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He was a visionary and loved being a part of creating opportunities and growth for Baker County. Some of his efforts (but never wanting credit for) include the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center, the Powder River Correctional Facility, the District and State 1A Basketball Tournaments, the East-West Shrine All-Star Football Game, the Baker Family YMCA, the Sumpter Dredge State Park, the Baker County Chamber of Commerce, Marvin Wood Products and Behlen Mfg. Co.

He was a member of the Elks and Eagles.

When Jack was not at “the paper,” he could be found officiating football,

basketball and baseball games or with family and friends at his cabin in Sumpter. He loved bird hunting, fishing and boating.

He was a true server of others and would look for opportunities to lend his time, efforts and finances to help those in need.

Jack was a trusting ear to his friends in the community and was always available to provide words of encouragement and advice.

He will be remembered for his subtle humor, quiet nature, wisdom and love of his family.

In the latter years, Jack still cherished his time with others, especially his almost 40-year friendship with Gary Schmitt.

He watched over friends’ cabins and loved to ride the Sumpter roads in his

Kubota.

He loved mushrooming and feeding the deer and turkeys.

Jack was preceded in death by his parents, his brother, Everett and his half-sister, Margaret.

Jack is survived by his wife, Jacki Turner of Baker City, OR; daughters Lynne (Case) McKittrick of Phoenix, AZ; Heather Krueger (husband Jerry) of Covington, WA; Chandra Bingaman (husband Greg) of Imbler, OR; three grandchildren (Cameron Jack Rud, Lacey May Krueger, Kale Turner Bingaman) and four step-grandchildren.

The family wishes to acknowledge the loving care Jack received from the staff at Heart ‘n Home Hospice, Settler’s Park and St. Alphonsus Hospital. Much gratitude to the

Baker City Herald/Jayson Jacoby for the article about Jack published on April 21, 2017.

Memorial contributions may be made to Heart ‘n Home Hospice or your favorite charity through Gray’s West & Company, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814. To light a candle in memory of Jack, go to www.grayswestco.com.

Anita Louise Martinez Gallegos

Baker City, 1956-2017

Anita Louise (Martinez) Gallegos, 60 of Baker City, passed away on April 29, 2017 at her residence. A memorial service was held May 3rd, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at Gray’s West & Company Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave. Pastor Brad Phillips of Harvest

Church will officiate.

Anita was born September 24, 1956 in Alamosa, CO to Robert and Annabell

(Lucero) Martinez. She attended West High School. In 1985, Anita married Fred Gallegos in Elko, NV and enjoyed being a housewife. Fred and Anita had a daughter, Ericka and a son Michael. She enjoyed camping and doing craft work but most of all, she enjoyed being with her family.

Anita is survived by a daughter, Ericka Chavez and Dave of Baker City, son Michael Martinez of Boise, ID, her husband Fred Gallegos of Cortez, CO, her father Robert Mar-



Anita Gallegos

tinéz of Monroe, UT, her sisters: Barbara Gardner and husband Terry, Elaine Martinez, Pauline Martinez all of Monroe, UT, Judy Garcia and husband Talley of Salt Lake City, UT; brothers: Bobby Martinez and wife, Sue, of Salt Lake City, UT, Gary Martinez of Monroe, UT and Tony Martinez and wife DeeAnn from Grantsville, UT; and many nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her mother Anabell Martinez and her brother-in-law, Wade Doerr.

The family would like to thank Heart ‘N’ Home for the compassionate care they gave to Anita.

To light a candle in memory of Anita or leave condolence for the family, go to www.grayswestco.com.

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Lindsey said that the Center had not met national (and state) standards requiring the answering of 90% of calls in ten seconds or less last year; in 2014, the Center answered 73% of calls within ten seconds, in 2015, 78%, and in 2016, 85%. She said that staff was unaware of the national standard until an internal meeting held last May, and that currently, the Center is above the standard, at 91%.

She said that among other details, currently the use of reserve personnel is at a minimum, two dispatchers are in training, a Quality Assurance Team has been established, and that, “I would say that, today, morale is up much higher than where it has been...” Lindsey said that improvement has been seen over the last year, but that she can’t take full credit for that.

