

Letters

Wake Up Baker County

To the Editor:

I have read some of the letters to the editor in support of Bruce Nichols. Although he may be an upstanding person in the community this letter is not to attack him, but bring out some points about his supporters and ask you, the citizens of Baker County to consider some things.

I am part of the so called radical vocal minority here that Dave and Joyce Hunsaker describe in there April 18 letter to the Baker City Herald. So what? If exercising my right to keep and bear arms, my right to freedom of speech, or to voice my disgust about our tyrannical federal and state government and out of control bureaucracies makes you uncomfortable just remember....

To exercise rights is only uncomfortable to two classes of people. Tyrants and slaves.

What outrageous acts have we committed? We are lawful and productive members of the community. What type of men were our forefathers? Were they not perceived radical by some?

This year's elections are by far the most important in our lifetime. If we are to return to our children the liberty that our founders envisioned, then we must return to the principles that our forefathers laid out. Our freedoms cannot long endure unless we, the People, reaffirm what was well understood by our Founders: Liberty is "endowed by our Creator."

Kody Justus understands and believes this and that is why I believe he is the best man for the job. Join me in voting for voting for Justus for County Commissioner

David McQuisten, Baker City

No Place for Party Affiliation

To the Editor:

The County Commissioner's job is to manage Baker County. This consists of many areas: roads, property, land use, parks, law enforcement funding (which includes search and rescue), and social services. These are just the ones that come to mind

In my opinion, politics and party affiliation should not play a part in these decisions. The main consideration in selecting our Commissioners should be their ability to manage our money and select the people that keep our county running smoothly.

Bruce Nichols is the candidate with the best skills and experience to make all of this happen.

Brent Kerns, Haines

Bruce Nichols has Financial Experience

To the Editor:

Every administrative, governing body supported by our tax dollars needs members with experience. Bruce Nichols has experience and it is my privilege to support him as Baker County Commissioner.

As a long time Baker County resident, I have served on local committees and boards for over 40 years. One such position was on the Burnt River School District 30J board. Bruce Nichols was the district accountant and auditor. We respected and trusted his work and the sound advice offered. I can assure you that on more than one occasion his advice was instrumental in assisting the board in making critical decisions that kept our financial house in order. On the occasions when personnel were involved he was direct, honest, and neither glossed over nor shied away from the consequences resulting from his assessment.

We need financial experience in the commissioner's office.

We need Bruce Nichols.
Kent Nelson, Baker City

Balanced Budget Important

To the Editor:

I support Bruce Nichols for Baker County commissioner.

He is smart. He has been an accountant for decades. He knows the math and the numbers in a budget spread sheet to run a county efficiently. Because he has worked with these numbers for years, his business has been auditing city governments. He knows what it takes to have efficient government, a government that has a balanced budget.

This is so important. He has worked with local employees on these issues, for years.

I trust Bruce. He is an easy going, happy person.

He needs to be our next Baker County Commissioner.

Thanks,
Lisa Rimer, Richland

Rock Throwers Beware

To the Editor:

"He that hath no sin, let him cast the first stone!"

I have read the editorials in both papers regarding the two candidates running for Baker County Commissioner and I realize they were written to support the writer's position. However, concerning Kody Justus, bringing up his past does not always support the present. I don't know Kody, but know his parents and some of his grandparents and they are good upstanding people. Reading between the lines, it is evident that he has tried to make adjustments to life. I am sure he would make good effort to choose wisely in making any decisions in County business.

Regarding Bruce Nichols, who I support, is an accountant. When he is hired for bookkeeping, taxes or whatever, his job is to look out after your interest. In regards to the gold miner, who owned the mineral rights only on a piece of property that someone else was farming. It was not only legal but wise. He advised his client of the action that needed to be taken and because of the urgency, he was given temporary custody as CEO. His advice was true and honest and he probably saved his client a lot of trouble and heartache. As far as the poor landowner whose land was being destroyed by the ruthless miner, there is sadness. Somewhere along the line of ownership the mineral rights were sold. Maybe because [of the] Depression and he needed to pay his taxes, or he wanted to buy some more cattle. Who knows? But, he gave up his "mineral rights!" That part of Baker County was considered "Gold Country." The person who owned the mineral rights could legally dig all the holes he wanted as long as he followed state regulations.

Bruce Nichols does and will always look after the best interest of all who seek his support in their business dealings and will do so for Baker County as Commissioner.

And, for all of you out there that like to throw rocks, please remember this. You are not David, so drop your five smooth stones back in the creek. Neither of these two candidates are named Goliath and is out to do harm to Baker County.

Although, in my eyes, Bruce Nichols is a giant of a man and will serve Baker County well.

George Wilder, Baker City

Celebrating 115 Years

To the Editor:

Thanks for continuing the legacy of the Record-Courier. The paper is looking great and would make my grandfather (C. M. Brinton) very proud!

Thanks again for making the R.C. a viable paper. Keep up the coverage for all to read.

Paul Ingram, Sweet Home, Ore.

Justus Will Defend Your Rights

To the Editor:

I have had the pleasure of watching Kody Justus "working behind the scenes" for the past year and a half....as a concerned citizen, without compensation, due to his dedication to the people of Baker County, as well as his desire to see that the Constitution, reigns supreme; in Baker County; as it is the ruling LAW OF THE LAND. It stands above all other!!! Just consider how effective he can be, as our next County Commissioner, with the authority, power and DESIRE, to accomplish the "real will" of the people. I have witnessed his passion, for Baker County, and his dedication to the people of Baker County.....in dealing with abuses to both, when the Constitution has been ignored by the Federal Government and State Government..... or his addressing/investigating issues which do not seem to pass the "smell test" [locally] within the realm of politics.

