

# Local

## BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

### WEDNESDAY, AUG. 1

- **Baker County Board of Commissioners:** 9 a.m., Courthouse, 1995 Third St.
- **Baker City Farmers Market:** 3 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., at the Fairgrounds, 2600 East St.

### FRIDAY, AUG. 3

- **Live Music by Keith Taylor:** Ragtime piano, 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., Crossroads, 2020 Auburn Ave.; no charge.
- **First Friday Art Shows:** Baker City art galleries are open late to showcase the month's new artwork; opening times vary between 5:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. at Crossroads Carnegie Art Center, Peterson's Gallery, ShortTerm Gallery and others.

### MONDAY, AUG. 6

- **Haines Fire Protection District Board:** 7 p.m. at the Haines Library.

### WEDNESDAY, AUG. 8

- **Baker City Farmers Market:** 3 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., at the Fairgrounds, 2600 East St.
- **Lower Powder River Irrigation District Board:** 6 p.m. at Barley Brown's, 2190 Main St.

### MONDAY, AUG. 13

- **Medical Springs Rural Fire Protection District Board:** 7 p.m. at the Pondosa Station.

## TURNING BACK THE PAGES

### 50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald July 30, 1968

Baker's Kiwanis are wondering today if it is worth keeping Ebell Park for use by the general public for a picnic area.

The park has been a target for vandals ever since the club first leased the land from Frank Ebell, a rancher, according to Carl Hudson, Kiwanis president.

### 25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald July 30, 1993

Wallowa-Whitman National Forest officials want wildfires to resume their historic role in Northeastern Oregon forests.

Starting next spring, lightning fires that meet several criteria may be allowed to burn in the North Fork John Day Wilderness and most of the Elkhorn Mountains.

### 10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald July 30, 2008

Flood damage has prompted the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest to close, at least until next summer, a dirt road in the Elkhorn Mountains that leads to a rental cabin, a campsite that's popular during hunting seasons and a pair of wilderness hiking trails.

The Peavy Cabin Road washed out this spring when the North Fork of the John Day River, swollen with snowmelt, topped its banks and turned the dirt road into a temporary channel.

### ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald July 31, 2017

Oregon biologists and Idaho Power Company are monitoring what might be the largest dieoff of catfish in Brownlee Reservoir in a dozen years.

Officials don't believe the situation poses a long-term threat to the catfish population in the 53-mile-long reservoir on the Snake River between Oregon and Idaho.

And although neither the virus nor the bacteria that biologists think is the likely culprit in the catfish dieoff poses a health threat to humans, another current problem that involves a small section of Brownlee — the growth of blue-green algae — could.

## OREGON LOTTERY

### MEGABUCKS, July 28

4 - 9 - 19 - 29 - 38 - 46  
Next jackpot: \$4.6 million

### POWERBALL, July 28

22 - 27 - 46 - 56 - 65 PB 13  
Next jackpot: \$187 million

### WIN FOR LIFE, July 28

14 - 17 - 49 - 55

### PICK 4, July 29

• 1 p.m.: 4 - 0 - 8 - 5  
• 4 p.m.: 9 - 9 - 2 - 5  
• 7 p.m.: 3 - 9 - 8 - 6  
• 10 p.m.: 0 - 6 - 8 - 0

### LUCKY LINES, July 29

3-6-12-14-19-23-26-29  
Next jackpot: \$28,000

## SENIOR MENUS

- **TUESDAY:** Salisbury steak, potatoes and gravy, broccoli-blend vegetables, beet-and-onion salad, roll, apple crisp
- **WEDNESDAY:** Chicken cordo bleu with hollandaise, baked potato, mixed vegetables, roll, gelatin with fruit, 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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# THE HAWES FAMILY:

## 2018 Baker County Fair Family of the Year



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Eugene and Christine Hawes have been chosen as the 2018 Fair Family for Baker County.

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Baker County Fair season is a busy time for Eugene and Christine Hawes.

Little wonder, then, that the couple was named Fair Family of the Year for 2018.

The Haweses were honored for their work with the 4-H Leadership Association, Oregon Farm Bureau and Eugene's service as the swine superintendent at the Fair for the past six years.

Between the two of them, Eugene and Christine have also held positions as a youth livestock judge, a rabbit judge, a parent FFA adviser and participated in the FFA tractor contests. Their involvement continues with the Hawes family's presence at the Fair and with other community events.

"I come from a family that's been involved for years," said Eugene, who is the facility operations manager for the Baker City Church of the Nazarene.

A fifth-generation rancher, Eugene grew up on a cattle ranch and ran his own 80 acres for 10 years. There came a point, though, when he either "had to get bigger or get out," he said.

He then started Eugene Hawes Construction and built farm and ranch fences for 14 years.

He said he took the job at the church when he "got tired of talking to fence posts."

Christine, who is the business manager for the Baker County Library, also serves as the treasurer for the Nazarene church, the Oregon Farm Bureau and the Baker County 4-H Association.

