

# Local

## — COMMUNITY CALENDAR —

### KEATING SWCD MEETING

The Keating Soil and Water Conservation District will be having their monthly meeting on March 28th, 2017 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. Please contact Tara at (541) 523-7121 x 100 for a copy of the meeting agenda.

### AAUW EVENT

AAUW Women's Celebration Event, April 6, 2017, 6-8 p.m. 2810 Cedar Street, Baker City, OR 97814 at Community Connections. Call Wanda Raffety 541-523-2551 for information.

### LINEMAN FILM TO SHOW AT LIBRARY

In honor of National Lineman Appreciation Day, a newly released film on DVD starring John Travolta as an electrical lineman will be shown at Baker County Public Library on Friday, April 7 2017 at 6:00 p.m. Linemen are the brave men and women who protect public safety by constructing and maintaining electric power transmission and distribution facilities. Utility line work is in the top 10 of the most dangerous jobs in America. With successive wildfires and extreme winter weather of recent seasons, our local linemen have had extraordinary situations to deal with. Help show your gratitude for the risky work they do to keep our power supplied by attending this event. Admission is free and complimentary refreshments will be provided. Note, this film has been Rated R by the MPAA.

### SPRING BAZAAR

The seniors at Community Connection will have their 22nd Annual Spring Bazaar on Saturday, April 8th, 9 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Community Connection, 2810 Cedar Street, Baker City. Vendor tables are now available to rent, for displaying their handcraft, gift, food, and collectible items. According to Mary Jo Carpenter, chairman of the Bazaar, there will be a luncheon served from noon to 1:00 p.m., for a minimal charge. The proceeds from the bazaar will go to the senior nutrition program, and is a part of the regular fundraising activities of the Baker Seniors, who raise an average of \$8,000 per year to support senior programs. For more information or to rent a table, contact Community Connection at 523-6591.

### EASTER EGG HUNT

April 15 in the Geiser Pollman Park. Annual Easter Egg Hunt for children age 3 through age 11. Line up at 9:45 Saturday at Geiser-Pollman Park by age group. The police siren will sound promptly at 10 a.m. to indicate beginning of hunt scramble. Filled plastic eggs, toys and candy will be in roped off areas divided by age category. Call 541-519-5653 for information.

### SHRINERS KIDS RODEO

April 15 at 2600 East St, Baker City, OR 97814 Baker County Fairgrounds Show Barn. 10:15 - 11:00 a.m. And we're off to the rodeo! Lots of fun at the Baker County Shriner's Kids Rodeo this afternoon, Stick horse races, Roping, mutton bustin' and a great time hanging out with lots of aspiring cowboys and cowgirls. For more information call 541-523-3506 or email Shasta1952@msn.com.

### FREE DAY AT THE OREGON TRAIL INTERPRETIVE CENTER

April 19, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. 22267 Highway 86, Baker City, Oregon, Exit 302 from Interstate 84. 541-523-1843 for more information or go online to <http://trailtenders.org/home>.

### FOREST ACCESS FOR ALL BANQUET

May 20, Social Hour at 5 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m. at the Sunridge Inn, Baker City, Oregon. Tickets are now available by calling Tork and Wanda Ballard at 541 523 4209 or Bobbie Danser at 541.403.1770. Tickets are \$30 a piece choice of Prime Rib or Halibut. Door prizes, raffle items and auction items. Come help support open access to multiple use of public lands.



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## — NEWS OF RECORD —

### JAIL ROSTER

DOUGHERTY, Dustine  
 GILBERT, Joseph  
 KOONTZ, Kyle  
 BRESHEARS, Brent  
 SMITH, Brendon  
 MUNOZ, Roland  
 NOBLE, Cecil  
 BLOOD, Daniel  
 MINNER, James  
 REEDY, James  
 SIMONIS, Dyllan  
 STEELE, Tiffany  
 PATTON, Jamie  
 WHITNEY, Steven  
 ROMINE, Jonathon  
 MCNAIR, Frank  
 DARNELL, Jason  
 MCMURDO, David  
 NEUMILLER, Michael  
 HANEY JR, Larry  
 ADAMS, Alexander  
 HILBUN-TEXLEY, Andrew  
 DODGE, Derrick  
 ROBINSON, Justin

