

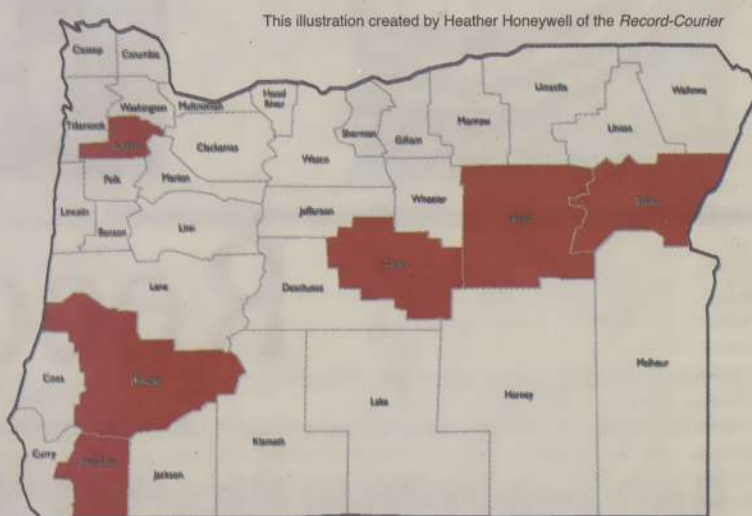
Say 'Yes' to Exhibiting the Dress

The Eastern Oregon Museum is preparing for a Wedding Extravaganza this summer. The museum plays host to a number of wonderful wedding dresses that date back to the 1800s. The dress shown here was worn by Sadie Velma Leep Sturgill. It dates back to 1888. If any of our readers has information about Sadie, or can forward to us a wedding photo, it would be greatly appreciated. The more we know about these dresses and the wonderful women who wore them, the more interesting the show.



Say "Yes" to Exhibiting the Dress: If you have a vintage or antique wedding dress in a trunk or closet, the EO Museum would love to exhibit them for the summer. Please contact Barbara Campbell by emailing jack_cmpbl@yahoo.com or call Mary Guyer at (541)523-2173. We will handle the dresses with great love and care.

Article Names Baker County and Some Candidates



This illustration created by Heather Honeywell of the Record-Courier

An article written by Spencer Sunshine titled "Gunning for Office: Oregon's Patriot Movement and the May 2016 Primary," included Baker County and candidates, Kody Justus and John Hoopes, along with current County Commission Chairman, Bill Harvey as examples of Oregon's Patriot Movement who either are currently in office or running for office. The article is based on research from the Rural Organizing Project and Political Research Associates.

Spencer writes, "In the wake of the armed occupation of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge in January and February 2016, a slew of candidates linked to the so-called Patriot movement are running for office in Oregon, including in the upcoming May primary. Even though most of the actual occu-

piers were from out of state, the occupation highlighted the state's large and growing Patriot movement. These often-armed, Hard Right activists organized the initial demonstration that preceded the occupation and helped build political support for the occupiers' demands. These demands included the transfer of state or county governments in order to avoid land-use restrictions, as well as attempts to circumvent the federal government's decision-making powers by invoking legally groundless claims about the authority of state and county governments."

The article identifies candidates within seven Oregon counties who are, according to the article, part of the patriot movement with strong affiliations to Oath Keepers. Counties named include Yamhill, Douglas, Josephine, Crook, Grant, Harney and Baker County.

Sunshine further writes, "The Patriot movement is a Hard Right movement that is trying to radically transform U.S. political and legal institutions....The movement also relies on a number of crank "legal" strategies that have no basis in law. The most important is 'nullification...' One popular form of nullification is the false claim that county sheriffs have the authority to decide which laws are unconstitutional and therefore should not be enforced."

"The movement also promotes the concept of "coordination": the...idea that federal agencies must comply with county government plans regarding land-use decisions, usually about natural resource extraction on federal lands that are within a county's borders. Coordination is a new form of "county supremacy," an idea popular in the 1990s that is re-emerging. By 1996, 70 counties had passed laws attempting to gain control over federal lands. (This is based on the idea that removing restric-

tions on natural resource extraction will revive moribund rural economies.) In the end, these county governments only wasted their energies.....instead of working on constructive solutions to local problems. Related to this, many in the movement believe the federal government has no legal right to own most public land, which they think should be transferred to state or county control."

"The most important Oregon Patriot movement groups today are those associated with the Oath Keepers, the Three Percenters, the Constitutional Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association (CSPOA), and the Pacific Patriots Network. The Oath Keepers are a national membership-based organization that recruits current and former police, military, and first responders; however others can still be "associate members." Members swear to disobey government orders they claim are unconstitutional...the CSPOA is composed of standing law enforcement members and is affiliated with the Oath Keepers. Their founder, former county sheriff Richard Mack, believes the county sheriff has the authority to interpret the Constitution, and therefore decide which laws should be enforced. The Three Percenters are a somewhat decentralized militia; individuals can identify with the label, but in some places, including Oregon, there are also organized groups with leadership structures. Some individual Three Percenters were involved in the Malheur occupation. The Pacific Patriots Network is a network of nine "partner" groups, mostly based in Oregon and Idaho, including the Oath Keepers of Josephine County and both the Oregon and Idaho Three Percenters.

Kody Justus who is running for County Commissioner Position #1, is Chairman of the Baker County Oath Keepers and has stated he "fully supports the Constitutional Sheriffs Movement for this County." He also demonstrated support for the occupation of the Wildlife Refuge. In a video taped interview with Jason (Joker J) Blomgren who was arrested on federal charges, Blomgren said, "... you donated a bunch of stuff. I mean, you don't have to go into details, but you, you gave us a lot of stuff."

Justus reportedly also was employed by the Bureau of Land Management in Vale for about two years.

Candidate for Baker County Sheriff, John Hoopes, is part of the Constitutional Sheriff's movement and a candidate opposing Sheriff Travis Ash who was unanimously appointed by Commissioners Harvey, Kerns, and Bennett. Hoopes has been out on disability for several months. Voters will make their selection for sheriff in the general election in November.

Hoopes stated he visited the Malheur County Wildlife Refuge during its occupation when he spoke at the controversial Rural Lives Matter Rally held in Halfway. Commissioners Harvey and Bennett also spoke at the rally. Harvey has advocated for the election of Justus and has spoken on Coordination in Yamhill County and other locales.

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