

North Powder News

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Hello, we have had a few things happening in our little town. What happened to our warmer weather? I was enjoying spring. I would like to encourage pet owners to be responsible owners. When taking your best friends on little walks, please bring along plastic bags to clean up behind your pet. Do unto others as unto thyself or love thy neighbor. Either will work.

Carol Proebstel hosted a Pinochle Party in her home on April 14. Subs for that day were Deana Forman, Judy Mod and June Bauck. June took first place, Carol took second and Judy sent low. The prizes for having the last double went to Sandy Wood and Marjory Peck.

The Bunco Party was held at the Wolf Creek Grange on April 21 hosted by Cindy Weight. First place was taken by Judy Moe. Second place was taken by Bev Bigler, and last place was taken by Sheila Orr. The most Bunco's during the night was won by

Janet Lawyer. The hostess gifts were won by Virginia Orr and Deana Forman.

The Halibut Feed was on Saturday April 23. It was a tremendous success with 1400 being served. A big thanks to all of the volunteers and those who attended. Funds benefit the athletic program.

The awards ceremony was held at Wolf Creek Grange April 24. Our turnout this year was down, perhaps the rain or other events was the reason. The Grange honors three recipients one for school, one for city and one for community. This year we had a tie and there were two community awards.

School - Chris Aldridge
City - Ilene Davis
Community - Jackie Calhoun and Karen Kirkland

After the awards, there was an open house at the Grange and at the Library.

Don't forget the North Powder Community Yard Sale May 7.

SMELL TEST

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Citizens of Baker County should be able to expect nothing less from their Board of Commissioners. And the good news is, by law, they can! :

Regardless of who citizens elect to fill Position #1 on the board of Commissioners, public meeting law requirements remain. The public can not be circumvented.

Freedom of the Press is a vital part of the Constitution. It's even included in handy, dandy pocket size. I know this because I picked one of them up from the table belonging to a County Commissioner candidate when I was at Tuesday night's forum.

I checked, and sure enough, it says it right there.

It's a good thing, because after I reported facts and similar concerns about our County budget, and reported the lie repeated numerous times at a public meeting in front of department heads and another elected official regarding a non-existent contract with the 5J School District, and pointed out the railroad contract had indeed included additional options to extend the terms (we just had to mail Union Pacific a note saying heck ya we wanna' do that again and include a dollar before a specific date), I received a grumpy note on Thursday, March 31.

It was from my landlord (I've leased their place for four years which began prior to my purchase of this paper). It included 10 frowny faces at the end of it.

I copied and pasted the note below so you could read it yourself. :

"Please stop my subscription immediately. The heading 'First Friday with the Commissioner on April Fool's day' was in very poor taste for selection of a heading. You could have done better :-(!!!!!!!"

(See, there really are 10 frowny faces. But wait... oh no, did I miscount?)

The thing that's really weird, is that the subscription referenced in the above grumpy landlord note, was a donation from me. He and his wife sat at the Chamber banquet table I sponsored. Each place setting had a certificate

for a free half year subscription.

Oh, well, it'll be okay.

Even though I received four cancellations after I had the audacity to report facts from a candidate's public criminal record and express my opinion as an editor in an editorial in my own paper (that I own), for some reason I've received a whole lotta' new subscriptions (with checks and everything) over the past two or three weeks.

I think they might have heard about the Record-Courier's new editorial cartoon, but who knows.

Oh. I forgot to mention that on the Monday morning after getting the grumpy landlord email, I received a letter from my landlord saying my rent was going up.

Rats.

(P.S. Thank you, Mrs. Dielman for teaching me in the 9th grade not to let my participles dangle. You were right. Those skills have come in handy in my later life.)

Red Cross Responds to Home Fire in Sumpter

Volunteers with the American Red Cross disaster action team responded to a disaster just before 6 a.m. on April 26, 2016, in the 300 block of SE Columbia Street in Sumpter. The single-family fire affected two adults, three dogs and two cats. The Red Cross provided assistance to address immediate and basic needs (an example of assistance may include food or temporary housing), and information about recovery services. Additional information about this incident, if available, may be obtained from the local first responding agency/fire department.

Love YOUR Library... WE DO!



"A library of the size and quality of the one we have for such a small county is almost unbelievable. We the citizens of Baker County should all be very proud."

Al Durgan

"Our local branch library is such an important part of the community, providing information, Internet access, books, periodicals, book sales, entertainment, and a meeting place. I had this picture taken on the way to the Borrego Palm Canyon Oasis because hiking to an oasis in the desert made me think of the library! Please support the libraries and vote yes on the library levy." Linda Collier - Halfway



"I, like so many people over the years, have fond memories of listening to Mary Heriza read stories on the radio on behalf of the Baker County Library! In my instance, it just so happens, she was my grandmother! Now, like then, I recognize that the library remains a crucial part of our culture here in Baker! We strongly urge your vote to support the library bond renewal!"

Ann Heriza Bryan and Andrew Bryan

"One of my favorite quotes is by Cicero who said, 'A room without books is like a body without a soul.'"

Jim Tomlinson - Baker Co. Literacy Coordinator



The library is a great place to bring children. Recently I have attended the free programs that are kid and family friendly with my grandchildren. My grandchildren were excited to be able to choose books to bring home and enjoy as a family. It helped create the love of learning. I feel fortunate to live in a county that has a wonderful library! Beth Bigelow



The countywide library system is a great asset in our rural communities.. It really enriches our kids learning experience. It helps them know about a world outside their own. But adults love it too. My sister practically lives at the Richland Library." Walt Forsea

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Sumpter and Halfway
columns. But look for
them next week!



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