

## News of Record

## Marriages

July 25- Joshua Lee Srack to Lillian Michelle Hull, both of Baker City.

Aug. 4- Ricky Dee Leggett to Mabelle Kathleen Bernardy, both of Baker City.

## Arrests

Aug. 5- Austin Tylor Schneider arrested for Disorderly Conduct II.

Aug. 5- Joshua Gerald Vanderpool arrested for Assault IV.

Aug. 6- Bobby Alan Sickler arrested for Contempt of Court.

Aug. 6- Jacob Kyle Grammon arrested for Trespass I, Contempt of Court, and Probation Violation.

Aug. 7- Michael Joseph Johnson arrested for Violation of Restraining Order and Possession of Methamphetamine.

Aug. 7- Joseph Daniel Ring arrested for Contempt of Court.

Aug. 7- James Donald Doyle arrested for DUII.

Aug. 7- Samuel Allen Makinson arrested for DUII.

Aug. 7- Joseph Matousch arrested for Assault IV Domestic.

Aug. 8- Daniel James Rothenberger arrested for Probation Violation, Parole Violation and Failure to Register as a Sex Offender.

Aug. 9- Jamie Joseph Weiss arrested for Theft III.

Aug. 9- Zachary William Steele arrested for Possession of Methamphetamine.

## Baker County Circuit Court

July 31- State of Ore. v. Taylor Ryan Coe regarding Criminal Trespass I, misdemeanor.

Aug. 3- Tia M. Page v. Justin R. Page regarding Domestic Relations Dissolution.

Aug. 4- State of Ore. v. Tyson Blaine Streeter regarding Felony in Possession of a Firearm, felony.

Aug. 4- State of Ore. v. Tonia Lee Sullivan regarding Burglary II, felony.

Aug. 4- State of Ore. v. Jacob Daniel Walker regarding Failure to Report as Sex Offender, misdemeanor.

Aug. 4- State of Ore. v. Joseph William Dial regarding Possession of Methamphetamine, felony.

Aug. 4- State of Ore. v. Ameshia Marie Dodge regarding Unlawful Delivery of Methamphetamine, felony.

Aug. 4- State of Ore. v. Aimie Katherine Grove regarding Disorderly Conduct II, misdemeanor.

Aug. 4- State of Ore. v. Travis Scott Jones regarding Failure to Report as a Sex Offender, misdemeanor.

Aug. 4- State of Ore. v. Kyle Craig Koontz regarding Criminal Mischief III, misdemeanor.

Aug. 4- State of Ore. v. Nathan Lee Paulsen regarding Possession of Methamphetamine, felony.

Aug. 4- State of Ore. v. Austin Edward Scott regarding Assault II, felony.

Aug. 5- State of Ore. v. Robert Bixler regarding Sexual Abuse III, misdemeanor.

Aug. 5- State of Ore. v. Echo Moran regarding DUII, misdemeanor.

Aug. 5- State of Ore. v. Hunter Guy Blazier regarding Minor in Possession/Purchase of Alcohol, misdemeanor.

## Three Sumpter City Councilors Face Recall

On Monday, Aug. 10 the Baker County Clerk's office certified signatures to recall three Sumpter councilors including Ada Oakley, Toni Thompson and G. Leanne Woolf. All three had five days to respond with a Statement of Justification or resign their position according to County Clerk, Cindy Carpenter. Thompson has stated she will submit her letter of resignation at this week's City Council meeting. Woolf and Oakley responded with their Statement of Justification as of late Tuesday. This recall election will be held on Sept. 15, 2015 and the ballots will be mailed Aug. 26.

## Lime Hill Fire Contained

The Lime Hill Fire which burned more than 12,000 acres west of Huntington was contained on Sunday according to Larry Moore, spokesperson for BLM. The cause of the fire is still under investigation. It is expected the fire will be considered controlled very soon.



Submitted photo  
Hand Crew from New Mexico moves to mop-up Lime Hill Fire

## Sinkhole to Receive Final Repairs

The sinkhole on Anthony Lakes Highway (Forest Service Road 73) near the crossing of Antone Creek will receive final repairs on Monday, Aug. 17 through Thursday Aug. 20. Forest Service Road 73 will be closed to through traffic at the construction site during repairs beginning Aug. 17-20. The sinkhole is located on a narrow section of road and the undercutting from Antone Creek will prevent crews from piloting traffic around the construction site.

