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Sumpter Native has Mammoth Experience

By Gina Perkins

The discovery of mammoth bones estimated to be 10,000 years old in the end zone of Reser Stadium at Oregon State University Monday, Jan. 25 by construction workers is pretty doggone cool.

What's even better, is the fact that Hallie Borgen, the oldest daughter of Kari and Kerry Borgen of Sumpter, took these photographs which were posted to her Instagram account and are part of a very popular, breaking news story featured by KATU and other large news outlets which began Tuesday evening.

Borgen, who graduated from OSU with a degree in Human Development and Family Sciences and gave the *Record-*

Courier permission to share, says she works at Reser Stadium as the supervisor of the catering company responsible for catering OSU athletics and was the reason she was able to take the photos and see the excitement at Valley Football Center Tuesday.

"The discoveries were made on Monday. That's when the archaeologists were called in, but they kept it very quiet and under wraps. The discoveries were covered up and you couldn't see anything. Everyone working, including the researchers, were wearing orange vests. Construction has been going on for months so it didn't look like anything unusual," said Borgen. "Yverson Bernard,

a former OSU football player who now works in the athletic department came in and told me and the head cook, 'You gotta' come see this! They just found mammoth bones!'"

She took the photos from the vantage point of the OSU football coach's office. "It was overwhelming and exciting!" Borgen said of the experience.

Borgen's younger sister, Laura, who celebrated her 23rd birthday on Jan. 27 lives with Hallie and graduated with a degree in Art from OSU. "She will have an art show in Baker City in March, I believe at Short Term Gallery," Borgen noted.

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Fourth Grade AAU Boys Team 'Best of West' Champs

The fourth grade AAU Boys team, sponsored by Whitney Land Company, went to Hermiston this past weekend and won the "Best of the West" tournament.

"We played in five games and won the championship game 20-17," said Assistant Coach Roland Hobson. The head coach is Jabron Jones.



Submitted photo

Eli Long, Palmer Chandler, Paul Hobson, Isaiah Jones, Jaron Long, Dash Bloomer, Jaxon Logsdon, Grant Gambleton

5J to Hold Parent Advisory Meeting Feb. 1

Baker School District 5J will be holding a Parent Advisory Meeting on Monday, Feb. 1, 2016 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Topics addressed during the February meeting will include interests which surfaced during the December meeting along with a few updates on district news.

Agenda:

- Facilities Update
- 2016-17 Calendar Proposal
- C2C Legislative Summit Recap
- Curriculum Update

There will be time provided during each topic for questions, answers, and input. Parent Advisory meetings were initiated in the 2015-16 School Year as a means to provide parents opportunity to interact with District leaders around issues affecting schools and education. The Parent Advisory meeting is an open forum. Parents with students currently attending Baker 5J schools are welcome to attend.

Local Accountant Joins County Commission Race

Bruce Nichols, CPA, is gathering the required 114 signatures of fellow registered Republicans to run for the County Commission position #1 currently held by Tim Kerns.

"I see an opportunity to give back to Baker County's people....I feel that with my financial background as a CPA and a municipal auditor with over 30 years of governmental, non-profit and private business auditing, budgeting, managing and consulting, I can be an asset to Baker County and the local governments the county supports," stated Nichols.



Photo by Gina Perkins

Bruce Nichols, CPA

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Coordinator of County's Oath Keeper Group Running for Commissioner

Photo / story by Gina Perkins



Kody and Heidi Justus carried the Baker County Republican banner in the Haines Fourth of July parade.

Kody Justus, a Coordinator of Baker County's Oath Keeper militia group, paid the \$50 fee filing to run as a Republican candidate for Baker County Commissioner position #1 on Friday, Jan. 22, 2016. Two other prospective candidates, also Republicans, have opted to obtain the required 114 signatures: Dave Hunsaker and Bruce Nichols, CPA. Once those signatures have been obtained and verified, they will be considered officially filed.

Kody is married to Heidi Justus who left her position as the District 13 Office Manager for Child Welfare at the end of 2015 and currently is the junior varsity girls basketball coach for Baker High School. Justus works and lives on his dad's (B. Kent Justus) cattle ranch. He is a member of the Baker County Natural Resource Committee, is vice chairman of the Baker County Republicans underneath chairman, Suzan Ellis Jones, and a member and volunteer of the Agape Christian Center. He is also a member of FAFA.

The candidate's website states that he "graduated in 1989 from Baker High School, Future Farmers of America leadership, Department of Public Standards and Training, Basic Corrections at

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Burnt River Poker Run not Planned for 2016

By Gina Perkins

In an effort to help promote local events, we have over the past few weeks included event information from the Baker County Chamber of Commerce. Unfortunately, not all information included on their site was correctly listed and maintained while under previous leadership. One of those was the Burnt River Poker Run which, in fact, is not taking place this year. Burnt River Community members who had received calls from our readers brought this to our attention and we in turn, contacted the Chamber.

Executive Director Shelly Cutler stated, "It has come to my attention that the Calendar of Events information our office provided to the *Record-Courier* contained inaccurate information. We, at the Baker County Chamber of Commerce and Visitor's Bureau, pride ourselves on providing accurate information at all times. We have taken the necessary steps to insure inaccurate information is not presented in the future. Please accept my sincere apology."

The *Record-Courier* strives to include accurate, timely information to help non-profits promote their community events. We invite you to send us your information directly to news@therconline.com. We consider the Chamber of Commerce an important partner and will continue to work closely with them to promote Baker County events. We apologize for any confusion this may have caused and sincerely thank newly hired Shelly Cutler for all her effort in re-energizing the Baker County Chamber of Commerce.



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Republican Gubernatorial Candidate

Bud Pierce to speak
Feb. 17
5:30 - 7 p.m.
Quail Ridge Golf Course

Red Cross Blood Drive

Feb. 1
Noon - 6 p.m.
Calvary Baptist Church
Call 541-523-4650
for an appointment

Haines School Chili Feed

Feb. 5
4:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Dessert Auction
Raffle

