

Local

— COMMUNITY CALENDAR —

BAKER COUNTY FAIR

August 10-13 featuring 4-H and FFA livestock and Auction. Open Class and 4-H home arts and horticulture exhibits. Free music entertainment each evening, reptile exhibit, commercial exhibits and concessions. At the Baker County Fairgrounds.

VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT TO SUPPORT SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Saturday, August 13, 9 a.m. Hannah Tanaka of Pine Eagle Charter School in Halfway Oregon will be hosting a six-man volleyball tournament for her Senior Project at the Pine Eagle Gym. \$10 per person donation is appreciated. All proceeds to benefit the Special Olympics. No registration required. Don't have enough for a team? That's okay! We can put one together the day of the tournament !!! Please come play with us as either a participant or a spectator for a day of guaranteed entertainment. For further information, contact Hannah Tanaka at 541-540-3759.

MEDICARE CLASS

Saturday, August 13, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. Baker County Public Library will host a free class about Medicare. The two-hour course is provided by expert advisors from the state office of Senior Health Insurance Benefits Assistance, also known as SHIBA. Topics covered will include: - What is Medicare? - Do I need both A&B? - Other insurance options - Prescription drug coverage - Secondary insurance - Financial assistance - Fraud protection - Marketplace plans. In previous years, sessions have filled up quickly. To reserve seats, call 800-722-4134 or email shiba.oregon@oregon.gov.

SUMPTER VALLEY RAILROAD STARLIGHT EXPRESS

Saturday, August 13, 2016. As darkness falls, passengers are treated to a twilight trip up valley for a complimentary cake and coffee dessert at the Sumpter station. The return trip under the light of the stars features the added bonus of the apex of the Perseid Meteor showers, one of the most spectacular events on the annual cosmic calendar. The train will arrive back at the McEwen depot shortly after 9:00 p.m. Visit www.sumptervalley-railroad.org.

HAINES STAMPEDE DEMOLITION DERBY

Saturday, August 13, 2016 at the Baker County Fairgrounds, 5:30 p.m. More information to come.

SOAPBOX DERBY

Saturday, August 20, 2016. Ages 8-adult. Join this brand new event! For more information, call 523-5855.

KEATING VALLEY SWCD MEETING

The Keating Soil and Water Conservation District will be having their monthly meeting on August 23rd at 12 noon at the USDA Service Center; 3990 Midway Drive in Baker City, OR. The public is welcome, and meals will be available for those who RSVP for the meeting.

DURKEE STEAK FEED

Saturday, August 27. 4:30-8:00 p.m. at the Quail Ridge Golf Course, 2801 Indiana Avenue, Baker City. Tickets for the steak dinner are \$20 and \$5 for the hotdog dinner.

EAGLE VALLEY GRANGE STEAK FEED

Saturday, September 3, 4-8 p.m. at the Eagle Valley Grange Community Park in Richland. Call Sherry Cannon at 541-893-6509 or Golda Preslar at 541-893-3312. More information to come. Cost is \$18 per person.

JAIL ROSTER

NICHOLS, Robert
SYPHERD, Crystol
BELL, Kimberly
CRUM, Chumaree
BROADIE, Roark
FURTNEY, Jeffery
ROBERTS, Kyle
BAILEY, Adam
MYERS-GABIOLA, Michael
WATKINS, Racheal
HANSON, Coty
GRYDER, David
HERMAN, Adam
POUND, John
SIMONIS, Dyllan
HELLER, Paul
LUTZ, Brandon
HODEL, Cody
GRAY, Robert
ARTHUR, Tyler
NICHOLS, Robert
FERNES, Andrew
TROYER, Jason
ROMINE, Jonathon
WHITTING-GOOD, Travis
TEMPLE, Danny
GUZMAN, Miguel
BOLANOS, Ann
GAGNON, Roderick
BRADLEY, Scott
LANNING, James
GUTHRIE JR, John
STEELE, Alan
WILKERSON, Harold

— NEWS OF RECORD —

STRICTMATER, Blaine
FAIRALL, Cody
WALKER, Jacob
MULDER, Antoine

POLICE LOG

Gwin, Lucas Buddy Lee. 8.10. Fail to Pay Fines.
Adams, Morgan Amanda. 8.8. Fail to Appear.
Syptherd, Crystol Morgan. 8.7. Criminal Trespass II. Detainer for post prison violation. Original charge is burglary II and trespass I.
Fairall, Cody Ray. 8.5. Out of County Warrant.
Crum, Chumaree Dawn. 8.5. Out of county warrant for Animal Abuse in the First Degree and Contempt of Court.
Vowell, Bonnie Louise. 8.4. Cite and Release Warrant.
Broadie, Roark Bryan. 8.4. Cite and Release for Contempt of Court.
Roberts, Kyle Eugene. 8.3. Assault IV Domestic.
Bailey, Adam Patrick. 8.2. Parole and Probation Detainer.
Myers-Gabiola, Michael Steve. 8.2. Theft II, UUMV.

