

Local & State

BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18

■ **Baker City Farmers Market:** 3 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., at the Fairgrounds, 2600 East St.

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■ **Baker County Democrats:** 5:30 p.m., Rogers Fellowship Hall, 1995 Fourth St.

THURSDAY, JULY 19

■ **Baker Rural Fire Protection District Board:** 5:30 p.m. at the Pochontas Fire Station.

FRIDAY, JULY 20

■ **Live Music by Keith Taylor:** Ragtime piano, 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., Crossroads Carnegie Art Center, 2020 Auburn Ave.; no charge; continues most Fridays.

TUESDAY, JULY 24

■ **Baker City Council:** 7 p.m., City Hall, 1655 First St.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 25

■ **Baker City Farmers Market:** 3 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., at the Fairgrounds, 2600 East St.

THURSDAY, JULY 26

■ **Baker School Board:** 6 p.m., Council chambers at City Hall, 1655 First St.; meeting rescheduled from July 19, the usual third Thursday of the month.

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO

from the Democrat-Herald
July 16, 1968

An undercover Baker City policeman made a double narcotics arrest this weekend that halted an illegal drug-selling business which had been operating in Baker.

25 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald
July 16, 1993

The sale of the historic Sumpter Valley Dredge has finally been realized.

The Trust for Public Land, a private non-profit organization, purchased the dredge from Jim Johnson of New Jersey and conveyed it to the State Parks and Recreation Department today.

10 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald
July 16, 2008

If you heat your home with natural gas your choices when temperatures plummet this autumn might boil down to three: spend, shiver, or slip on another sweater.

Oregon's Public Utility Commission announced Tuesday that it expects all three of the state's natural gas suppliers will boost their rates starting Nov. 1.

ONE YEAR AGO

from the Baker City Herald
July 17, 2017

Timothy Bishop knows what everybody's going to be doing when the moon slides across the face of the sun about 10:25 a.m. on the morning of Aug. 21 and briefly turns a summer morning to night.

What Bishop wonders is what all those people — perhaps 50,000 in all — will do for the rest of their visit to Baker County, a trip that for some will extend over three or more days.

Bishop, who runs Base Camp Baker and is the county's contract tourism marketing director, has been working with a variety of local residents, business owners and organizations to give eclipse visitors reasons not to congregate in a few spots.

"We're going to have a lot of folks here for the whole weekend before and wondering, 'what do we do for two or three days while we're waiting for the eclipse,'" Bishop said.

"We want to give them lots of options."

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, July 14

7 — 11 — 15 — 19 — 23 — 43

Next jackpot: \$3.4 million

POWERBALL, July 14

22 — 41 — 42 — 49 — 67 PB 11

Next jackpot: \$110 million

WIN FOR LIFE, July 14

23 — 33 — 76 — 77

PICK 4, July 15

• 1 p.m.: 7 — 0 — 1 — 0

• 4 p.m.: 7 — 6 — 0 — 0

• 7 p.m.: 3 — 9 — 5 — 7

• 10 p.m.: 5 — 5 — 5 — 8

LUCKY LINES, July 15

2-8-11-14-18-23-27-31

Next jackpot: \$14,000

SENIOR MENUS

■ **TUESDAY:** Chicken salad croissant, macaroni salad, potato chips, banana pudding, cinnamon roll

■ **WEDNESDAY:** Pot roast, parsleyed red potatoes, baby carrots, roll, green salad, huckleberry ice cream

Public luncheon at the Senior Center, 2810 Cedar St., 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; \$4.50 donation (60 and older), \$6.75 for those under 60.

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Driver arrested after freeway chase

A Nebraska woman was arrested early today after driving away leading a Baker County Sheriff's deputy on a high-speed chase on Interstate 84 near Huntington.

Susan Graves, 44, of Omaha, was arrested at the Weatherby rest area about 30 miles southeast of Baker City.

She is charged with attempting to

elude, reckless driving and third-degree criminal mischief, according to the Sheriff's Office.

The incident started about 11:48 p.m. Sunday when the deputy saw Graves' car parked beside Old Highway 30 near Huntington. When the deputy stopped to see if the driver needed help, Graves

drove away rapidly, the tires spraying gravel onto the patrol car.

