

# Local

## — COMMUNITY CALENDAR —

### FOOD CO-OP OPEN HOUSE

On May 6th the Baker Food Co-op is celebrating 40 years supplying wholesome natural foods and products to the people of Baker County and northeastern Oregon. On May 6 the members, staff and Board of Directors are inviting the community to a 40th Anniversary Open House and Tasting Fair between 4-6 p.m.

### POWDER RIVER FRIENDS OF NRA

The annual banquet and fundraiser is May 7th, 4 p.m. at the Baker Events Center. We support youth programs and shooting sports in Baker County! Learn more at [www.prfnra.org](http://www.prfnra.org).

### GBVRFPD OPEN HOUSE

Greater Bowen Valley Rural Fire Protection District would like to invite the community to attend our open house May 7th 2016, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at our fire station on Hwy-7 at mile post 41, to help us kick off wildfire community preparedness month. For more information call the fire station 541-523-3688 or visit our website.

### FREE FAMILY HISTORY AND YOU DAY

Saturday, May 7, 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.  
Where: LDS Family History Center 2625 Hughes Lane. (Enter from the east side of the building) • All workshops given by local experienced genealogists. • Four (4) class periods with twelve (12) classes to choose from. • 9:00 a.m. - Congregate in the Cultural Hall for class schedules, instructions and keynote address by Bishop Tom Isaacson • 9:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. - Some family history staff will be available in room 3 for a beginners lab to help participants register for a FamilySearch account. Registration is free and easy to do. • A light lunch will be served in the Cultural Hall from 11:45 a. m. to 12:15 p. m. • Family history staff will be available after lunch (until 2:30 p.m.) to answer questions and to help you discover your family ancestors and their history.

### FREE FEE DAY AT OREGON TRAIL INTERPRETIVE CENTER

Monday, May 9, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. A special thank you to all our visitors! Free fee day at the National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center!  
Directions: Exit 302 from Interstate 84, 5 miles east of Baker City, Oregon.

### TIP-A-COP

5-9 on Thursday, May 12th. All tips go to our local chapter and the local police officers will be waiting tables. We have a friendly competition between local law enforcement and the local fire department on our fundraising events so please come support. The Fire department has the current title at 2890.00 raised last Fall so we hope our officers can beat that number. If you are unable to join us you can still donate to Special Olympics Chapter 511 in the month of May to go towards the Tip-A-Cop.

### ELECTION DAY

Tuesday, May 17. Oregon's primary election.

### FOREST ACCESS FOR ALL BANQUET AND AUCTION


Saturday, May 21, 2016 5:00 p.m. at the Best Western Sunridge Inn in Baker City. Come join us for an evening filled with friends that are engaged in maintaining historical access to public lands. Dinner choices are prime rib or hailbut. Tickets are \$25 and are limited, so call Wanda (541-523-4209) and get your ticket today!

### SUMPTER FLEA MARKET

Friday, May 27 through Monday, May 30. 150 Booths and vendors - Food, antiques and collectibles. Blue Mountain Old Time Fiddlers - Saturday, two shows, afternoon and evening. Bingo, Friday and Saturday. Ride the Sumpter Valley Railroad! Visit the Dredge! Watch for event signs.

### MEMORIAL DAY AT THE BAKER HERITAGE MUSEUM

Monday, May 30, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. "Honoring Those Who Have Served" Past and Present Servicemen and their families free admission to museum.



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### JAIL ROSTER

MURRAY, Amanda  
DECK, Janice  
SCHULTE, Michael  
VANDERPOOL, Joshua  
WINSTON, Brandy  
MORRIS, Adrienna  
URLACHER, John  
WATKINS, Aleasha  
MCNAIR, Frank  
WHITTING-GOOD, Travis  
MOORE, Darrell  
BROWN, Geoffery  
HOHMAN, Ashley  
GRAMMON, Jacob  
WALKER, Jacob  
BAXTER, Benjamin  
MULDER, Antoine  
BURNINGHAM, Tyson  
HIGHLEY, Joseph  
HUGHES, Tracy  
MYERS-GABIOLA, Michael  
CULLEY, Andrew  
LATTYMER, Melissa

## — NEWS OF RECORD —

CLARK, Dexter  
DEHERRERA, Kyle  
GRAY, Robert  
HARDING, Jestin  
SCOTT, Austin  
ROMINE, David  
WITTER, Robert  
HODEL, Cody  
MYERS, Anthony

### DEATH / FUNERAL NOTICES

Marsha Sue Hollriegel, 71, of Baker City, Oregon passed away on April 30, 2016 at St. Alphonsus Medical Center in Baker City. Arrangements are being made under the care of Gray's West & Company. To light a candle in memory of Marsha, please visit: [www.grayswestco.com](http://www.grayswestco.com).

### POLICE LOG

Schulte, Michael Ray. 4/29. Probation Violation.  
Troyer, Jason Lee. 4/29. Baker County Parole and Probation Detainer for Probation Violation.  
Deck, Janice Marie. 4/30. Marion County warrant.  
Guilliams, Timothy Justin. 4/30. Theft III.  
Bailey, Barney Lee. 5/1. Possession of a Controlled Substance.  
Murray, Amanda Marie. 5/3. Felon in Possession of a Firearm.

