

BAKER CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT CITIZENS ON PATROL

Patrol seeking volunteers

By Lisa Britton
For the Baker City Herald

Eddie Richerson joined Citizens on Patrol before she even moved to Baker City.

"Before I got down here, I read on the city's page that they needed volunteers," she said.

That was in 2012 and she's been an active member ever since.

Citizens on Patrol (COP) is a non-paid volunteer program that works with the Baker City Police Department. The group is currently at five members, but is actively recruiting to grow their number to 10 or more.

"We need more people," Richerson said.

The COP work closely with Phoebe Wachtel and Chief Dustin Newman at the Baker City Police Department.

"They want us to have a presence in the community," Richerson said.

On Aug. 7, the Citizens on Patrol will be at Community Night Out in Geiser-Pollman Park to do child identification kits that record a child's thumbprint and a photo. These are not kept on file, but sent home with the parents and can be used in case of a kidnapping or missing child case.

The child ID station will be set up at the COP building located near the park restrooms.

Variety of ways to help

Volunteers with COP can choose to assist in many ways, from foot patrols along the Leo Adler Memorial Parkway to assisting



Submitted photo

Jim White, Dick Pederson, Marc Mansholt at Community Night Out in 2014.

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— **Eddie Richerson, volunteer with Citizens on Patrol**

with the annual Easter Egg Hunt.

Marlene Rogers, who is in her fifth year as a COP, joins Richerson to cover the police department's front desk when Wachtel is out of town.

All Citizens on Patrol are required to work in pairs.

"We always have to go in pairs for security reasons," Rogers said.

While patrolling, the Citizens on Patrol remind people of the city ordinances, such as no smoking in the parks and no skateboards on the sidewalks.

They don't have authority to take action.

"Our job is to observe and call dispatch," Richerson said. "We're there to be a presence, but also to help people."

For instance, at a previous Easter egg hunt in the park, a member of COP helped reunite a parent and child.

Other jobs have included ringing bells for the Salvation Army during the holiday season, serving lunch at elementary schools, and helped Wachtel with car seat clinics and rabies clinics.

In 2013, the COP also helped survey community members who were affected by the cryptosporidium outbreak.

"As much as you want to do, or as little as you want to do," Wachtel said of the time

commitment. "It's a great way to learn a little about law enforcement and help your community."

Requirements to be a Citizen on Patrol include:

- Valid Oregon state drivers license
- Must be a resident of Baker County
- Must pass a background check
- Must have good references

The first step is to submit an application, followed by an interview. Once selected, members will receive training in the duties and responsibilities of being a Citizen on Patrol.

For information, call the police department at 541-524-2014 or stop by the BCPD at 1768 Auburn Ave. Applications are also online at www.bakercity.com.

LOCAL BRIEFING

Blue-green algae warning for Brownlee

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality on Wednesday issued a health advisory for Brownlee Reservoir due to a bloom of toxic blue-green algae, also known as cyanobacteria.

The advisory is for the reservoir from Spring Recreation Site, near Huntington, to Brownlee Dam.

Cyanobacteria blooms occur in waters with high levels of nutrients such as phosphorus and nitrogen. Recent tests indicate that toxins are present in Brownlee Reservoir, according to the Idaho DEQ.

The agency advises the following:

- Humans, pets, and livestock should not drink the reservoir water.
- Humans and animals should stay out of the reservoir. Swimming, wading, or other activities with full body contact of reservoir water should be avoided.
- Fish should be cleaned and rinsed with clean water. Only the fillet portion should be consumed.

Baker School District registration set

Registration for the Baker School District is scheduled during August.

Baker High School, South Baker, Baker Middle School and Brooklyn

- Monday, Aug. 13 — 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Baker High School, 2500 E St.
- Tuesday, Aug. 14 — 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Baker High School

Keating Elementary

- Monday, Aug. 13 — 8 a.m. to noon at the school
- Tuesday, Aug. 14 — 8 a.m. to noon at Baker High School

Haines Elementary

- Monday, Aug. 13 — 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Baker High School
- Tuesday, Aug. 14 — 8 a.m. to noon at Haines Elementary

Eagle Cap Innovative High School

- Monday, Aug. 13 — 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. and noon to 3 p.m. at Baker High School
- Tuesday, Aug. 14 — 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Baker High School

Immunizations

- Please bring your insurance card and immunization records
- Monday, Aug. 13 — 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Baker High School
- Tuesday, Aug. 14 — 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Baker High School

OBITUARIES

Betty Freeman

Formerly of Baker City, 1945-2018

Betty Freeman, 72, a former Baker City resident, died peacefully at her home in Lafayette, Oregon, on July 11, 2018, after a battle with liver cancer.

A celebration of Betty's life will take place on Saturday, Aug. 25 at 11 a.m. at the Payette United Methodist Church, 502 N. 11th St., with a lunch to follow.

Betty was born on Aug. 11, 1945, at Payette, Idaho, to Carl and Elsie Swigart. She met her husband, David, of 52 years, while growing up in Payette. They began dating when they worked together at the Charm Theatre — she sold tickets and worked the snack bar, David ran the projectors. They moved to Caldwell, Idaho, and lived there until David decided to go to school at the University of Idaho.

