

News of Record

Marriages

July 18- Brock Michael Johnson to Sierra Leigh-Ann Howerton, both of Baker City.
July 21- James David Ward to Caron Fay Williamson, both of Baker City.
July 24- Jake James Fagan to Carol Anna Savage, both of Hermiston, Ore.

Arrests

July 20- Patrick Leroy Goodwin arrested for Unlawful Possession of Heroin.
July 21- Carol Anne Hammon arrested for DUII-Controlled Substance and Reckless Driving.
July 23- Douglas Jay Clayborn arrested for Failure to Appear.
July 23- Melissa Lynn Thacker arrested on a Baker County Parole and Probation detainer.
July 23- Ann Marie Bolanos arrested for Contempt of Court and for Possession of Methamphetamine.
July 24- Ann Marie Bolanos arrested on an out of county warrant.
July 24- Travis Scott Jones arrested for Failure to Register as a Sex Offender.
July 24- Austin Edward Scott arrested for Assault II.
July 24- Robert Glen Street arrested for Harassment and Strangulation.
July 25- Victoria Madeline Chalmers arrested on an out of state warrant.
July 25- David Ray Ackerman arrested for DUII and Failure to Perform Duties of a Driver.
July 26- Stephen Kenneth Andvik arrested for DUII.

Baker County Circuit Court

July 16- State of Ore. v. Jeremy Allen Gilda regarding Contempt of Court Punitive, violation.
July 17- Assignee of Unifund CCR, LLC v. Kari J. Shankle-Lansdon regarding Civil Money Action.

July 20- State of Ore. v. Michael Ray Schulte regarding Attempting to Elude Police Vehicle, felony.
July 20- State of Ore. - DHR, XREL (obligee, Adina R. Kolacz) v. James R. Kolacz regarding Domestic Relations Fin. Resp.
July 21- State of Ore. v. Theodore Laroy Thomas Vowell regarding Theft 2, misdemeanor.
July 21- State of Ore. v. Brianna Bluesky Witten regarding DUII, misdemeanor.
July 21- State of Ore. v. Frank Hugh Colton regarding DUII, misdemeanor.
July 21- State of Ore. v. Alicia Nichole Ferguson regarding Possession of Heroin, felony.
July 21- State of Ore. v. Josiah M. Kenworthy regarding Criminal Mischief 2, misdemeanor.
July 22- State of Ore. v. Travis James Sprague regarding Assault of a Public Safety Officer, felony.
July 22- State of Ore. v. Daniel Jason Blood regarding Unlawful Use of a Computer, felony.
July 22- Cavalry SPV I, LLC v. Amanda C. Flatt regarding Civil Money Action.
July 22- State of Ore. v. Andrew Leonard Ferns regarding Theft 3, misdemeanor.
July 22- Portfolio Recovery Associate v. Kathleen McClaughry regarding Civil Money Action.
July 22- State of Ore. v. Benjamin T. Winans regarding Criminal Mischief 2, misdemeanor.
July 22- State of Ore. v. Melissa R. Covarrubias Sandoval regarding Possession of Methamphetamine, felony.
July 22- State of Ore. v. Roderick Joseph Gagnon regarding Theft 2, misdemeanor.
July 22- State of Ore. v. Patrick Leroy Goodwin regarding Possession of Heroin, felony.
July 23- Darcie Lynn Bradford v. William Ash Bradford regarding Domestic Relations Dissolution.
July 23- State of Ore. v. Richard Carroll regarding Assault 3, felony.

Letters

Bold Steps Necessary

To the Editor:

Instead of responding to conclusive scientific evidence and the ominous, growing damage from global warming, many political leaders have been unduly influenced and stymied by money and false propaganda from the fossil-fuel industry and from regressive, right-wing ideologues.

One example is the frivolous, unrelated, irrelevant, and misleading statement that appeared as a letter to the editor in the Baker City Herald on July 15. The letter described what was a limited and temporary warming of Europe and parts of North America about 1,000 years ago, and attempted to equate it with today's unrelenting, world-wide warming. And then it told us that global warming is good for us!

According to Wikipedia, the warming during the European Middle Ages was caused by increased solar activity, decreased volcanic activity (which means less reflective ash was sent into the atmosphere), and ocean circulation. It was NOT caused by an unprecedented increase in carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gasses such as we are now experiencing.

Ocean temperature maps now show a strengthening El Nino in the Pacific Ocean that may well cause droughts in Washington and Oregon to persist through this coming fall and winter.

Confusion caused by climate-change deniers is unconscionable, and deserves our firm denunciation and rejection.

Let us turn, instead, to the guidance of Pope Francis in his newly published encyclical. Both profound and eloquent, it calls forth the best in us - an unconditional joining together to solve a moral and environmental crisis.

It is up to us to deliver a legacy that saves future generations from grievous loss. A PBS documentary "Humanity From Space" is available on the Internet. It offers the vision of a positive future, if we can drop barriers and learn to work together to meet the challenges we all face.

