

# Local

## BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

### MONDAY, SEPT. 10

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

### WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 12

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

### FRIDAY, SEPT. 14

■ **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.

### TUESDAY, SEPT. 18

■ **Elkhorn Community Preparedness:** 5:30 p.m. social hour, 6:30 p.m. meeting; at the Sunridge Inn Restaurant, 1 Sunridge Lane.

### WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 19

■ **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.

### THURSDAY, SEPT. 20

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

■ **Baker School Board:** Meeting rescheduled to Thursday, Sept. 27, at 6 p.m. at City Hall, 1655 First St.

## TURNING BACK THE PAGES

### 50 YEARS AGO

from the Democrat-Herald  
September 10, 1968

After much debate the District 5J School Board Monday evening tabled Elton Cook's request to have the school bus route changed in his area so that it would come almost up to his place.

### 25 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald  
September 10, 1993

A Baker City trio will join 1,997 other cyclists next week on a 450-mile trip through sagebrush hills, across rivers and over mountains from Baker City to Oregon City.

### 10 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald  
September 10, 2008

Despite mule deer populations that dropped due to a long, hard winter and rising cougar numbers, bowhunting season is off to a good start in Baker County, with hunters bagging deer and elk in area hunting units.

### ONE YEAR AGO

from the Baker City Herald  
September 8, 2017

A pair of cloudbursts late Friday afternoon that pummeled slopes scorched during last summer's Rail fire caused flash flooding along the South Fork of the Burnt River about seven miles southwest of Unity, temporarily stranding campers and recreational vehicles and passenger vehicles in the popular recreation area.

No one was hurt, according to the U.S. Forest Service. Firefighting crews from the agency who were stationed in the area to respond to possible lightning-sparked blazes cleared mud, trees and other debris along the South Fork Burnt River Road, which accesses South Fork, Stevens Creek, Elk Creek and Mammoth Springs campgrounds.

Members from the Baker County Sheriff's Office search and rescue team assisted in helping campers evacuate the area.

Lori Schultz, who was camping in the area Friday, posted a video on the Herald's Facebook page showing water flowing across a road, and a photograph of her travel trailer surrounded by mud and water.

## OREGON LOTTERY

### MEGABUCKS, Sept. 8

12 - 14 - 20 - 30 - 41 - 43

Next jackpot: \$6.8 million

### POWERBALL, Sept. 8

3 - 13 - 20 - 32 - 33 PB 21

Next jackpot: \$132 million

### WIN FOR LIFE, Sept. 8

2 - 33 - 59 - 72

### PICK 4, Sept. 9

• 1 p.m.: 0 - 4 - 5 - 9

• 4 p.m.: 8 - 1 - 9 - 3

• 7 p.m.: 7 - 6 - 5 - 1

• 10 p.m.: 3 - 2 - 4 - 8

### LUCKY LINES, Sept. 9

15-11-16-17-22-26-32

Next jackpot: \$21,000

## SENIOR MENUS

■ **TUESDAY:** Pot roast, parslied red potatoes, baby carrots, roll, fruit cup, bread pudding

■ **WEDNESDAY:** Boneless chicken breast with cream gravy, mashed potatoes, tomato green beans, bread, green salad, lemon bar.

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

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## Cycle Oregon Riders Sample Baker County Scenery, History



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Cycle Oregon participants pedaled past various farm and ranch scenes (right), including field irrigation, Sunday morning while riding from Baker City to Halfway. Bikers interested in Oregon or Baker County history also take time to pull over at informational kiosks along their route, including the Lone Pine marker on Flagstaff Hill near the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center.

## Teenager with stolen gun arrested

By Chris Collins

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Police were called to the 1000 block of Elm Street in Baker City just before noon Sunday on a report that a runaway boy from La Grande had a stolen gun and might pose a threat in the community.

Baker City Police Chief

Dustin Newman said that as a safety precaution several blocks of Elm Street were closed for about 30 minutes while police talked with the 17-year-old, who turned himself over to officers without incident.

Newman said the street was closed and multiple officers responded to the house

at 1019 Elm St. as a precaution for the safety of the officers and the public.

"There was a threat that he was going to shoot it out with the cops before he was going to go home," Newman said.

Officers from the Baker City Police Department, Baker County Sheriff's Office

and Oregon State Police responded to the area at about 11:53 a.m.

The boy, who Newman declined to name because of his age, was turned over to the Union County Juvenile Department. He was accused of theft of a .45-caliber semi-automatic handgun in Union County.

## PEDALING

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"It was interesting going across the country after 9/11," Katie said.

In San Francisco, they weren't allowed to ride bikes across the Golden Gate Bridge. Instead, they were shuttled to the other side.

"Security was tight everywhere," Jim said.

Their bike rides have been more frequent in the last decade. In 2008 they rode the Lewis & Clark Trail from Astoria to Missouri. The 2013 adventure included the Underground Railroad starting in Ohio and heading south.

"Mississippi was terrible," Jim said.

When planning a trip, they make use of maps distributed by Adventure Cycling in Missoula, Montana.

"They tell you elevation, what bike shops are out there," Katie said.

Maps are available of bicycle routes around the country. One side features the full trip and the reverse breaks it into 30-mile sections. Jim folds these to tuck inside his bike bag's clear plastic sleeve.

Katie retired from long-distance riding after the Underground Railroad trip. Now she drives Jim's support vehicle, although she still brings her own bicycle to pedal around towns along the way.

"I just enjoy it," she said. "I love the small towns, to go through and see neighborhoods."

Having a vehicle also gives them more flexibility to make side trips that would add at least a day by bicycle.

"Some destinations are only an hour away by car," she said.

