

Letters

Standing With Charlie

To the Editor:

I want to first and foremost express my most sincere support and respect for Charlie Mata and her letter in last week's paper, "ABK." What Ms. Mata did in writing that letter takes an amount of courage that few people have, and that even fewer would be able to use to speak the truth. Though it had to be difficult to say, I want to personally extend my gratitude to her for trying to bring this to Baker County's attention.

Baker County is unique; the adoration and pride that we express to our home truly is unlike any other place. If you were to take a walk down Main Street, or walk into any shop, or even take a drive down the Haines Highway, you would be greeted with an earnest smile and camaraderie. That's all because we love where we live. We take pride in that hospitality and friendliness. Why is it then that a candidate for County Commissioner, who is completely devoid of these values, is getting such overwhelming support?

Let's think about this for a moment; is a man who was convicted of assault in the fourth degree really the best choice to hold one of the most important local public offices? I don't think so. The values of a man who beats his wife do not reflect the values that Baker County holds near and dear, especially when those values are centered around oppression and repression. What does it say about Baker County if we choose to elect a vindictive wife-beater to make decisions on our behalf? That is not the Baker County that I have grown up in, and that is most certainly not the future I wish for us.

We may not all share similar political views; however, when we put liberal and conservative aside, we can all confidently agree that we need leadership in this county that will take us forward, that will exhibit the best qualities that Baker County has to offer, and that has the decency and compassion not to be a bully and assailant. I hope that Ms. Mata's letter made it loud and clear, ladies and gentlemen, that is not Kody Justus.

Koby Hansen,
Baker City

Nichols Brings Needed Perspective

To the Editor:

My husband and I are supporting Bruce Nichols for County Commissioner. I had the pleasure of working with Bruce for three years on the City budget committee. As with all volunteers, the giving of his time, input and expertise was very much appreciated. We are confident that Bruce Nichols will be a great addition and bring a needed perspective to our County Commission. Please remember to vote, and please join us in supporting Bruce Nichols.

Gail and Ray Duman,
Baker City

We Need a Problem Solver

To the Editor:

We are ranchers in Baker County. There are so many projects form fencing, keeping machinery running properly, irrigating, growing and harvesting crops, and keeping livestock healthy. We learn by using the right tools so things go well. As problems arise we use those tools and the knowledge we have to successfully take care of the problem and even make it better than it was.

We have known Bruce Nichols for many years. We know that he has the right tools, and the knowledge to help solve all the different problems that come up in the county and make Baker County a better and a great place for all of us to live and enjoy. We will be voting for Bruce Nichols and recommend you also vote for Bruce Nichols.

Bob and Marilyn Harrison,
Baker City

Open Minded, Informed, Honest

To the Editor:

When we as electors of our representatives exercise our right to vote, we freely choose to participate in a process guided by our Constitution...all of it...not just those pieces with which we agree. When our Founding Fathers divided our government's functions into its three component parts, they presciently included processes for resolving disagreements that were surely to spring up through the years as the messy job of imple-

menting a new form of self-government began.

We as voters retain the ultimate power of representing ourselves and of amending the Constitution if we deem it necessary. We as individuals may disagree as to the meaning of the language of the Constitution... thus the founders saw fit to include the legal process for redress: the federal court system. We may personally disagree with some of the Supreme Court's decisions as well as ones from the lower courts. But we must recognize the legitimate role the legal system plays in this process.

We also recognize the only legitimate avenue for change is engagement in our process. When we see some of the outrageous acts committed by a loud, raucous, and disrespectful minority, we are reminded of our commitment to act within the confines of our republic and remain hopeful that others will too. We are committed to electing thoughtful, open-minded, informed, honest, and capable representatives at all levels who share our commitment to this country and its principles. That is why we encourage others to join us in voting for Bruce Nichols.

The candidate for Baker County Commissioner who is supported by the strident vocal minority is just too radical for us...and for Baker County.

Dave and Joyce Hunsaker,
Baker City

Facts not Refuted

To the Editor:

If you don't like the message, kill the messenger.

Carole Dyke wrote a letter to the editor condemning the editorial writer of a local newspaper, although without identifying the writer or the newspaper. Dyke is referring, without doubt, to the editorial written by Gina Perkins in the April 7 edition of the Record-Courier. She titles her editorial an "UN-endorsement for Commissioner" in Kody Justus's attempt to gain that Baker County office.

Dyke calls the editorial "tabloid" journalism and claims Perkins has "lost all credibility." But, does Dyke refute any of the facts presented in the editorial? Not one.

And now in a letter this week, a courageous young woman who knows first hand about Kody Justus's wife-beating, has come forward to tell her heart-wrenching story of a brutal, drunken father.

Unlike Dyke, I applaud editor Perkins and the Record-Courier for performing a valuable public service by disclosing that Commissioner candidate Kody Justus does not deserve to hold that office.

Based on the facts in the editorial, supported by an eyewitness, I hope Republicans vote "NO Confidence" in Kody Justus.

Gary Dielman,
Baker City

Editor's Note: We have published every single letter to the editor received regarding any candidate.

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News of Record

April 8 – PAROLE AND PROBATION DETAINER: Jacob Daniel Walker, 24, of 2450 Broadway St., Apt. 1, at 8:19 p.m., at his residence; jailed.