I urge my fellow readers to join in taking the necessary bold steps together, including a revenue-neutral carbon tax, to moderate global warming right now.

Marshall McComb
Baker City

Why Isn't El Chapo on Our Radar?

To the Editor:

On Sept. 11, 2001 some ignorant radicals flew a couple of jets into the World Trade Center and killed about 3,000 Americans. George Bush toured the rubble and promised retribution. He said Osama Bin Laden was "wanted dead or alive." Through a lot of diligent work by our intelligence people we found him. Our military people did a good job of eliminating him. We didn't much give a damn about Pakistan's borders when we did it.

It's true that Al-Qaida is a threat. ISIS is a threat. Radical Islam is a threat. They have killed thousands of people. Killing them doesn't seem to be much of a stretch. Eliminate an enemy. What I can't figure out though is why somebody like El Chapo, the Mexican drug lord who just escaped prison again isn't on the radar. Compared to Al-Qaida this guy is the real devil. His drugs have killed millions. Broken up untold families and cost billions in drug related enforcement, treatment, and prisons. Drugs export billions out of this country to Mexico and the drug related gang warfare down there has resulted in well over 100,000 Mexican deaths. Our gun related problems are tied directly to our gangs that are really nothing but subcontractors for the cartels.

With a presidential election coming up I would like to hear one candidate say that we are going to get El Chapo, dead or alive and serve notice to Mexico that their drug trade is going to end or we will end it for you.

El Chapo, your meth has touched me personally and I am going to do all I can to put a little backbone in my next president.

Steve Culley
John Day

FBI Releases Statement on Suspicious Letters

The FBI, Oregon State Police and the U.S. Postal Inspection Service are working with affected Oregon counties to determine the origin and nature of a series of suspicious letters that started arriving in the mail on Monday, July 27. To date, field testing by hazardous materials crews has shown NO toxic substance on any letter or in any envelope. In addition, at this time there is no evidence of a visible powder to be found in any of the envelopes/letters.

There are approximately 20 known letters delivered and all were addressed to Oregon sheriffs or their offices. Law enforcement is collecting the letters and transporting them all to the FBI and/or the Oregon State Public Health Laboratory for analysis as appropriate.

Due to the on-going nature of this investigation, they are not releasing any further information.

Rep. Bentz to Provide Legislative Update to Baker Chamber

State Representative Cliff Bentz (R-Ontario) will meet with the Baker County Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday, Aug. 5 at 12:30 p.m. at the Best Western Sunridge Inn.

Rep. Bentz will present Chamber members with legislative highlights from the recently adjourned 2015 Legislative Session. There will be a short review of important bills on various topics such as sage grouse, increasing speed limits, rural gas station self-service afterhours, marijuana legalization, the low carbon fuel standard, the transportation package (or lack thereof), the gun background check expansion, minimum wage increases, mandatory paid sick leave, and other issues. Former-Governor John Kitzhaber's resignation and the 2015-17 Budget will also be discussed.

"This presentation will provide opportunity to review and discuss changes made to Oregon's laws," said Rep. Bentz.

Rep. Bentz also will ask the Chamber members for their opinion on what they would like Rep. Bentz to focus on as priorities for the up-coming 2016 Legislative Session, which will convene on Feb. 1.

Department of Revenue Seeks Customer Service Feedback

The Department of Revenue is conducting a survey to find ways to improve the customer service experience for Oregon taxpayers. More than 7,000 people will receive the survey this week. This sample group was randomly selected from more than 205,000 taxpayers who contacted the department from January through May. The department encourages everyone who receives the survey to complete and return it.

"The best way for us to find ways to better serve you is to ask for your opinions directly," explained Ken Ross, the department's sponsor for the survey project. "This is your chance to let us know how we're doing and share your suggestions for how we can help you in the future."

The survey is part of a study being conducted by Oregon State University Survey Research Center. All responses are confidential and no identifying information will be provided to the department with OSU-SRC's final report.

After reviewing the results and identifying trends, leadership will work on developing strategies to improve customer service throughout the department, Ross said.

Visit www.oregon.gov/dor to get tax forms, check the status of your refund, or make tax payments; or call 1-800-356-4222 toll-free from an Oregon prefix (English or Spanish); 503-378-4988 in Salem and outside Oregon; or email, questions.dor@oregon.gov. For TTY (hearing or speech impaired), call 1-800-886-7204.

We welcome you back to the
2015 Baker County Fair

Livestock Auction



Saturday, August 8, 1:00 p.m.

Pre-sale Barbecue begins at 11:30 a.m.

Beef provided by LNK Ranches, LLC & The DLX

THANK YOU

For making the 2014 Baker County Fair
4-H/FFA Livestock Auction a Success!