She detailed some improvements in committees and training, including the membership of several staff members in national and international committees and teams, and the recipients of scholarships. Some computer equipment was replaced on Monday, and the 911 system is expected to be replaced in December, she said.

Warner, Jr. discussed the 911 Reserve Policy with the Board (copies were provided), and he said, about Lindsey, “She’s been a really good asset for the Center, and we are not at all excited to see her go...”

He said he needs to see what City Council will decide regarding the policy, based on the City and the 911 budget, and

he said that he was unsure what the consensus of the 911 user group is, at which point, Lohner stood to provide some details, on behalf of that group, which includes Lindsey, Baker City Fire Chief Tom Wills, Ash, and Lohner.

He said that the group had numerous meetings, and, “... it was not received well, from any of us, that Hope was choosing to leave, but we encourage her the best ...”

Lohner said that discussions included the future of the Center, and the group noted shortfalls in the County and 911 budgets, and he recommends that rather than spend the effort, time, and money to find a new Director, the Center be placed under the management of Ash.

He said that the Center had been under such management, but a previous Sheriff had issues with other County personnel, including a previous Fire Chief and Lohner, which Lohner said “was the last straw” causing a request for the Center to become a stand-alone entity.

He said times have changed, and he believes it would be in the best interest of both the City and the County to place management of the Center under Ash for one year or so, after which time, the management process could be reevaluated.

Order No. 2017-125, Designating A Sole Source Provider For Asphalt Crack Sealing At Hewitt And Holcomb Parks, was approved, with a motion from Bennett, and a second from Nichols.

According to the order, Hampton Paving, LLC, the only provider within the service area that offers crack sealing, was designated, and Spencer and County Smith are satisfied with the services offered and past performance.

The total cash grant amount is \$18,539.53, with the completion of the project required to be completed by June 30, 2017.

Spencer discussed the order with the Board, providing some details, prior to its approval.

A purchase approval for a County Courthouse standby generator, a Kohler Diesel 230-kilowatt, 472-gallon capacity model, with a five-year warranty, from EC Power Systems of Boise, for \$51,383, was approved, with a motion from Bennett, and a second from Nichols.

McQuisten discussed the details of the request, prior to its approval, and he said that the EC Power Systems model had the best overall component scoring rank out of four bids, including Western States, Cessco, and Cummins.

He said that at least a 200-kilowatt model was needed, and important considerations included sound rating, additional warranty coverage, location of certified technicians, and cost. McQuisten said the project will probably be completed in July or August.

Parker discussed an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA), between the County and the Oregon State University (OSU) Extension Service, for the provision of the delivery of OSU educational programs to citizens of Baker County, in return for financial support from the County.

The Board expressed concerns about some of the language in the agreement, that it didn’t include funding specifics, and that funding from the County, when available, should be sent directly to the State, to disperse to the Extension Service, rather than how the process is currently set up.

The Board is expected

to amend some language, before its approval.

A Baker Heritage Museum Banner Bank Master Card, with a credit limit of \$1,500, was approved, with a motion from Harvey, and a second from Bruce.

All members of the Board said that they have issues with the idea of County staff using credit cards, but the past Museum Director was using her personal credit card to purchase a reoccurring charge, and they wish to avoid that. The credit was shifted from Administrative Services (\$500), and Parole & Probation (\$1,000), to be put in the Museum’s name.

Greiner provided a Central Oregon Adventure presentation, which included some details regarding her company, which provides guided off-highway vehicle (OHV) excursions.

She said that she’s looking at establishing a launching point from Sumpter (her company’s based in Sunriver), and she’s currently speaking with numerous people, including staff of the U.S. Forest Service, regarding OHV use on roads, etc.

Smith said that all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) are much better now, including advancements in headlights and other equipment, and he supports the idea, and Tork also provided input, saying he supports the idea of ATV use (both were unsure how to limit where the vehicles could travel).

The Board discussed acquiring more information, including a drafting an ordinance to address the issue while allowing some freedom of use, and Harvey said a decision would need to be made at a later date.

A public hearing was held in the matter of Plan

Amendment PA-16-002, a zoning change request from Helge Bros., LLC, for a roughly nine-acre parcel located in the Cracker Creek Road area, north of Sumpter, from Rural Residential (RR-5), to Mineral Extraction (ME). The property’s location is described as Tax Lot 1600 of Township 9 South, Range 37 East, Section 20 W.M., Baker County, Oregon (Reference No. 13981).