Betty worked at US National Bank while Dave attended college. They had their first daughter, Jodie, in



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1969. They had their second daughter, Amy, in 1972. After Dave graduated with an accounting degree in 1973 the family moved to Baker City. They lived there for 18 years. While in Baker City, Betty worked for PCA and then at US Bank. In 1989, Betty and Dave bought an accounting firm in John Day, where Betty worked as the office manager.

They lived in John Day for 25 years. Betty's first granddaughter arrived in 1997 with the second coming in 2000. Once Betty and Dave retired in 2015, they moved to Lafayette, Oregon, to be closer to Jodie, Amy and their granddaughters.

Betty was active in Girl Scouts for many years, starting by volunteering for Jodie's and Amy's troops. She continued working with many different troops in Baker City and John Day as well as volunteering for other jobs in the service unit and across the Girl Scout Council. Betty gave a lot of time, energy and love to the girls of Baker and Grant counties.

She made lifelong friends

during her time in Scouting and had many adventures during her time in Scouts. Once in Lafayette, Betty enjoyed going to activities her granddaughters participated in. She also enjoyed camping, fishing with David, crafting, and needlework.

Loved ones surviving her include her husband, David; her daughters, Jodie Kester and Amy Freeman; her granddaughters, Paige and Abbey Kester; her sisters, Carol Wilson and Wanda Newton; and her beloved Norwegian elkhound, Elka. She's also fortunate to have a large family of cousins, brother and sister-in-laws, nieces, nephews and friends.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents, Carl and Elsie Swigart.

Memorial donations can be made to Girl Scouts of Silver Sage Campership Fund in honor of Betty Freeman, Girls Scouts of Silver Sage, 8948 W. Barnes St., Boise, ID 83709. www.girlscouts-ssc.org/en/give/donate.html

Anita Carper

Halfway and Richland, 1937-2018

Anita Sue Doty Carper, 81, died July 23, 2018, at

Payette, Idaho, with her family at her side.

A traditional funeral service to celebrate her life will take place on Saturday, July 28 at 11 a.m. at the Richland Christian Church in Richland. 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 Richland Christian Church.

Anita was born on Jan. 19, 1937, in Carter Nine, Oklahoma.

She married at age 17 to Darrell Carper in La Grande, on Sept. 23, 1954. They were married 49 years, until his passing on Jan. 8, 2004.

Anita lived in Oregon the majority of her life.

She and Darrell had five children: Gene, Debbie, Susan, Shelly and Melody. They raised their family in Halfway and would say that it was "a great place to raise a family."

Anita enjoyed the out-



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door life with her family and many friends. She had several hobbies including gardening, canning and crocheting. She was on a bowling league for many years and was a big part of the VFW ladies auxiliary. Anita did clerical work at Idaho Power and the Baker County Justice Court, along with several other jobs.

Anita is survived by her children: Gene and his wife, Cindy, Debbie Saunders and her husband, Dwight, Susan Clason and her husband, David, Shelly Smith and her husband, Jerry, and Melody Weir and her husband, Mark; her grandchildren: Elisha Suldan, Sierra and Sydney Saunders, Raleigh Coffman, Renae Hansen, Randi Smith, Derek Harlan and Adrian Roach, and Colton, Brandon and Dalton Weir; 25 great-grandchildren; her sister, Lori Jibreen of Colorado Springs, Colorado; her aunt, Vernice Warneke of Portland; and

many nieces and nephews. She loved having her family home for the holidays.

Anita was preceded in death by her husband, Darrell; her grandchildren, Jennifer and Kayla Carper; her parents, Robert Doty and Opal Dix; and her siblings, Norma Doty, Robert Doty, Joseph Austin and Theresa Long.

We love and will miss you, mom, forever and one more day, her family said. The family would like to thank Encompass Home Health Hospice of Fruitland, Idaho, for making her transition smooth and peaceful.

For those who would like to make a memorial donation in honor of Anita, the family suggests dementia/Alzheimer's research or the charity of your choice through Tam's Pine Valley Funeral Home, P.O. Box 543, Halfway, OR 97834. Online condolences may be made at www.tamspinevalleyfuneralhome.com

Celebration of life for Louise Sample



Louise Sample, formerly Louise De Roest, birth name:

Virginia Louise Bohn, died at the age of 78, on July 27, 2017 after a brief illness in Santa Rosa, CA.

She is survived by her son Tony De Roest, and grandsons, Brandon and Sean. Her daughter Christine Gareis, son-in-law Dennis, and grandchildren Brian and Stephanie. Son Curtis De Roest, daughter-in-law Jill, and grandsons Aaron and CJ. Louise was preceded in death by her son Dale De Roest.

We invite you to come share your memories of Louise with her eldest son Tony, daughter Christine and sister Irene. We will be hosting a time of remembrance on Sunday July 29th from 2-4 pm at the Baker City Senior Center at 2810 Cedar St. Light refreshments will be served.



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Book Sale

Sunday, July 29th

12 - 4 PM

\$5 BAG SALE

The Baker High School Class of 1968 would especially like to thank The 41 Club, Big Chief's Barbecue, El Erradero, Scott Sherman Trucking, Bill Harvey Jr. Trucking, Evelyn Spivey, and all of our classmates & friends for making our 50th Class Reunion a huge and happy success!