2014 Buyers for Baker County Fair Auction:

4K Ranch	Clint & Elissa Morrison	Joe & Dana Hill	Pine Valley Ranch
Ace Nursery	Clint & Kimberly Finley	Karlynn Dolby	Pioneer West
Ag Insurance	Coca Cola	Kate Rohner	Premier Auto Body
Ameri Title	Coffee Coral	Kathy Ward	Radford Trucking
Ampersand Ranch	Columbia Basin	Kicks Sportswear	Ragsdale Moblie Glass
Anderson Cattle Co	Helicopters	Kriege Logging	Richland Feed & Seed
Andy & Kris Barr	Commerical Tire	Kristie Osborn	Rob & Peter Ellingson
Animal Clinic	Community Bank	Ladds Auto LLC	Robbins Farm Equipment
Arrantxu Zerua	Coomer Club Lambs	Larry Solisz	Rohner Farms, Inc.
Ash Grove Cement	Coughlin & Leuenberger	Leo Adler Foundation:	Safeway
Baker Aircraft	Cover Works Wall	US Bank	Sage Veterinary Services
Baker City Bull & Bronc.	& Floor Coverings	Liberty NW	Saint Alphonsus Med.
Baker City Carpet	Crop Production Services	Lloyd & Susan Danielson	Ctr. Baker
Express Inc.	Cunningham	LNK Ranches, LLC	Sears
Baker City Hearld	Financial Group	Long Time Farm	Shasta Livestock
Baker City Pharmacy	D&B Supply	M & H Ranch	Sid Johnson & Co.
Baker City Realty	Dan Forsea & Sons Inc.	Mackenzie Ranch LLC	Siddoway Charolais
Baker City Rotary Club	Del Livestock	Marilyn & Robert Stevens	Silven, Schmeits &
Baker County	Diana Britt	Marvin Wood Products	Vaughan
Custom Meats	Donna's Groom & Board	Matt & LaDonn	Simplot
Baker Dental Group	Dr. Sean Benson	McElligott	Simpson Angus Ranch
Baker Electric Service,	Eastern Oregon	Mike Miller	Snap-On Tools
Inc.	Rental & Sales	MMW Electric	SR Bar Ranch
Baker Garage	EDP Renewables	Monument Rock Cattle	SREC
Baker Sanitary	Elkhorn Valley	Mountain Valley Dental	SSEQ New Holland
Baker Truck Corral	Empire Leather	Napa Auto Parts	St. Luke's Clinic-EOMA
Baker Vet Hospital	Farm & Industrial	Ne-Hi Enterprises	State Farm Insurance
Baker Vision Clinic	Service Co.	Nelson Ranch	Steaming Kettle
Banner Bank	Floyd Morgan Excavation	Nichols & Mitchell CPA	Consulting
Bar Boot Cattle Co.	Freeman Angus Ranch,	Northwest Farm Credit	Sunfire Real Estate -
Becker Construction	Inc.	Services	Christina Smith
Beef Northwest	Garcher & Colton	Ochoco Outdoor Power	Superior Towing
Behlen Country	CPA's PC	Equipment	Susan Irby
Ben & Cythia Norton	Gentry Ford	Old West Federal Credit	Thatchers Ace Hardware
Bert & Terri Siddoway	Grays West & Co.	Union	The Windshield Doctor
Bill Clonts.	Grumpy's Repair	Orchard Wood Products	Thomas Angus
Bingham Cattle	Guyer, & Assoc.	Oregon Mutual	Travis & Katie Ash
Bingham, Bingham and	Gyllenberg Construction	Oregon Telephone	Tri-County Equipment
Watt	Gyllenberg Equipment	Corporation	Trindle Family Trust
Bisnett Insurance	Gyllenberg Ranch	Oregon Trail Electric	Triple C Redi-Mix
Black Dist.	Haines Stampede Rodeo	Co-Op	Tyler Foundation
Britt Sand and Gravel	Assoc.	Oregon Trail Garlic	Union, Walllowa,
Byrnes Oil	Haines Steak House	Oregon Trail Livestock	Baker Federal Credit
Cashway Lumber	Harrell Hereford Ranch	Supply	Union
Chandler Herefords	Hay Inc.	Oregon Trail Seeds, Inc.	Walmart
Charles & Jackie Wilson	Hill Escavation	P & E Distributing	Ward Ranches
Charley's Ice Cream	Hills Family Denistry	Pacific Intermountain	Wheatland Ins.
Parlor	IBEW 125	Mortgage	Wilson Cattle Co.
Chaves Consulting	Inland Café	Pacific Source Health Ins.	York's Park Grocery
Cheveron Downtown	Intermountain Livestock	Paul's Transmission	Yurri Rose Law Firm
Clarene Rohner	J & J Timber	Payne West Ins.	Zion Bank
Clark Auto Electric	J. Tabor Jewelers	Pendleton Grain Growers	
Clarke and Clarke Ins.	Jaca Construction Inc.	Pepsi Cola	
Cliffs Saws & Cycles	Jay & Eth Carr	Peterson Orthodontics	