ANDERS, Tyler  
 KEPNER, Joshua  
 PERSICKE, Zachary  
 FOERSTERLING, Wade  
 BAKER, Joshua  
 CHARBONNEAU, Crystal  
 LOPEZ, Yesenia  
 TUGMAN, Michael  
 HARTMANN, Chanae  
 BRADLEY, Scott  
 EDISON, Marsan  
 LATTYMER, Melissa  
 MILES, Dock  
 SPEELMAN, Beth  
 URLACHER, John  
 O'DONNELL, Michael  
 BAXTER, Benjamin  
 BROWN, Geoffrey  
 LANNING, James  
 STEELE, Alan

### POLICE LOG

Griffin, Chantelle J. 3.11. Baker County Justice Court cite and release warrant for Fail to Pay Fines.

Smith, Brendon Michael. 3.11. Parole and Probation.  
 May, Andrew Joseph. 3.11. Circuit Court Arrest.  
 Breshears, Brent Alexander. 3.11. Probation Violation.  
 Nicholson, Bruce Alan. 3.11. DUII.  
 Wicklander, Gordon L. 3.11. DUII.  
 Noble, Cecil Ray. 3.10. Two counts of Sex Abuse I and two counts of Harassment.  
 Edison, Cynthia Marie. 3.10. Possession of Controlled Substance.  
 Munoz, Roland Adam. 3.10. Warrant Arrest.  
 Blood, Daniel Jason. 3.9. Baker County Parole and Probation Detainer.  
 Minner, James Orion. 3.9. Burglary.  
 Simonis, Dyllan Jacoby. 3.9. Post prison violation.  
 Collins, Joshua Cain. 3.9. Assault IV Domestic.  
 Pogue, K-leigh Rhuamma. 3.9. Contempt of Court.

## — OBITUARIES —

### Julie Elizabeth Hardesty

Richland, 1976-2017

Julie Elizabeth Hardesty was born October

18, 1976 at Banso Baptist Hospital located in the grasslands of Cameroon, West Africa where her parents were missionaries.

She flew up to Heaven March 11, 2017 from her home in Richland, Oregon due to a massive heart attack.

Julie graduated early from Sandy High School in 1994 and married her sweetheart Larry Hardesty Jr. on February 12, 1994.

She loved the Disney movie Beauty and the Beast and used it as a theme for her wedding. They were married 19 years when suddenly their world changed.

They welcomed Gracie Anne Elizabeth into their lives on May 23, 2014, a



Julie Hardesty

miracle baby for sure! Julie loved her husband Lars so very much and Gracie was her greatest blessing. She loved everything about caring for Gracie and she dressed her like a princess.

As a toddler, Julie roamed the village of Buea, Cameroon with her nanny, playing with the village children and speaking Pidgin English. Her love of cats began in Africa. If there ever was a cat whisperer, it would be Julie. She loved them with a passion.

Julie toured Europe and Canada with her parents as a child, and lived in several places including Chicago, Illinois as well as Boring and Gresham, Oregon. Julie worked for First American Title for several years before becoming a full time wife and mother.

Over the years Julie enjoyed camping on Mt. Hood, making jewelry, and she was the best cook. She also loved spending hours on her porch admiring her view into the Idaho mountains thinking about the

glory of the God in whom she deeply trusted.

She will be greatly missed by all who knew her. She loved her brothers and sisters with a deep and abiding love.

Her pet name for her mama was Moosie. It became a much loved vanity license plate on her mother's car.

She will also be greatly missed by her beloved husband Larry Hardesty Jr, her beautiful daughter Gracie, her father Larry Scheffler (wife Diana), her mother Bonnie Bunyard (husband Gene), her brothers Joel Scheffler and Joshua Bunyard, her sister Jaimee Scheffler, her step-sisters Cassandra Carico and Jennifer Griggs (husband Robert), her father-in-law Larry Hardesty Sr., sister-in-laws Wendy Hardesty, Tracie Flynn (husband Bill), and Cherie Nunes (partner Mike), as well as many wonderful aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins. She will be dearly missed by her best friend, Amy Neal. Julie is

preceded in death by her grandmother Elsie Scheffler, her grandfather Ervin Scheffler, her grandmother Esther Phillips, her grandfather Charles Phillips, and her beloved mother-in-law Wanda Hardesty.