The deputy pursued Graves' car west on the freeway. When she exited at the rest area, the deputy positioned his car at an angle, forcing Graves to stop.

Oregon State Police arrived to assist with the arrest.

Washington man indicted on drug, gun charges

A Baker County grand jury has indicted a Walla Walla, Washington, man on four felony charges, including possession and delivery of cocaine.

Enrique Olmos, 40, was ar-

rested on July 5 on Interstate 84 in Baker County.

Oregon State Police troopers who searched Olmos' car found about 26 grams of cocaine, as well as a hidden .380 semi-automatic pistol.

Olmos, who was convicted April 4, 2018, in Walla Walla County Superior Court for felony possession of a controlled substance, was arraigned in Baker County Circuit Court on July 12, and bail was set at

\$67,500.

A pre-trial hearing has been scheduled for July 31.

The indictment includes charges of unlawful possession of a firearm and being a felon in possession of a firearm.

Oregon officials admit lack of oversight in state's medical marijuana program

By Andrew Selsky
Associated Press

SALEM — How much medical marijuana is in the pipeline in Oregon? The managers of the state's program concede that they simply don't know because of lax reporting by producers and a lack of site inspectors.

That, they say, creates opportunities for marijuana to be diverted into the lucrative black market, something that federal authorities have long complained about.

Oregon was one of the first states to legalize medical marijuana in 1998, and in 2014 voters approved allowing recreational use. The state's struggle to transform a business that for decades had operated illegally in the shadows into a regulated industry sets an example for other states moving toward legalization.

In an internal review released late Thursday, the state's Health Authority, which oversees the Oregon Medical Marijuana Program, admitted it has not provided effective oversight of growers and others in the industry.

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— state report

medical system. This limits OMMP's ability to successfully identify and address potential diversion," the report said.

The report showed there were more than 20,000 medical pot grow sites, but only 58 inspections were carried out in 2017.

Oregon Health Authority Director Patrick Allen ordered the internal review amid complaints from law enforcement authorities who say they often have trouble identifying which marijuana growers are legal. Seen from a helicopter just before harvest season, marijuana grows are like a green patchwork across one southwestern county, one drug enforcement officer said.

In Deschutes County, the sheriff and district attorney in February went public with their frustrations, saying the state was allowing black

market operations to proliferate through lack of oversight. They asked the health authority to provide a list of medical marijuana grow sites, but the agency refused, telling the sheriff and prosecutor in an April letter that it is prevented from doing so by statutory confidentiality provisions. The agency could only respond on a case-by-case basis.

The health authority reiterated its position in a statement Thursday, but added it's exploring ways to work more closely with law enforcement to ensure medical marijuana grow sites are operating legally.

"Those locations should be made available to law enforcement," Deschutes County Sheriff Shane Nelson told The Associated Press on Friday in reaction to the report.

The report cited "inadequate funding and staffing resources to meet the demands of robust regulation," as one of its many challenges.

"More than 40,000 Oregonians depend on medical marijuana to treat their qualifying medical conditions," Allen said.

The medical marijuana program also lacks reliable, independent tools to validate

grow site locations, relying on inconsistent county databases, the report said.

Oregon recently began requiring medical marijuana growers of more than a dozen plants to enter a comprehensive seed-to-sale tracking system run by Oregon's recreational marijuana regulatory agency. That agency, the Oregon Liquor Control Commission, is adding around 20 staffers, including inspectors and data analysts, to handle the increased workload, said liquor commission spokesman Mark Pettinger.

The review noted a sharp decline in the number of medical marijuana dispensaries since adult-use recreational shops began opening in January 2017. That month, there were 172; by December 2017 there were only 19 as many medical marijuana businesses switched over to the recreational side.

Those with medical marijuana cards obtained with a physician's statement can buy their products at recreational shops, tax free. Recreational users pay a 17 percent state tax, plus any local add-on taxes.

Deschutes County District Attorney John Hummel commended Allen for commissioning the study.