To make matters worse, our County has elected officials who are not willing to deal with these

abuses. With the election of Bill Harvey, as the Commission Chairman, the direction of the County has taken on a different tone, and the Feds [FOREST SERVICE, etc.] have been asked to "justify" their "demands" upon the people of Baker County.....and they DO NOT appreciate being accountable to the people of Baker County. At this very moment, even after major input from Baker County voters supporting "open" public lands....., the Forest Service is ignoring the peoples will, and is about to close 1300 miles of public roads on public lands.

Harvey needs the support of the newly elect Commissioner in order to represent, and protect the rights of the people of Baker County.

Of the three candidates campaigning for this position, there is NO DOUBT that the man you will want "safe-guarding" your Constitutional rights, will be KODY JUSTUS. I have witnessed him "talk the talk" and "walk the walk".....on numerous occasions.

At the recent candidates meeting at the Sunridge Inn, it is alleged that Bruce Nichols was overheard saying (at the Candidate Forum) that he couldn't go against the Forest Service..... and wants to cooperate with them. That the Commissioners need to be a lot nicer to them than what the Commissioners have been.

If true, unless you want our County government to follow the lead of Harney County [Burns, Oregon].....then you really need to vote for KODY JUSTUS for Baker County Commissioner. If true, then Bruce Nichols is willing to ignore the mandate of OPEN PUBLIC LANDS, so loudly demanded by the overwhelming majority of people of Baker County; telling the Forest Service to "stand

down" on their INSISTENCE of IGNORING the will of these public lands 'LAND OWNERS' (You and Me).

If you do not vote for the man who will defend your rights, then someone who will not, will likely be your new Commissioner. The future of Baker County now rests upon this very important decision.

Ron Edge, Baker City
decorated, disabled combat veteran

Support for Nichols

To the editor:

I am writing this letter in support of Bruce Nichols for Baker County Commissioner. In the years I have known Bruce I have found him to be honest, fair and of high integrity. I think he is the strongest choice for County Commissioner and one who will question and work within the budget to ensure that the citizens are receiving the best value for their local tax dollars. He is aware of all the issues in the County and will work within the law to address them. He will also be committed to keeping Baker County a friendly and supportive environment where small businesses can continue to grow or be welcomed to start or relocate here.

Please join me in voting for Bruce Nichols Baker County Commissioner.

Mitch Southwick, Baker City

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

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: news@therconline.com.

News of Record

- April 15 – PROBATION DETAINER: Travis M. Good, 21, of Baker City, at 4:42 p.m., State Police Office, Baker City; jailed.
- April 15 – DISORDERLY CONDUCT II: Lyle David Hinton, 37, of 1403 Third St., at 8:49 a.m., 1768 Auburn Ave.; jailed.
- April 16 – BURGLARY I: Frank Nathan McNair, 36, of 3305 Place St., at 2:49 a.m., 3200 Grove; jailed.
- April 16 – PROBATION VIOLATION (Baker County Parole and Probation Detainer): David Michael McMurdo, 33, of Baker City, at 11:01 a.m., Ebell Creek Rd; cited and released.
- April 17 – PROBATION VIOLATION (Parole and Probation Detainer): Aleasha Ann Watkins, 22, of 627 David Eccles Rd., at 9:36 a.m., 1768 Auburn Ave.; jailed.
- April 17 – ESCAPE III and CONTEMPT OF COURT (Baker County Justice Court Warrant): Xysis Silk Duane Lahey, 21, at 7:31 p.m., at their residence; jailed.
- April 17 – CONTEMPT OF COURT (Baker County Circuit Court Warrant): Lia Dior Mansuetti, 25, of 1560 Indiana Ave., at 10:42p.m., 1929 Main St.; jailed.
- April 17 – CONTEMPT OF COURT (Baker County Justice Court Warrant): Autumn Leanne Brooks, 36, transient, at 11:34 p.m., crossroad of Resort and Court Streets; cited and released.
- April 18 – CONTEMPT OF COURT (Baker County Circuit Court Warrant): John Scott Urlacher, 20, of Baker City, at 10:50 a.m., 2001 Main St.; jailed.
- April 18 – FAIL TO APPEAR (Union County Warrant): Ebony McClaghry of Baker City, at 12:50 p.m., 1995 Third St.; jailed.
- April 19 – ROBBERY III, THEFT II, UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF METHAMPHETAMINE, and PROBATION VIOLATION (Baker Circuit Court Cite and Release Warrant): Adrianna Dione Morris, 18, of 1545 Sixth St., at 12:45 p.m., 700 Campbell St.; cited and jailed.
- April 19 – VIOLATION OF RESTRAINING ORDER: Jonathon Russell Romine, 35, of Baker City, at 9:44 p.m., between Ninth & Baker Streets; jailed.
- April 21 – DETAINER ARREST (Baker County Parole and Probation Detainer): Kristopher Douglas McEwen, 22, of 2435 Baker St., at 1:18 a.m., at his residence; jailed.
- April 21 – THEFT BY DECEPTION I: Jody Lynn McClain, 30, of 2735 Twelfth St., at 6:54 p.m., 1205 Campbell St.; cited and released.
- April 21 – ASSAULT IV: Joshua Brent Grogan, 29, of 134 Bridge St., Apt 140, at 8:57 p.m., 1560 Indiana, Apt. 106; jailed.
- April 23 – CONTEMPT OF COURT (Baker County Warrant): Brandy Lee-Ann Winston, 20, of 1304 Valley Ave., at 4:58 p.m., 3410 K St.; subject remained in custody.

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