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Positively Baker County

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About the photo at top:

Baker City's Main Street was recently selected as the Best Main Street in Oregon by the National Life Group's 50 Main Streets in 50 states campaign. Congratulations to all those who play a part in making our Main Street exceptional!

Photo by Timothy Bishop of
Basecamp Baker

City Baby

Photo by Susan Wickert
Susan Wickert took this photo of a mule deer fawn on Broadway in Baker City on Monday. She said she almost stepped on him. Remember not to pick up or touch fawns. Their mothers are nearby waiting to come back to them.



Events

Coming next week!

Full Schedule of Events
Haines Old-Fashioned
4th of July Celebration.
Be sure and check it out!

Baker City Farmer's Market Now Open for Business!

Every Wednesday 3:30-6:30 at the Baker County Fairgrounds. Market continues thru October 14!

Eagle Valley Days

Saturday, June 18. The event will kick off with a parade at 10 a.m. in downtown Richland. Then on to opening ceremonies at the grange park and kids games. There will be art in the park.

BHS Class of 86 Reunion

Baker High School Class of 1986 is planning a 30 year reunion on Saturday, July 16 of Miners Jubilee. If you know a classmate that has not been contacted, please share this information with them. Our Facebook page with more information is: www.facebook.com/events/130618350689421/ You can also contact Teresa (Allen) Wiley at 541-304-9018 or Sheila (McMillen) Dolby at 541-403-2726.

Haines Summer Reading Program starts June 16

The Haines Branch Library is excited to announce that our Summer Reading Program is set to begin this week! We would love for kids and families to join us on Thursdays from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m., June 16 through July 28. There will be visiting science exhibits, artists, and YMCA programs to take part in as well as a chance to win prizes for meeting summer reading goals.

Samantha Kerns Elected President of Rodeo Association

Samantha Kerns is a busy lady – and she is going to get busier. Last week, Samantha was elected by her rodeo peers to serve as the President of the Oregon High School Rodeo Association (OHSRA) for the 2016-2017 season. The non-profit organization is comprised of high school freshman through seniors, dedicated to the sport of rodeo.

We caught up with Samantha upon her return from Prineville, where she competed in the OHSRA finals with her teammates from the Eastern Oregon Rodeo Team. Among other numerous awards, Samantha earned the 2016 OHSRA Champion All-Around Cowgirl title. Her performances have earned her a spot at the National High School Rodeo Finals in July.

Kerns, the daughter of Tom and Fawn Kerns, is entering her junior year at North Powder. She has been involved in rodeo since she was three years old. "The best part of being involved in rodeo is the

people," exclaimed Kerns. "We are like one big happy family."

Kerns' responsibilities include presiding over the activities of high school rodeos throughout the state. Should any problems arise in the arena, Kerns will be involved in helping to resolve those problems. "It's a good position, and I am excited about it."

The time commitment is no small matter. A quick look at the schedule tells you parents and young adults travel to rodeos in Klamath Falls, Eugene and St. Helens; not to mention those closer to home like Burns and Prineville. This does not include national rodeos in places like Nevada and Wyoming. Keep in mind, they are traveling with horses, trailers, saddles and everything else necessary to compete.

Samantha is clearly enthusiastic about the sport of rodeo. "Getting to do what you love is always fun, but getting to do what you love with the people you love always makes it more fun."

Rodeo is not the only area where



Submitted photo

Samantha Kerns

Samantha excels. She is a member of the National Honor Society, a member of North Powder's Varsity Girls Basketball Team, and a member of the Future Farmers of America (FFA). And, she is an active part of her family's ranch/farm operation.

Oregon Small Woodland Owners Meet in Baker County Celebrates Sustaining Family Forests

Story / photo by Mary Jane Guyer

For three full days, small woodland owners from throughout Oregon gathered to enjoy Baker County hospitality, to witness the devastation of last year's fires, and to hear from agency and private land-owners alike, on ways to sustain family forests for future generations.

The Oregon Small Woodlands Association is a member-based organization that represents hundreds of woodland owners. For more than 50 years, the organization has worked to meet the unique and growing needs of forest owners who own 5,000 acres or less land with trees growing on it.

Participants gathered at the Baker County Events Center for a full day of presentations by private and agency representatives. Issues such as the East Face Elkhorn Project, the Role of Cooperatives in Forestry, and the economics of tree farming were but a few of the many options members could attend.

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Eileen Gyllenberg recounts her family's personal journey through the Windy Ridge and Cornett fires.

Menus at Community Connection ~ Baker City

Thurs., June 16

Chicken-fried
Chicken Potatoes & Gravy
Broccoli Blend
Veg. Fruit
Ambrosia Roll,
Cheesecake

Fri., June 17

Taco Salad
(Beef, Lettuce,
Tomato, Onion,
Cheese, Chips)
w/Salsa Fruit
Cup Spice
Cake

Mon., June 20

Chicken Breast
w/ Cream
Gravy Mashed
Potatoes Peas
& Carrots
Green Salad
Roll, Sherbet

Tues., June 21

Beef Burgundy
Over Fettuccini
Broccoli Blend
Veg. Jello
w/Fruit Bread
Bread Pudding

Wed., June 22

Chicken Salad
Croissant
Sandwich
Cup/Vegetable
Soup Chips
Cottage Ch.
w/fruit Cookies



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