NEWS OF RECORD

DEATHS

Veryl Waldron: 87, of Halfway, died July 14, 2018. She went peacefully with her family by her side. Services will be scheduled later. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Online condolences may

be made at www.taminspinevalleyfuneralhome.com

FUNERALS PENDING

Henry Benton Matteson: A Celebration of Life service will be at 1 p.m., Wednesday, July 18, at BeeHive Homes of Baker City, 3078 Resort St. To light a candle in memory of Henry, go to www.grayswestco.com

Marcella Dawn Engelhardt: Graveside memorial service, 1 p.m., Saturday, July 21, at Mount Hope Cemetery. To light a candle in honor of Marcella or to leave a condolence for the family, go to www.grayswestco.com

Tina L. Brasel: There will be a private family interment and a Celebration of Life service at 3 p.m. Saturday, July 21, at the Harvest Church, 3720 Birch St. in Baker City. Pastor Brad Phillips will officiate. Coles Tribute Center is in charge of arrangements. To light a candle in memory of Tina, go to www.colestrIBUTEcenter.com

POLICE LOG

Baker City Police
VIOLATION OF RELEASE AGREEMENT (Baker County warrant): Cailan Nicole Sherman, 20, of Baker City, 6:02 p.m. Friday in the 1600 block of Madison Street; jailed; Sherman also was arrested at the jail on a Umatilla County warrant charging her with THEFT II.

BURGLARY I, CRIMINAL MISCHIEF II and MENACING: Joshua Levi Bankston, 19, of 2255 19th St., 12:31 p.m. Saturday, in the 3400 block of A Street; jailed; police said Bankston kicked in the front door of the home of Brenden Mothershed, 20, and hit the victim's Ford pickup truck with a crow bar; damage was estimated at about \$400.

VIOLATION OF RELEASE AGREEMENT (Baker County warrant): Jesse James Corr, 23, of 2620 Third St., 3:18 p.m. Saturday, in the 1500 block of Madison Street; jailed.

HARASSMENT: Samantha Ann Steele, 22, of 2260 Wabash St., 6:26 p.m. Saturday, in the 2200

block of Wabash Street; jailed; police said Steele was charged with harassing Ann Marie Clarke, 54, of Baker City; jailed.

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF INTOXICANTS and RECKLESS ENDANGERING: Michael Steven Myers-Gabiola, 27, of 880 Elm St., Apartment 208, 10:54 p.m. Saturday at Spring Garden Avenue and Oak Street; jailed.

POST-PRISON SUPERVISION VIOLATION (Baker County detainer) and PAROLE VIOLATION (State Parole Board warrant): Paul Adam Heller, 47, transient, 6:02 p.m. Friday, in the 1600 block of Madison Street; jailed.

VIOLATION OF RELEASE AGREEMENT (Baker County warrant): Ayla Rose Hubert, 24, of Baker City, 7:22 p.m. Friday, in the 1600 block of Madison Street; jailed.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT II: Tracy Dedrick, 52, of 2310 Church St., 9:38 p.m. Friday, in the 2200 block of Fourth Street; jailed; police said Dedrick was throwing rocks at cars.

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FRI-THURS: (4:00) 7:00, 9:35

HOTEL TRANSYLVANIA 3: SUMMER VACATION PG
While on a vacation with his family, Count Dracula makes a romantic connection.
FRI-THURS: (4:10) 7:10, 9:40

ANT-MAN & THE WASP PG-13
Ant-Man leads his family fighting alongside The Wasp to save secrets from the past.
FRI-THURS: (3:50) 6:50, 9:30
*No Tix toward Tuesday / Bargain Matinee
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Weekly Specials July 16-22

Monday	All You Can Eat Spaghetti.....	\$8.95
Tuesday	Liver & Onions.....	\$8.95
Wednesday	Smokehouse Maple Chicken.....	\$8.95
Thursday	Chicken Fried Steak.....	\$9.95
Friday	All You Can Eat Mini Shrimp.....	\$9.95
	Steak & Shrimp.....	\$10.95
	Pan Fried Oysters.....	\$10.50
	Prime Rib.....	\$13.95
Saturday	NY Steak.....	\$13.95
	Prime Rib.....	\$13.95
Sunday	Roast Beef.....	\$9.50/8.95 sr

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