

Editorial

To Our Readers

We want to thank all of you for your loving wishes, prayers and kind thoughts over these past few days. We have no words to express our gratitude for your unwavering support for the both of us. We know that seems odd given the fact we are in the newspaper business.

Please know the *Record Courier* continues to be strong and committed to Baker County. We are a family-owned business. That is not just the two of us, but our extended group of dear friends, writers and you, the *Record Courier* reader.

This wonderful paper has provided the backdrop for all of us to record our history. Be it celebration, tragedy, accomplishment or challenge, the *Record Courier* has been here to cover it all. Our favorite part of this paper is simply reporting the daily aspects of our lives here in Baker County.

We are grateful for this privilege and we look forward to serving as the caretakers of this one-of-a-kind newspaper. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you.

- Gina and Lynn Perkins

Letters

Kerns Deserving of Recognition

To the Editor,

So pleased to see the photo of Tim and Jan Kerns with Senator Wyden. Tim Kerns is highly deserving of recognition for what he has given to our county all these years, including Huntington where I live. May you live long and prosper, Tim!

Maryanne Lovell,
Huntington

Restoring Faith in People

To the Editor,

On Sunday, May 29th, my family and I stopped in Sumpter, as we do so on a regular two week schedule.

Our first stop was at the little park on the upper end of Main Street. My five-year old grandson loves this park. He loves the swings, the slide, the monkey bars and the merry-go-round.

When we arrived around 4:30 p.m., the merry-go-round had been torn apart. The bolts were broke, but not removed. The seats were on the ground and the top removed. All eight support bolts were broken.

Other families were also at the park and talking about the act of vandalism.

One of the ladies went to the store/gas station and was told older kids had torn up the merry-go-round.

The wonderful people at the store offered new nuts and bolts, and tools for it to be fixed.

In a matter of minutes 10-20 people (adults and children) were lifting the merry-go-round up and off the post, so that everything could be put back in place.

New bolts were in place, tightened down, and the

cherished merry-go-round was in safe operation – putting smiles on children's faces.

We stop every two weeks; the rest rooms are always clean and open. The playground is safe and clean and ready for smiling faces.

Thank you to the people at the store/gas station. A big thank you to Sumpter and the people who maintain the park.

Shame on the kids who tore up the merry-go-round. Shame on the parents of these kids that let their children do the vandalism.

When we left Sumpter later that evening the merry-go-round was spinning and several children and laughing and giggling. Doing what it was intended to do. Put smiles on children's faces.

It goes to show you there are a lot of good people in this wonderful state.

Thank you.

Jerry Hansen,
North Powder

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

May 29 – BURGLARY I: Tyler James Arthur, 22, unknown address, at 11:40 p.m., 1768 Auburn Ave.; jailed.

May 31 – UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTORIZED VEHICLE and UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF A FIREARM: Anthony D. Dettman, 28, of 700 Blue River Ave., Juniata, Neb. at 7:58 a.m., 515 Campbell St.; jailed.

May 31 – POST-PRISON VIOLATION (Parole and Probation Detainer): Paul Adam Heller, 44, of Richland, at 6:16 p.m., 2170 Mitchell Ave.; jailed.

May 31 – POST PRISON VIOLATION (Baker County Detainer) and 2 OUT OF COUNTY WARRANTS: Ann Marie Bolanos, 36, of 3305 1/2 Fourteenth St., at 6:16 p.m., 2170 Mitchell Ave.; jailed.

June 1 – CONTEMPT OF COURT- FAIL TO PAY FINES (County Justice Court Cite and Release Warrant): Gary Allen Wainscott, 42, of 706 Third St., at 9:32 a.m., 1768 Auburn Ave.; cited and released.

June 1 – FAIL TO PERFORM DUTIES OF A DRIVER (Baker County Circuit Court Warrant): Derek Matthew Dollarhide, 43, of 48687 McCarty Bridge Rd., at 3:56 p.m., 3410 K St.; cited and released.

June 2 – CRIMINAL TRESPASS: Cheryl Marie Britton, 57, of 1630 Eighth St., at 12:41 p.m., 2433 First St., No. 4; jailed.

June 2 – THEFT 1ST DEGREE: Tiara Fawn Temple, 28, at 1:30 p.m., 1010 Walnut; jailed.

June 2 – PROBATION VIOLATION: Jeremy Russell Cornett, 38, of 2129 Seventh St., at 9:27 a.m., Geiser-Pollman Park; cited and released.

June 2 – Post-Prison Violation (Baker County Detainer): John Marsuthrie Jr., 44, of 2323 Third St., at 3:10 p.m., 2010 Grove St.; jailed.

June 3 – PROBATION VIOLATION x3 (Baker County Warrants) and WARRANT ARREST (Out of County Warrant): Travis James Sprague, 19, transient, at 1:46 p.m., 2194 Grove St. No. B; jailed.