The Wallowa-Whitman National Forest will update the website [www.fs.usda.gov/wallowa-whitman](http://www.fs.usda.gov/wallowa-whitman) and facebook page [www.facebook.com/WallowaWhitmanNF](http://www.facebook.com/WallowaWhitmanNF) beginning Monday August 17 with information about the construction and lane closures.

During construction, Anthony Lakes and the surrounding areas will remain accessible from Sumpter on Forest Road 73, from Ukiah on Forest Road 52 and from La Grande on Forest Road 51. The estimated completion date is Thursday morning, Aug. 20.

An alternate route around the construction area is available on Forest Service Road 7312 from Pilcher Creek Reservoir. This is a two lane gravel road recommended for high clearance vehicles.

## Letters

## Community Helps Supervise

To the Editor:

In a recent letter to the editor, Jerry Boyd sounds like he knows all about the predatory sex offender, whose recent move back to Baker City was publicly announced. Boyd's letter was in reaction to the offender's statement in the newspaper lamenting that his family has suffered through the notoriety caused by the public announcement. Boyd pointed out that the statement contained no mea culpa or remorse for his past offenses.

I have no specific knowledge of the offender in question other than what was contained in the public announcement, and probably Boyd doesn't either. But from my experience supervising from 15 to 20 sex offenders at a time over my eight-year tenure as Director of the Baker County Parole and Probation Department, I can provide some general information.

Most important statistic: during those eight years not one of the many sex offenders supervised in Baker County committed another

offense against a child.

While on parole/probation, every sex offender, among other conditions, was obliged by the parole board/court to have no contact with minors and to attend sex offender treatment. As part of that treatment the offender was required to take disclosure polygraph exams to come up with a definitive list of all victims. And then had to write apology letters to all victims making clear that the offender was fully responsible for the offense against the child.

It takes a community to help parole/probation officers supervise sex offenders. NIMBY—not in my backyard—as desired by Boyd, is counterproductive. Local example: A sex offender born and raised in Baker got out of prison and found an apartment in North Baker. Once aware of his presence, some neighbors pressured the landlord to kick him out—"not in our backyard." The only other place he found to rent was near North Baker School in a much less desirable neighborhood, due to proximity to an elementary school and to lack of observant relatives and neighbors.

Gary Dielman  
Baker City

## First Friday Moved to Aug. 14

'First Friday' with Commissioner Harvey has been moved to Friday, Aug. 14, 2015 from 9-10 a.m. in the Commission Chambers of the Baker County Courthouse located at 1995 Third Street, Baker City. This time will be used to allow the citizens to visit with the Commissioner about issues impacting Baker County.

## Keating, Medical Springs and Baker County Experience Power Outages

Monday, Aug. 10, beginning at 3 p.m., multiple power outages were reported in Keating, Medical Springs and Baker County due to high winds moving through the area.

285 members in the Keating/Medical Springs area and 110 members north of Baker City lost power. OTEC crews were on site and restored power to 50 members by 3:30 p.m., 285 members by 4:35 p.m., with all power restored by 5:30 p.m.

Anthony Lakes and areas west of North Powder lost power at 3:45 p.m. OTEC crews restored power to 80 members at 4:53 p.m. with all power restored at 7:45 p.m.

Please report your outages to our outage number: 1-866-430-4265.

## Op-Ed by Rep. Greg Walden

## Time for the Senate to Act on Wildfire Prevention Bill



Around Oregon and throughout the West, another fire season is well underway. Overstocked, diseased, and bug-infested forests are at risk of the massive and catastrophic wildfire that clog our air with smoke and threaten our streams. All this while our mills are starving for a reliable supply of timber and people need jobs. It's clear the status quo isn't working for our forests, our communities, or our environment. We can do better.