Dan Liebman - A Celebration of Dan's life will be held on Thursday, May 12, 2016 - 2:00 p.m. at the Pine Valley Grange in Halfway, Oregon. Donations can be made to The Nature Conservancy through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & CS - PO Box 543 Halfway, Oregon 97834. On line condolences may be shared at [www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com).

## — OBITUARIES —

### Darlene Ballard

Baker City, 1922-2016

Darlene Ballard, 93, of Union and Baker City died on Thursday, April 21, 2016 at St. Alphonsus Hospital-Baker. A Graveside Service at Union Cemetery will be held at a later date, to be announced.

Darlene Ballard was a beloved wife, mother, sister, grandmother, great grandmother, great great grandmother and friend. She was a skilled gar-



Darlene Ballard

dener and enjoyed gathering mushrooms, picking huckleberries and camping. Many afternoons you could find Darlene embroiled in a cutthroat round of pinochle with a daily beer. You couldn't begrudge her uncanny luck of drawing 300 pinochle.

Born July 21, 1922 to Alfred Gray and Edith May Pratt, Darlene Hattie Pratt made it through her junior year attending high school in Ericson, NE. She then moved with the rest of her family to Union, OR. It was there that Darlene met and married Meade Ballard. At Meade's passing they had been married 63 Years.

Darlene birthed and raised five children. Much on her own during WW11, she managed Dixie and Connie, while Meade, served in the Navy. Deforest (Tork), Sue, and Louann followed. Darlene was a hard-working woman. Busy raising her children and taking care of the home. She was an avid gardener and filled countless canning jars with her garden crops. Darlene was always busy—working hard, playing hard, and taking care of her family.

She and Meade ran the Cove Tavern for a couple of years. Otherwise she was pretty much old school stay at home homemaker.

Darlene lived in Union, OR for approximately 65 years, relocating to Baker City only after her husband passed away. Darlene was preceded in death by her husband Meade and daughter, Louann.

For those who would like to make a memorial donation in memory of Darlene, the family suggests the Union High School Bobcat Foundation through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home and Cremation Services PO Box 543 Halfway, Oregon 97834. On line condolences may be shared at [www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com).

# County, Sunridge

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The session was called to order, followed by the optional Invocation, and the Pledge of Allegiance, both led by Harvey. Shortly thereafter, noting a couple of additions to the agenda, it was adopted, with a motion from Bennett, and a second from Kerns.

Citizen Participation included comments from Holly, and Miller. Holly expressed concerns regarding the lack of a centralized, electronic contract database, citing the failure of the County to meet the deadline for the renewal of the Train Depot lease, as an example. She said this is the "electronic age," and that the current "hodgepodge" system needs updating. Bennett responded that the goal is to organize, and to possibly have a draft program in place, by July 1st, which is the start of the fiscal year.

Miller commented that

she experienced some issues with viewing the current County Commission online agendas, and minutes for past meetings, and Martin said that she'll remedy the issues. Miller also suggested a group to the Board for consideration in enlisting to aid in researching different issues, Political Research Associates, "...a social justice think tank devoted to supporting movements that are building a more just and inclusive democratic society. We expose movements, institutions, and ideologies that undermine human rights," according to the organization's website.

The minutes from the Wednesday, April 20, 2016 regular session were reviewed, and approved, with a motion from Bennett, and a second from Kerns.

A discussion was held, which included Wilson, Cook, Dolby, and Drew Martin, regarding A Memorandum of Understanding

(MOU), between Baker County, and Sunridge (Carshetown, LLC, aka the Sunridge Inn Restaurant), in order to resolve issues involving charges Sunridge has incurred, for failure to pay penalties on delinquent payments owed to the County under the Transient Lodging Tax Ordinance. Per the MOU, Sunridge acknowledges accumulated penalties, due to failure to pay transient lodging taxes, in the amount of \$16,362.67, and Sunridge will be current on all transient lodging taxes on or before October 15, 2014.

Martin said that there was disagreement from Sunridge about what the MOU states happens after the penalty payments were made, and Wilson explained how the penalty charges were incurred, assessed from 2012 to 2013, and, she wasn't responsible for that time period, but she said that Sunridge has fulfilled its obligations under the MOU. She said that per County ordinance, penalty charges of this type can be forgiven. Bennett asked Martin for his interpretation, and he said

it's simple: per the MOU, after a probationary period of one year of timely payments, there is no provision in the MOU that states the County has an obligation to waive any penalty charges.

After more discussion, including comments from Linstrom that the County shouldn't delay a decision regarding the penalty charges, including forgiving the charges if that was done in the past, Bennett moved, and Kerns seconded, to continue the discussion at the next Commission work session, on Wednesday, May 11, 2016, 9 a.m., with a decision expected to be made at the next regular session, Wednesday, May 18, 2016, 9 a.m. The Board had expressed the needed, written input from the Transient Lodging Tax Committee (TLTC), and Dolby said that the TLTC would look at the history of penalty forgiveness, and the Sunridge.

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## FBLA

The Baker High School's Future Business Leaders of America is in need of donations to help send this year's best and brightest to Nationals in Atlanta! These students competed at Regionals and State, placed, and now need to raise over \$1,800 each to attend the conference and continue competing. Donations to BHS-FBLA can be dropped off at the high school and would be sincerely appreciated.  
—From the Baker County Press.