### Visiting Baker City

Although Katie's rides are shorter these days, Jim still

logs quite a few miles in the seat. While visiting Baker City, he headed west of town on Pocahontas Road, then east to Haines and back to Baker City on Highway 30.

"That's one of my favorite rides in the country," he said.

On his feet, he said he has trouble balancing and can't stand for long periods of time. That all changes once he's on the bicycle.

"This is the only thing I can do for extended exercise," he said.

His time in the saddle has changed over the years. When they first started these cross-country trips, the couple would log 65 miles a day. Now they average 30 to 40.

They will start on Route 66 on Sept. 12 in Adrian, Texas.

Through all the miles they've logged on bicycles, neither can remember having a close call with a vehicle. The only crash they recall

was when Katie was drafting off Jim's bike and he suddenly slowed down. She didn't notice, and crashed into him.

(There was also the time they walked their tandem bike 11 miles on grooved pavement in Canada, but this seemed like more of an annoyance than disaster.)

They grin as they recount this story, and many others of strangers who invited them to stay and became friends they still see today.

They've been joined by family members along the way, too — a 15-year-old grandson, and also their daughter and her 12-year-old son.

Jim and Katie have seen a lot of the country, and all at the slower pace of a bicycle.

"I like the independence of it," Katie said. "With the bike, it's at your leisure. You go down roads you'd never think of traveling on."

## OBITUARY

### Ricky Leggett

Baker City, 1959-2018

Ricky Dee "Rick" Leggett, 59, of Baker City, died Aug. 2, 2018, at his home.

No service is planned. Rick was born on Sept. 22, 1958, at Enterprise.

He enjoyed camping, fishing, family and friends. He especially loved his

pets. According to his family, he will be remembered for his accepting nature, generous spirit and willingness to help others. He will be missed by all who knew him.

He is survived by one brother, Allen McDaniel of Baker City; two sisters; and numerous



Ricky Leggett

nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Louise Cockran; his father, Ernest Leggett Sr.; brother, Ernest Leggett Jr.; wife, Yvette Leggett; and wife, Michelle Leggett.

Memorial contributions may be made to Best Friends of Baker (animal shelter), P.O. Box 183, Baker City, OR 541-519-7387.

## NEWS OF RECORD

### DEATHS

**Judith Kay Churchill:** 73, of Baker City, died Sept. 3, 2018, at her home. Arrangements are under the direction of Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel. To light a candle in honor of Judith, go to [www.grayswestco.com](http://www.grayswestco.com)

**Mary Lou Anderson:** 89, died Sept. 9, 2018, at her daughter's home in Halfway. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Online condolences may be made at [www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com)

**Vernon Dewayne Powell:** 58, of La Grande, died Sept. 5, 2018, at Grande Ronde Hospital. His funeral will be Friday, Sept. 14 at 10 a.m. at Loveland Funeral Chapel, 1508 Fourth St. in La Grande. Casual dress is preferred by the family. A full obituary will be published later. Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory is in charge of arrangements.

### FUNERALS PENDING

**Hazel Emery:** There will be a celebration of Hazel's life at

4 p.m., Friday, Sept. 21, at the VFW Memorial Club, 2005 Valley Ave., in Baker City. There will be continued celebration and dancing to Frank Carlson from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Interment will be the following day, Saturday, Sept. 22, at 11 a.m. MST at the Emmett Cemetery in Emmett, Idaho. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. On line condolences may be made at [www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com)

**Perry "PT" Yowell:** There will be a graveside service with military honors at 1 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 23, at Pine Haven Cemetery in Halfway. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Online condolences may be made at [www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com)

**Olen Ragsdale:** There will be a memorial service at 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 28, at the Baker United Methodist Church, 1919 Second St., in Baker City. Interment will follow the service at Mount Hope Cemetery. Friends are invited to join the family

for a reception afterward at the Baker Elks Lodge, 1896 Second St. On line condolences may be made at [www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com)

### POLICE LOG

#### Baker City Police Arrests, citations

**DISORDERLY CONDUCT and HARASSMENT (Two counts):** Marshal Dyllan Rapien, 22, of 2920 Elm St., 1:49 p.m. Sunday, at Geiser-Pollman Park; jailed.

**DISORDERLY CONDUCT:** Justin Lee Harding, 35, of 820 Campbell St., 11:26 p.m. Sunday, in the 500 block of Broadway Street; jailed.

**POSSESSION OF METHAMPHETAMINE:** Kaylynn Marie Butler, 27, of Nampa, Idaho; and Phillip James Butler, 29, of Meridian, Idaho, 3:17 a.m. today, in the 100 block of Bridge Street; jailed and later released on bail.

**POST-PRISON SUPERVISION VIOLATION (Parole and Probation detainer):** Andrew Levi Myers, 40, of 1011 Walnut St., 12:50 p.m. Saturday, at his home; jailed.

#### Baker County Sheriff's Office

**Arrests, citations**  
**DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF INTOXICANTS, RECKLESS DRIVING, RECKLESS ENDANGERING and ASSAULT III:** Robert Scott Eber, 26, of 31372 Highway 86, 12:19 a.m. Saturday on Sparta Lane near Richland; jailed; Eber was arrested after investigation of a crash in which Eber's Subaru passenger car overturned and struck a power pole, knocking power lines to the ground. Iris Southwood, 24, of Brookings, a passenger in the car, suffered severe injuries to her left leg and leg arm, a Sheriff's Department press release stated. She was flown by Life Flight to a Boise-area hospital. More information about her condition was not available in time for this report.

Eber was not seriously injured.

**DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF INTOXICANTS:** Karen Ruth Echelbarger, 61, of Richland, 9:38 p.m. Saturday, on Highway 86, about 20 miles east of Baker City; jailed and later released on bail.