The U.S. House has passed a bipartisan bill—the Resilient Federal Forests Act—that would help reduce the threat of catastrophic wildfires and bring active management back to our federal forests. Through active management, we can clean up our forests, prevent these unnaturally large fires, protect our air, and put people back to work in our forested communities.

Our bill puts into place much needed reforms to federal forest policy. For example, the bill repeals the arbitrary and outdated prohibition on harvesting trees over 21 inches in diameter on national forests in eastern Oregon. "Temporarily" put in place in 1997, this rule still hasn't been removed 20 years later! This flawed, one-size-fits-all rule illustrates just how broken federal forest management has become. The restriction greatly limits forest managers' ability to address site specific needs of the forest on the ground and has only served to further tie up projects in endless appeals and litigation.

Our plan also gives the Forest Service greater flexibility to move quickly on projects to reduce the threat of fire around our rural communities, streamlining projects developed through local counties' community wildfire protection plans.

Right now, after a fire, the Forest Service is able to reforest less than three percent of areas burned. This plan would accelerate the removal of timber after a fire (to help pay for replanting), and requires a large percent of the area impacted be reforested within five years. Just like we do after other natural disasters, we ought to clean up and rebuild after wildfires. As we saw earlier this summer on the Buckskin Fire in southern Oregon, failing to clean up only leads to future fires in old burn scars full of fallen trees and snag that prove difficult and too dangerous for firefighters.

This bill also cuts costs and streamlines rules for timber production on legislation pertaining to Oregon's unique O&C Lands. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) recently unveiled new management plans for these lands that would fall short of the needs of local communities for a reliable supply of timber to fund essential local services like schools, roads, and law enforcement. The bill tells the BLM to go back to the drawing board, and propose new plans to actually provide sustainable timber production for Oregon's rural communities as required by law.

Finally, the endless cycle of "fire borrowing"—forcing the federal government to use wildfire prevention funds to pay for fighting fire—is ended under this bill. It fixes how we pay to fight fire by allowing the Forest Service to apply for FEMA disaster funds to pay for firefighting. This treats wildfire as the natural disasters they are, similar to hurricanes or tornados.

The Resilient Federal Forests Act will improve the health of our forests and our rural economies. During the last session of Congress, the House twice passed bipartisan legislation I worked on to reform federal forest policy. The Senate failed to take up forestry legislation. However, with new leadership in that body I'm hopeful that the Senate will take meaningful action on forestry legislation. We cannot let this opportunity pass us by again. Our forested communities have already waited too long. Now is the time to act.

## Fred Kelly Grant Group

[www.standandfightclub](http://www.standandfightclub)

## Coordination 101

3  
DAY  
WORKSHOP

DATES: August 20, 2015 through August 22, 2015

TIME: August 20, 2015 Registration 7:30 am  
Presentation 8:30 am

LOCATION: Baker County Event Center  
2600 East Street, Baker City, Oregon  
(Located just off Campbell and East)

COST: \$150.00

Includes:

- Lunch for 3 days
- Workbook & Brochure
- Intensive Training
- Interactive Problem Solving

This is a very popular event so make your reservations early!

Contact Person:

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Make checks out to

"Keep the Fight"

No Credit Cards accepted at this time

This event is privately sponsored



Fred Kelly Grant has listed "success after success" over the years in which the coordination process was used by local agencies across the West to block grazing restrictions on federal land, reverse forest closures or to get federal agencies to back off from protected-species restrictions.

This is one of the greatest opportunities eastern Oregon has. The ability to learn from a man who has been doing this for 25 years along with others he has trained and who have become successful in using coordination in their own counties for over 20 years.

We are bringing this to Baker City to help Eastern Oregon Businesses, Organizations and Counties learn what makes the mandatory Coordination process with Federal and State Agencies a necessary tool for successful working relationships.

## TRAINERS

- Sylvia Milligan ~ Siskiyou County, California, Chair Recreation Outdoors Coalition
- Sean Curtis ~ Modoc County, California, Natural Resource Advisor & Analyst
- Dick Wright ~ Shasta County
- Sally Rapoza ~ Northern California/Oregon "State of Jefferson"
- Terri Hall ~ Invited Texas (instrumental in stopping Trans Texas corridor)