The couple, married for 23 years, have four children between them: Jesse, 35; Keeta, 30; Ethan, 26; and Taylor, 21. Jesse, Keeta and Taylor have been involved in 4-H. Now,

*"Ag is our root. You have to get involved if you want to see it continue. When we focus on ourselves, we're not furthering our community. I like to give back."*

— Eugene Hawes

Jesse's children are showing Boer goats and Keeta's oldest daughter is showing pigs.

"She thinks it's cool to be out in the barn with Grandpa," Christine said of her granddaughter, Isabell.

Christine said one of the reasons she gets excited around Fair time is because of the time she and Eugene spend with their grandkids.

"We head to the Fair at zero dark thirty with the kids and they have to muck out the stalls and get set up and they love it," Christine said.

She said that every year during the Fair she and Eugene see kids showing up to get ready at 6 a.m. even though the fair doesn't open until 7.

In addition to his work with the Baker County Fair, Eugene has also helped for the past decade with the Field to Fork program, the annual event for local schools where students learn about how their food is produced.

Eugene talks with students about how crops are harvested, and the technology and equipment that make farms and ranches more efficient.

In talking about his family's commitment to the Fair, Eugene spoke of how kids benefit from raising and showing livestock from a young age. He said the experience teaches kids how to care for animals, and it

instills ethics and leadership skills. They also learn about the risks associated with ranching.

He recalled a year when, five days before a competition, their son's pig came up with a swollen foot after it stepped on a nail. Eugene said his son was disappointed when he had to show his backup pig instead.

"I don't think there's a better way for kids to see what life has in store for them," Eugene said.

He recalled the kids buying their first pig for \$50 although the cost has steadily risen since. He said the family also had up to 18 goats at one point.

Although the Haweses sold their Hereford ranch in 2005, they still keep their passion for the industry alive through their participation in the Fair and other 4-H opportunities.

"When we got married, we thought we were going to be ranchers for the rest of our lives," Christine said. "It's still where our hearts are at."

For Eugene, his involvement with the Baker County Farm Bureau for 28 years in addition to his work with 4-H and the Fair is all part of his commitment to continue the ranching lifestyle.

"Ag is our root," he said. "You have to get involved if you want to see it continue. When we focus on ourselves, we're not furthering our community. I like to give back."

Eugene is also a member of the Baker County Search and Rescue team that handles night security at the Fairgrounds.

His grandparents started the family ranch about 150 years ago. Eugene said he likes to encourage his grandkids to stay involved in agriculture even though some of them live in the Boise metro area. He said the grandkids love to come out and help him with jobs such as changing irrigation lines.

He laughed about a time their granddaughter came inside with mud streaks all over her legs from pig noses when she was trying to move their food.

For Christine, who grew up in Oregon City, the Hereford ranch was quite an adjustment.

"We drove through and I said I'd never live in a place like this," she said.

When Eugene's parents retired and they sold their ranch, Eugene and Christine moved to a farm west of Baker City.

## 2018 Baker County Fair

### 'Pig Tails & Country Trails'

#### bakerfair.com

- Aug. 6-11 (main fair; other events listed below)
- Friends of the Fair dinner and pie auction, Tuesday, July 31, at the Events Center, 2600 East St. Social hour, 6 p.m.; dinner, 7 p.m.; pie auction, 8 p.m. To donate a pie, call 541-523-7881.
- 4-H/FFA Horse Show, Friday and Saturday, Aug. 3 and 4, starting at 8 a.m. at the rodeo arena
- Triple Arrow Cattle Co. Team Roping, Sunday, Aug. 5, 3 p.m. at the rodeo arena
- Watermelon seed spitting contest, Wednesday, Aug. 8, at 3 p.m. at the kids fun zone at Leo Adler Field at East and D streets.
- Family game/movie night, Tuesday, Aug. 7, at 7 p.m.
- Come join us on the grassy area just north of the Events Center, 2600 East St. Popcorn, pop and water will be provided.
- Carnival, Wednesday, Aug. 8, through Friday, Aug. 10, 2 p.m. to 10 p.m., and Saturday, Aug. 11, noon to 10 p.m. in the lot north of the rodeo arena.
- Carl Wendt Memorial bronc riding, Wednesday, Aug. 8 at 6 p.m. at the rodeo arena
- Mabry James Anders Memorial truck/tractor pull, Thursday, Aug. 9, at 7 p.m. at the rodeo arena. This is a new event, and proceeds will go to the Spc. Mabry James Anders Memorial Foundation. This scholarship ensures the further education of high school students from this region. Stock gas and diesel truck class and modified diesel class. Tickets available at the gate only. More information, call 541-379-5174.
- Demolition derby and freestyle motorcycle show, Saturday, Aug. 11, at 7 p.m. at the rodeo arena. Gates open at 5:30 p.m.

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Victoria from Australia, 17 yrs. Enjoys spending time with her family and younger siblings. Victoria plays volleyball and is excited to learn new sports while in America.



Giorgio from Italy, 16 yrs. Loves to play baseball and spend time with his dogs. Giorgio also plays the guitar, and his dream is to join a drama club at his American high school.

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