

News of Record

Marriages

July 21- Joseph Wallace Berkheimer to Mikayla Cheyenne Trebilcock, both of Baker City.
July 25- Skip Charles Suttter to Kimberly Ann Rand, both of Baker City.
Aug. 1- John Caleb Perger to Ashley Jean Carpenter, both of Sumpter.
Aug. 1- Brenden Patrick Clasen to Jaycee Lee Dobbins, both of Halfway.

Arrests

July 27- Mathew Eli Williams arrested for Contempt of Court.
July 27- Caleb Robert Nelson arrested on a Union County Warrant for Parole Violation.
July 28- Jesse Pierre LeBlanc arrested for Theft III.
July 31- Tyson Blaine Streeter arrested for Felon in Possession of a Firearm.
July 31- Joseph William Dial arrested for Contempt of Court.
Aug. 1- Anthony Allan Myers arrested for Contempt of Court.
Aug. 2- Arthur Michael Gentry arrested for

Probation Violation.

Aug. 2- Brandi Marie Kasinger arrested for False Information to an Officer, Criminal Trespass II, and Burglary II.
Aug. 2- Kristal Marie Schultz arrested for Assault IV Domestic.
Aug. 3- Casey Daniel Mader arrested for Probation Violation.
Aug. 3- Jay W. Oncher-Fontaine arrested for Contempt of Court and Probation Violation.
Aug. 3- Robert Clell Bixler arrested for Sex Abuse III and Harassment.
Aug. 3- Echo Teresa Moran arrested for DUII.
Baker County Circuit Court
July 24- Capitol One Bank (USA) v. Carmon Hendriksen regarding Civil Money Action.
July 24- State of Ore. v. Melissa Lynn Thacker regarding Unlawful Entry into a Motor Vehicle, misdemeanor.
July 29- State of Ore. v. Carmon Deon Hendriksen regarding Possession of Methamphetamine, felony.

Baker City Police
Partner with
Paizanos Pizza

On Aug. 15, Baker City Police will hand deliver the Paizano's Pizza order you make to your doorstep....in a police car with lights flashing! Have fun and send one to a friend! Free cheesy bread sticks with each order. \$3 delivery fee. If you want to dine in, there is a 30 percent donation to Special Olympics.

Call Paizano's Pizza Aug. 15 at 541-524-1000 or Special Olympics fundraising organizer, Stephanie Tweit at 541-523-6767.

Baker City Parks
and
Recreation
Advisory Board

Regular Meeting
Monday, Aug. 10, 2015
Cedar Acres Park - 5:30 p.m.

This will bring a smile!



25% Off
Denture Work
at Blue Mountain Denture Center
Troy Stewart, LD
2194 Court Street, Baker City
541-523-4752 • Cell: 541-519-4696

Police Receive
Donations
Putting them
Over the Top

Baker City Police Chief said that earlier in the week they received a \$1,000 donation from the Broncs and Bulls organization and a \$1,000 donation from Shawna Patton, pushing us over our \$10,000 goal to purchase a new drug dog to replace Turbo.

Letters

Politicians
Underestimate
American People

To the Editor,

Last week I listened in on a national conference call with Representative John Delaney of Maryland who discussed the Open Our Democracy Act, HR 2655, which he recently introduced.

The call was convened and hosted by Jackie Salit, President of IndependentVoting.org, the largest association of independent voters in the country of which I'm a part. On the call, we got the inside scoop on this important legislation.

The bill does three things: enacts Top Two nonpartisan primaries for all Congressional elections in the United States, makes Election Day a national holiday, and creates a road map whereby the practice of gerrymandering could be replaced with an independent redistricting process.

In other words, it's a gridlock-fighting package of reform designed to empower voters and give our country some much needed breathing room from the partisanship that now over-determines every step of the political process.

Delaney said, "Politicians always make the mistake of underestimating the American people. 300 million smart Americans are not going to let some 500 members of Congress stand in their way forever." I couldn't agree more.

Given the vested interests of politicians in the status quo of the two-party system, it's going to take a grassroots movement of voters to build the pressure to make these kinds of reform happen.

I've written to my Representative, Peter DeFazio, and asked him to let all voters be heard in the election process. Keeping everyone included is the only way to have a government by the people and for the people. Please join me in writing your representatives. They need to hear from you.