June 3 – POST-PRISON VIOLATION (Baker County Detainer): James Robert Blitch, 45, of 1546 Cherry St., at 10:00 p.m., 2037 Seventh St. No 1; jailed.

June 4 – DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF INTOXICANTS: Audrey Slavich, 62, at 5:17 p.m., 2790 D St.; jailed.

June 4 – CRIMINAL MISCHIEF II DISORDERLY CONDUCT II and CRIMINAL TRESPASS: Gina Deann Perkins, 50, of Haines, at 5:52 p.m., 912 Front St., Haines; jailed.

Marriages

May 23 – Stephen Emmett Phillips to Elizabeth Thomas, both of Mountain Home, Ida.

May 27 – Joseph Wayne Fox to Brianna Leigh Walker, both of Baker City.

May 28 – Tyler La Roy Talbot to Rachel Kyrie Streifel, both of Baker City.

Barricaded Gunman / Felon in Possession of Firearm

On June 2, 2016 at about 3:12 pm Baker City Police received the report of a man at 2010 Grove Street, recently released from prison, who had a firearm. Information then came that this subject was at 2323 3rd Street and had discharged that firearm. Officers arrived and then shortly after determined that the suspect, identified as 44 year old John Guthrie Jr., was actually at the 2010 Grove Street residence. Witnesses stated he was armed with a rifle and had made both suicidal threats and threats against law enforcement.

BCPD officers, along with Oregon State Troopers and Baker County Sheriff's Deputies set a perimeter around the residence. Once it was determined that Guthrie was in the residence alone, BCPD made a request for the Northeast Oregon Regional (NEO) SWAT Team to respond, while investigators prepared a search warrant.

Once on scene, NEO SWAT attempted numerous methods to encourage Guthrie to come out and surrender. Amongst those efforts was a request made to the Oregon State Police Bomb Squad to arrive with mechanical robots. Once they arrived, the robots were deployed and used to deliver a phone into the residence. Throughout these efforts SWAT members could clearly see on numerous occasions that Guthrie was armed with a rifle.

NEO SWAT Crisis Negotiators spent over two hours talking with Guthrie, who refused to come out and surrender. Once Guthrie started escalating his behavior, tear gas was deployed in the residence to force Guthrie outside.

At about 3:08 am Guthrie left the residence unarmed and was taken into custody by NEO SWAT members. Guthrie who had no apparent injuries was then taken to the hospital for decontamination and a routine medical clearance. After being cleared he was then transported to the Baker County Jail for being a Felon in Possession of a Firearm. Additional charges will be likely.

No injuries were sustained to any law enforcement members.

Owyhee Canyon Fire at 50 Percent Containment

The Owyhee Canyon Fire that is burning 38 miles southwest of Jordan Valley, Ore. has been 50 percent contained as of Tuesday, June 7.

Resources on site have increased drastically with a combined 25 engines from the BLM and contracted firefighting services. Also on site are four Snake River Valley (SRV) hand crews, one hot shot crew, four water tenders, two bulldozers and air attack aircraft coordinating efforts from the air.

Also assisting with suppression is the Jordan Valley Rangeland Fire Protection Association (RFPA).

The Owyhee Canyon Fire size had previously been estimated to be nearly 23,000 acres in size. That has been revised to 20,500 acres. The size did not grow overnight, as suppression efforts were highly effective.

Vale District Dispatch has forecasted high winds and lightning in the area today—this coupled with high temperatures and abundant fine fuels in the area means that the likelihood of this fire spreading is very high.

More information on the Owyhee Canyon fire can be found at: <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4763/>.

If you suspect a wildfire or see suspicious smoke, report it to the Vale BLM Dispatch Center at 541-473-6295.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE WHO GRADUATED AND ESPECIALLY TO THOSE WHO DIDN'T...BUT ARE STILL TRYING.



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Adopt a Friend!

My name is Dot and I am a 2 1/2 year old purebred female German Shorthair Pointer. I am spayed and my vaccinations are current. I am looking for a new home where I can still be a family pet and perhaps learn how to hunt birds. I am currently living with a family of three adults, two elementary age children and one very old dog. Everyone gets along well and we share time between a fenced back yard and being inside. My current owner rescued me from a bad situation in central Oregon and he is now deployed to Iraq and wants me to find a wonderful forever home with the help of Best Friends of Baker, Inc. I have not had any formal training. I am not a chewer of furniture or toys but do dig holes in my outside kennel when I get bored. Some loud noises startle me but otherwise I am okay with thunder and gunshot. I ride in the back seat of a car. Please give Best Friends of Baker, Inc. a call or Carmen at 541-519-4530 for more information.



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