Services will be held on Saturday March 18, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at the Eagle Valley Grange Hall (the ol' Richland Elementary School) located at the corner of Moody Road and Main Street in Richland, Oregon. Interment will be at Eagle Valley Cemetery. Friends are invited to join the family for a potluck reception to be held immediately following the interment at the Eagle Valley Grange Hall.

Those who would like to make a memorial donation in memory of Julie may do so to help defray the funeral expenses through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home PO Box 543 Halfway, Oregon 97834. On line condolences may be shared at [www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com).

## City Council

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This year the Council is attacking the challenge of lowering tobacco use in our County, which is as Dudley said is, "Extremely high."

The Council expects a grant of \$40,000 this year which will also be used to expand the adolescent wellness visits, including some dental services.

Other uses for the grant money will include training and workshops for members of the Council as they strive to continue to understand the needs of our community and provide needed, expanded access to relevant services.

### Ratification of Baker City Police Association Labor Contract

The current labor contract with Baker City Police expired on December 31, 2016.

After some negotiation a new contract was agreed upon.

City Manager Fred Warner advised Council that the agreement, "Was ratified earlier in the day by the City Police. Now it needs to be accepted and ratified by Council."

Warner spoke of the key points of the contract and told Council, "No significant changes were made." Highlights of the contract included:

- The contract will be in effect from January

1, 2017 through June 30, 2020.

This is a three and a half year contract that will upon its ending bring the new contract timing in line with the end of the City's fiscal year aligning with the budget.

- Employees will continue with the same insurance package.

- The City will continue to fully fund employee Health Savings Accounts.

- Retroactive to January 1, 2017 the wage scale will increase 1%.

- Effective July 1 2017, 2018 and 2019 the wage scale will increase 1.5%.

- Salary step increases are based on satisfactory yearly performance reviews.

- Employee call back and Court appearance overtime pay increased from two to three hours.

Warner also indicated that there were some minor language changes in the new contract as well.

He also stated that public safety officers are subject to binding arbitration and they do not have the ability to strike.

McQuisten asked Warner if HSA's for City Police and Fire were relatively the same.

Warner acknowledged they were.

Councilor Nilsson moved the ratify and approve the contract with a second heard by Councilor

Joseph.

Downing asked if there was any discussion before they voted.

With no discussion heard Downing said, "Before we vote, I would just like to thank them for all the long hours they work, getting called in, covering for each other so they can attend family things. They work hard and are good at what they do."

He then called for a vote, which was unanimous.

### City Manager/Director Comments

Warner advised Council that budget was in the works for the 911 center.

He spoke of a shortfall in the 911 budget and indicated that there were some creative ideas that were being explored to make that budget a number the City could live with.

He also spoke of an event being hosted by the League of Oregon Cities and encouraged Councilors interested in attending get with him as soon as possible so attendance details could be worked out.

Councilor Abell and Downing both stated they attended in previous years and gained incredible information urging fellow Councilors to take advantage of the event.

### Council Comments

Downing spoke of the recent Scott's Stair Climb he and a couple of Baker City Firefighters attended in Seattle over the last

weekend.

Scott's Stair Climb is an annual event that raises money for Leukemia and Lymphoma research.

The annual fundraiser takes place in Seattle at the Columbia Center where in full turnout gear participants climb 69 floors—788 feet.

That's is 1,356 steps.

"They let you ride the elevator down," said Downing.

This year the event drew participants from eight countries, 27 States and 300 Fire Departments for a total of 1,790 climbers.

The fastest time this year was 10 minutes and 58 seconds.

Ages of participants ranged from 18 to 72.

The 72-year-old participant had a time of 23 minutes and one second, far from the slowest time indicated Downing in amazement.

Former Baker City Fire Chief Mark John was also in attendance at the event representing the Spokane Fire Department.

2.2 million dollars were raised in the event exceeding the 1.5-million-dollar goal.

Downing indicated that donations would continue to accepted through the end of the month.

With nothing further, the meeting was adjourned.