Kemberly Todd
Roseburg

Keep Rockin'

Dear Students, Parents, and Members of the Baker Community:

"Thank you for 15 wonderful years as band director here in Baker. This is a truly unique town with some of the greatest children a teacher could ever hope to instruct. I am leaving to teach 5th and 6th grade students at three elementary schools in Pasco, Wash. I reached this decision for financial reasons; I am almost, but not quite vested in the Washington teacher's retirement system.

I wish to especially thank the other teachers, administrators, and support staff at Baker High and Middle Schools, my choir colleagues, Ms. DeeAnn Sands and Mr. Thomas Isaacson, and the elementary music teachers. Thanks also to the band parents, Leo Adler fund, Harold Kirklin fund, Music Camps at Wallowa Lake, and all those in the community who have donated so much of your time and generous support to help the band program be a success. Gina and I love this town and community, and are planning to retire here. Please continue to support the arts in the Baker schools, and my successor, Ms. Hope Watts, who is inheriting "the best job in town!"

Keep Rockin'
Jeff Sizer
Haines

Let's hear from a
variety of people!

The Record-Courier welcomes your letter to the editor. Prefer 300 words or less. Letters may be sent by a single author once a month. Email with your contact information is fine: news@therconline.com.

OTEC Earns High Marks
from National Rural Co-op
Financial Corporation

The National Rural Utilities Cooperative Financial Corporation (CFC) has compiled and released final data from its 2014 Key Ratio Trend Analysis (KRTA). After a series of 145 separate ratios and being compared against 300 similar co-ops that borrow exclusively from CFC, OTEC was ranked #1 for having the lowest irrigation rates in the state of Oregon (fifth lowest irrigation rates nationwide).

OTEC came in second for the lowest large commercial rates and thirteenth in small commercial rates in the country.

"On the national level, we look outstanding in these categories," said Charlene Chase, OTEC Board Secretary Treasurer. "We are operating more efficiently and it speaks volumes to the good work our OTEC employees have done."

Of the 296 co-ops that participated in the financial assessment, OTEC ranked third for the lowest rates in the state, twenty-third lowest rates nationally. OTEC serves Baker, Grant, Harney and Union counties.

"In this time of relatively flat economic growth, to be able to maintain strong financials is impressive," said Anthony Bailey, Chief Financial Officer for OTEC. "In regards to our debt service, we are operating on a thinner margin, but are at the median in the state and above the median for our customer size. So, for every dollar we owe, we have more than enough to pay for it. Which is good."

"In our residential kilowatt (kWh) sales per member, we are 200 kWh, or approximately 15-20%, below the state average in sales per customer. So, ultimately, we are selling less power and are still doing all of these remarkable things," said Bailey. "To me that is a phenomenal statistic all on its own."

About CFC

The National Rural Utilities Cooperative is a member-owned, nonprofit cooperative. It was organized in 1969 to raise funds from the capital markets to supplement the loan programs for electric cooperatives offered by the Rural Utilities Service (RUS), previously Rural Electrification Administration (REA).

About KRTA

CFC developed the KRTA in 1975 to provide electric cooperative managers and board members a complete picture of their system's financial performance and to help them analyze results compared with medians from other electric cooperatives. Medians are used as opposed to averages, which can be skewed by extreme responses. The KRTA is based on unaudited data reported by electric distribution cooperatives.

Baker City to Begin Chip Sealing

Beginning Aug. 10, 2015, the Baker City Public Works Department will be chip sealing a number of city streets. It is expected that this work will last for four days. The chip seal process extends the life of a street by restoring vital asphalt pavement components that are lost through the aging and oxidation process. By sealing the street, moisture is unable to penetrate below the asphalt surface. Additionally, recently paved surfaces will receive a fog seal coat on Aug. 17. A map showing the streets to be treated during the 2015 project is shown below.

A minimum 48-hours notice will be provided to residents affected by the street improvement project. Please expect traffic delays and possible rerouting of traffic during this project. Should inclement weather conditions or mechanical issues arise, the street work will be rescheduled for the next available work day.

Your cooperation and patience during this project is appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact Baker City Public Works at (541) 524-2063 or (541) 524-2046.

Camaraderie
AT SETTLER'S PARKVeteran's Benefits Seminar
Thursday, August 20th at 1:30 p.m.

Join us at Settler's Park Assisted Living for a special presentation regarding your Veterans Benefits:
Special pension with aid and attendance
for veterans and surviving spouses.



Seating is limited for this special presentation of Veterans Benefits by Rick Gloria of Baker County Veteran Services Office. Call 541-249-4006 today to reserve your seat!

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