April 9 – CONTEMPT OF COURT (Baker County Circuit Court Warrant): Stephanie Marie Corcoran, 33, address unknown, at 10:43 p.m., crossroads of Resort and Valley; jailed.

April 10 – CRIMINAL TRESPASS I (Cite and Release Warrant): Jesse Lynn Baxter, 28, of 1304 1/2 Valley Ave. at 8:59 a.m., 3410 K St.; cited and released.

April 11 – CRIMINAL TRESPASS II: Linda Diane Peterson, 48, address unknown, at 2:01 a.m., 2970 Walnut St.; jailed.

April 12 – WARRANT ARREST (Out Of County): Alexander Allen Adams, 20, 1370 Ninth St., at 4:37 p.m., crossroads of Fifth and Place Streets; jailed.

April 12 – MENACING: Richard Rupert Rez, 51, 1896 Balm St. at 9:52 p.m., at his residence; jailed.

April 13 – CONTEMPT OF COURT (Baker County Justice Court): Crystal Lee Charbonneau, 29, of 3000 Third St., at 7:19 a.m., 3410 K St.; cited.

April 13 – PAROLE AND PROBATION DETAINER (Baker County): Zachary W. Steele, 29, of 375 G St., at 10:07 a.m., 3320 K St.; jailed.

April 13 – VIOLATION OF RESTRAINING ORDER: Darrell Kirk Moore, 60, of 1695 Auburn Ave., Apt. 15 at 6:53 p.m., 1700 Block of Valley Ave.; jailed

Judgments

Feb. 25 – State of Oregon vs. Eric Phillip Elwood for Resisting Arrest (class A misdemeanor), Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants (class A misdemeanor), and Assault on a Public Safety Officer (class C felony). Elwood's driver's license is suspended for a period of one year.

March 1 – Tyler Steven Miller (petitioner) vs. Rebecca Lynn Miller (respondent) for Domestic Relations Dissolution: Child Support Modification and Property Division. Petitioner to pay decreased child support amount of \$650 in February 2016, then down to \$550 per month beginning March 1, 2016.

Petitioner ordered to pay respondent a Property Division Award totaling \$15,000, payable over 110 months. Beginning March 1, 2016 petitioner shall pay respondent \$200 per month. If a payment is more than 14 days late, the entire remaining balance is due immediately.

March 2 – State of Oregon vs. Clifford Lee Parker for Driving Uninsured; class B violation.

March 3 – Chrissy C. Burchfield (petitioner, now known as Chrissy C. Dunkel) vs. George P. Wesley (respondent) for Domestic Relations Custody Petition. Petitioner to receive modified child support amount of \$301 per month.

March 3 – State of Oregon vs. Valerie Jean Taylor for Possession of Methamphetamine; class C felony. Taylor sentenced to 30 days in Baker County Jail, with credit for time served, and three years of formal Probation. Taylor is to have no contact with Jose Padilla and Ashley Cleland.

Marriages

March 27 – Darren John Fulfer to Melissa Ann Fulfer, both of Baker City.

April 1 – Christopher Ryan Conner to Brittany Marie Ryan, both of Baker City.

Editorial

Continuing my Support for the Library and a few other thoughts.....

Our libraries in Baker City, Haines, Halfway, Huntington, Richland and Sumpter are exceptional. The library services, facilities and technology are available to every person in Baker County. Voting yes on May 17 to renew the levy will not change the amount you currently pay in your property taxes. Continued support for our award winning library is a wise investment.

Once you learn to read, you will be forever free.

—Frederick Douglas

Some things are way more important than an election. Like standing up to bullies of any age. Domestic abuse is one of the worst examples of bullying. The way a person treats someone over which they have power and control is important and telling. Judgement matters.

Last year at this time the community of Haines and North Powder lost an amazing young lady. Lauren was beautiful. She was bright, funny and kind. Lauren had a heart more tender than anyone could imagine. She loved to hike, tie flies, and to fish. Lauren donated her hair to Locks of Love and was part of a medical missions trip to Honduras. She loved playing her guitar, singing, and dancing.

Lauren is loved and forever missed by her family, friends, and extended community members. Lauren will never be forgotten.

In honor of Lauren and her family, spend some time in our beautiful outdoors doing something you love with people you cherish.


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Former Valley Medical Clinic Employees Indicted

Two former Saint Alphonsus Valley Medical Clinic employees were recently arraigned in Baker County Circuit Court. Sarah Marie Rea (DOB 6-19-1995) of 1717 Washington Avenue, Baker City, Ore., and Kara Joyce Delcurto (DOB 3-7-1984) of 42173 Moody Road, Richland, Ore., were both indicted by a Baker County Grand Jury for two counts of Tampering with Drug Records, a Class C Felony, and two counts of Unlawful Possession of Oxycodone, also a Class C Felony.

Both are alleged to have been involved in forging a prescription and unlawfully obtaining oxycodone at a local pharmacy.

These cases are being handled by Erin Landis, Malheur County Deputy District Attorney, due to a conflict of interest as Baker County District Attorney Matt Shirtcliff is chairman for the Saint Alphonsus community hospital board. Hearing pleas are scheduled for Delcurto on May 5, 2016, and for Rea on April 25, 2016.



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