DEATH NOTICES

Lula Johnson, 87, a former Baker City resident passed away August 7, 2016 at Wildflower Lodge in La-

Grande. A visitation and graveside service will take place on Monday, August 15th with the visitation starting at 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. at Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel and her Graveside Service will follow at 11:00 a.m. Mount Hope Cemetery in Baker City. Pastor Jonathan Privett of the First Church of the Nazarene in Baker City will officiate. To light a candle for Lula or send condolences to the family visit: www.grayswest.com.
Ronald Ray Fisher, 59, of Pendleton died August 4th, 2016 in an automobile accident in Baker City. A celebration of his life will be held in the near future in Pendleton. Arrangements are through Gray's West & Company Pioneer Chapel. For updated service information and to leave a condolence for his family, visit www.grayswest.com
Gary Hester, 85, longtime resident of Baker City, Oregon, died Saturday, August 6, 2016 at St. Alphonsus Hospital in Baker City Oregon. Per his request there will be no funeral service. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. On line condolences may be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

— OBITUARIES —

Janet Marie Schomburg

Baker City, 1943-2016

Janet Marie Schomburg, age 71, a life long Baker City resident passed away on August 7th at her home.

Janet was born August 17th, 1943 to Jack and Palma Rouse. She attended St. Francis Academy and Baker public schools. Janet grew up on a cattle ranch



Janet Schomburg

with 3 brothers and a sister. She married Fred Schomburg of Baker City on October 13, 1963. Together they raised three children, Kelle, Pat and Kasie. Janet was employed by the Baker School district for many years.

Janet had many friends and was loved by all. Her family will always remember gatherings at her home. Janet's passion in life was getting together with family and she took great pride in always making everyone feel welcome.

Janet is survived by her spouse Fred. Her brothers John and Dave and her sister MaryAnn. Her chil-

dren Kelle Landavazo of Gresham, Oregon, Patrick Schomburg and Kasie and Chris Perkins of Boise, Idaho. Her grand-children Marcus and Garrett Landavazo, Krista Creasia and Allison Schomburg. Her great-grand children Bria Landavazo and Stella Creasia whom brought great joy to her life in her later years. She was predeceased by her brother Patrick and her son-in-law Mark Landavazo.

An interment service will take place at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Baker City on Friday August 12th at 3:00 pm. Coles Tribute Center will be handling funeral

arrangements. A reception will follow at the Schomburg residence.

Janet's life could be summed up with these three words - Friends, Family and Love.

Those wishing to make memorial contributions in memory of Janet, may direct them to the American Heart Association, this maybe done through the Coles Tribute Center, 1950 Place St. Baker City, OR 97814. To light a candle for Janet or leave a condolence for her family, visit: www.colestributecenter.com

Professor Algernon brings magic to town

BY SAMANTHA O'CONNOR

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Scot Violette is bringing magic to Baker City August 19-21 as Professor Algernon with a new show filled with new tricks. His show will be in the upstairs theater in Basche Sage Mall.

Violette was first interested in magic at the age of nine and has been performing for various audiences for 44 years. He grew up in the Fresno area in California.

He attended Eastern Oregon State College and graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Theater. He then toured Europe for three years playing Hamlet at every U.S military base.

After his tour, he worked as a magician's assistant for André Kole, who also taught David Copperfield. Violette joined the military soon after for four years. During his time in Iraq, he performed magic tricks for the kids he met.

After his time in the military, his magic shows were called "The Magic of Scot Violette" in 2001 and he belonged to a group called The Fellowship of Christian Magicians, performing in churches for about five years.

He used to take miracles from the Bible and recreate them using magic, such as turning water into wine. He began doing shows in the Bay Area, which includes San Fran-



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Scot Violette is Professor Algernon.

cisco and other cities in the area.

"I was looking for venues, trying to recreate my show to a secular, non-religious show," explained Violette. "But I wanted it to be different from your average magician in a tux and tails, pulling rabbits out of their hats."

A hairdresser told him that her daughter was into Steampunk. Steampunk is Victorian science fiction, where things run on clockworks and steam.

Books in this genre include Jules Verne's "Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea" and H.G Wells' "The Time Machine." Movies in this genre include "Wild, Wild, West" and "The Golden Compass."

When he researched

Steampunk, he found he had been a Steampunk fan all his life, but didn't know what it was called. He began planning his show around Steampunk and changed his stage name to a professor character.

He decided to be a time traveler to give him flexibility in his show, allowing him to venture into other time periods outside the standard 1800s for Steampunk. His wife, Hannah Violette, came up with the name, taking the name from the book "Flowers for Algernon."

"Algernon is a brilliant rat that is getting stupid," explained Violette. "So Hannah said that's me. That's where the name came from."

He began converting his tricks to fit the Steampunk

genre and started inventing new tricks. He has five or six tricks he invented and only he does.

His first new show was in 2011, at a Steampunk convention called Clockworks Alchemy in San Jose, California. In 2012 he began touring Steampunk and different conventions in California, Oregon, Utah, Ohio, Idaho and Washington. He also moved to Baker City in 2012 and has continued to perform as Professor Algernon.

Today, along with touring conventions, Violette is in an Artist in Residence program at Charter Schools, teaching theater and magic for a week. He had his first class in Halfway in 2015 and he plans to continue teaching.

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HOSTED BY THE BAKER COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

SATURDAY AUGUST 20th 2016

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ADULT RACES RUN IN THE AFTERNOON

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