebook.

Wildland Fire Refresher Class Offered

Eastern Oregon Training Group has scheduled a Wildland Fire Refresher Class, RT-130 for Saturday, Febr. 28, 2015 beginning at 8 a.m. This is a required class for most firefighters and contractors who are planning on working for any federal or state agencies in the upcoming fire season. A qualified instructor from National Firefighter's Training and Carding Association will be teaching the class and membership in the Association is included with the class fee.

This class has limited seating and is available on a first come, first served basis. This is the only class scheduled for 2015 in this area. The fee for the class is \$100. Registration and payment of fee can be done at www.oregonfiretraining.com. If you need more information please contact either Laurel Goodrich at 541-403-0907 or laurelgoodrich@msn.com or Jeff Sherman, 541-519-6213 or shermanrental@gmail.com.

Baker Man
Sentenced to 16
Years in Prison

On Jan. 16, 2015 Gene Taylor (d.o.b. Jan. 10, 1994) of 3220 14th Street in Baker City, Ore., plead guilty to two counts of Rape in the First Degree in Baker County Circuit Court. Judge Greg Baxter sentenced Taylor to 200 months (16 years) with the Oregon Department of Corrections. One count of Unlawful Sexual Penetration in the First Degree and two counts of Sexual Abuse in the First Degree were dismissed as part of a plea agreement with the District Attorney's Office. Taylor will be on 140 months of post prison supervision when released and will have to register as a sex offender.

The case was investigated by Sergeant Travis Ash of the Baker County Sheriff's Office. The victim, who was 9 years old at the time of the crimes, was examined at the Baker County Child Abuse Center at Saint Alphonsus Hospital in Baker City as part of the case investigation. The victim knew Taylor as a friend for several years prior to the crimes.

"The victim and her mother were pleased with the result of the case as Taylor received a lengthy prison sentence without the victim having to go through a trial. A long prison sentence was warranted due to the harm suffered by the victim and for community protection," said Matt Shirtcliff, District Attorney for Baker County.

Local Police
Make Additional
Arrests

On Jan. 19, 2015 at about 3:10 p.m. Baker City Police served another arrest warrant, stemming from a Grand Jury Indictment. Arrested was:

Buddy Dean Otnes, of 1908 Chestnut Street for two counts of Criminal Conspiracy to Deliver a Controlled Substance (Methamphetamine).

In addition, to the Otnes arrest, Baker City Police also followed up on additional leads developed yesterday after the drug sweep, yielding two more arrests. They were:

Laura Feign Osterkam of 2845 Hughes Lane #25 for one count of Criminal Conspiracy to Deliver a Controlled Substance (Schedule II - Prescription Pills); one count of Possession of Controlled Substance (Methamphetamine); McKenzie Jacob Sullivan also of that address for one count of Criminal Conspiracy to Deliver a Controlled Substance (Schedule II - Prescription Pills)

As a result of the search warrant service at 2860 Cedar Street, two additional charges were added to: Jodene Inez Layton for one count Felon in Possession of a Firearm and one count Possession of Controlled Substance (Methodone).

Local Governments
Can Apply for Grants
for Parks and
Recreation Projects

The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) announces the opening of the 2015 Local Government Grant Program grant cycle for funding public parks and recreation projects.

Large, small and planning grants are available for cities, counties, metropolitan service districts, park and recreation districts, and port districts looking to fund the following types of projects: planning, development, rehabilitation, acquisition, and acquisition and development.

The Local Government Grant Program is designed to help local government agencies acquire property for park purposes and fund outdoor park and recreation areas and facilities. The grants are funded from voter-approved lottery money.

OPRD gives more than \$4 million annually to Oregon communities for outdoor recreation projects and has awarded nearly \$50 million in grants since 1999.

Applications, a grant manual, application deadlines and other information are online at oprdrgrants.org.