Kerns and Henes introduced the topic, and Henes explained the process, that the County Planning Commission had recommended approval of the request, after several meetings, by a vote of 7-0, on Friday, March 31, 2017. Alexander and Helge Bros., LLC Member John Helgesen provided testimony in favor of the application to the Board, and there was no further testimony noted. Ordinance No. 2017-01, Amending The Zoning Map And The Comprehensive Plan Map Adopted By Ordinance 84-1, The Comprehensive Plan Adopted By Ordinance 85-2, And The Baker County Zoning Ordinance Adopted By Ordinance 2014-01, read in title only, was adopted, with a motion from Bennett, and a second from Harvey.

The ordinance was read in title only by Henes. The hearing was continued to Wednesday, May 17, 2017, 9 a.m., with a motion from Bennett, and a second from Nichols (two hearings are required).

Order No. 2017-126, Re-Appointing Members To The Baker County Fair Board, was approved, with a motion from Bennett, and a second from Nichols. According to the order, Ron Rowan and Christina Smith were re-appointed, their terms set to expire on May 1, 2020.

Amendment No. 13 To

Oregon Health Authority 2015-2017 IGA For The Financing Of Community Addictions And Mental Health Services Agreement No. 147781, was ratified, with a motion from Harvey, and a second from Bennett. According to the agreement, funding of \$285 for Problem Gambling Treatment Services was added, for the period of July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017.

The addition to the agenda, a letter expressing urgency and support for State Sage Grouse Action Plan funding, addressed from the Board, to Oregon House Speaker Tina Kotek, House Minority Leader Jennifer Williamson, Representative Mike McLane, Representative Cliff Bentz, Representative Greg Smith, Senate President Peter Courtney, Senate Majority Leader Ginny Burdick, and Senate Republican Leader Ted Ferrioli, was approved to be sent, with a motion from Bennett, and a second from Nichols.

The letter details the need for specific funding, including the recommendations of \$400,000 for government-to-government and stakeholder coordination, project management, facilitation, and conflict resolution, tied to the SageCon Partnership; \$425,000 for Department of Fish and Wildlife management of the state’s sage grouse mitigation program; \$650,000 for the Department of Forestry to advance the local capacity of Rangeland Fire Protection Associations’ work to control wildfires on rangelands that support sage grouse and provide the economic foundation for many rural communities; and \$500,000 for Department of Agriculture control of noxious weeds that threaten rangeland health and Sage-grouse habitat.

City Planning Commission to meet over re-plat

The Baker City Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 17th, 2017, in the Commissioner Chambers at the Baker County House, located at 1995 Third Street, Baker

City, Oregon 97814, to consider a request for a Type III Re-Plat.

The applicants and property owners, Daniel and Donald Thompson, propose to re-plat one ±8.59 acre property, which

currently contains 40 plat-ted lots, into five lots.

The purpose of this re-plat is to accommodate existing buildings and improvements on-site.

The subject properties are identified as Tax Lot

2900 on Baker County Assessor’s Map 09s40e08CD (Ref. 13815).

The parcel is located at 3100 H Street, in the Commercial General (C-G) Zone.

The staff report will be

available for inspection at Planning Department Office located at the County Courthouse at 1995 Third Street, Baker City.

Copies of this report and all application materials can be provided at a

reasonable cost; digital versions can be e-mailed for free.

Please contact Planner Carson Quam for more information at 541-523-8219 or cquam@bakercounty.org.

Workshop offered to small business owners

Are you a small-business owner who seeks basic legal information? Learn about the factors that you should be taking into

account as you make decisions.

The workshops will take place from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.:

May 22: Cook Memorial Library Meeting Room, 2006 4th St. in La Grande

May 23: HatchLab Baker, 2019 Main St. in

Baker City

May 31: Fishtrap, 400 E Grant St. in Enterprise Workshops are offered free of charge. This

workshop will include the following topics:

Benefits and downsides of various legal structures;; Trademarks and patents;

Employment law; and How to hire an attorney.

To register, call Kristy Athens at NEOEDD, 541-426-3598.