

# Local

## BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

### 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.

### THURSDAY, SEPT. 27

■ **Baker School Board:** 6 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall, 1655 First St.

## TURNING BACK THE PAGES

### 50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald September 13, 1968

Blinking in the bright Oregon sunlight, Ed Sullivan of CBS-TV arrived at the Baker Airport yesterday morning from Santa Monica to visit Paramount's movie site near here.

### 25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald September 13, 1993

Morris Carter has endured a kaleidoscope of weather since he left Independence, Mo., May 2 in charge of five wagons.

Wagon master of the Historic Trails Expedition Wagon Train — the only one to travel all 2,100 miles of the Oregon Trail during the route's 150th anniversary this year — Carter, of Casper, Wyo., figures to be snowed on before he reaches Independence, Ore., in mid-October.

### 10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald September 12, 2008

Area political leaders, police, firefighters and the Oregon Honor Guard took time Thursday to remember the Sept. 11 attacks and to say thank you to the people who protect Americans at home and abroad.

About 35 people, many in dress uniforms, attended a solemn 25-minute ceremony at the Baker City National Guard Armory.

### ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald September 13, 2017

Baker City councilors tabled their discussion Tuesday about whether to accept a \$426,000 federal grant to hire three firefighter/paramedics for three years.

The City has until Nov. 1 to decide on the grant after City Manager Fred Warner Jr. received a one-month extension from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), which administers the grant.

If the City Council accepts the grant, the city would have to raise about \$265,000 as a match. The amounts would be smaller the first two years.

During those years, Warner told councilors, the fire department's savings in overtime costs due to the three new employees would cover the grant match.

## OREGON LOTTERY

### MEGABUCKS, Sept. 10

15 — 16 — 17 — 19 — 36 — 45  
Next jackpot: \$6.9 million

### PICK 4, Sept. 11

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

### WIN FOR LIFE, Sept. 10

13 — 19 — 51 — 65

### LUCKY LINES, Sept. 11

16-12-14-17-23-27-31  
Next jackpot: \$23,000

## SENIOR MENUS

■ **THURSDAY:** Senior Center closed for an all-staff meeting. There will be no lunch served and Meals on Wheels will not be delivered.

■ **FRIDAY:** Taco salad (beef, lettuce, tomato, onion, cheese, chips, salsa and sour cream), fruit cup, cake

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 others.

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# BTI heavy equipment course starting

Baker Technical Institute will be offering a three-month-long "Heavy Equipment Operator Training — Comprehensive Course" beginning Sept. 17.

Classes will meet from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays through Dec. 19. The cost is \$4,500.

BTI is located in the northwest wing of Baker High School at 2500 E St. The entrance is on the back side

of the building off Ninth and G streets.

A couple of openings still remain in the class, Tammy Pierce, BTI program coordinator, stated in an email to the Herald.

In addition to the hands-on training, students benefit from a low student/teacher ratio and will learn career readiness skills including job searching, interviewing and resume building through the Future Center at Baker High

School, Pierce said.

To register, go to [bakerti.org/technical-training/](http://bakerti.org/technical-training/) and click on Heavy Equipment Operator School or call Pierce at 541-524-2651 for more information.

The 220 hours of training is designed for beginning to experienced heavy equipment operators who want to enroll in a comprehensive training course on graders, dozers, excavators and wheel loaders, a press release an-

nouncing the course stated.

Experience hours on the equipment will take place at BTI's land lab or at job sites that are working with the BTI instructors to refine what students have learned on the simulators.

Upon completion of the course, operators will receive a certificate that shows their proficiency through a five-level scale ranging from beginner to master.

## COUNCIL

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City Manager Fred Warner Jr. said the Rienkes' complaint influenced his decision to have councilors on Tuesday approve the minutes from 10 previous meetings.

Those meeting dates are: Jan. 9, Feb. 27, March 6, April 3, May 9, June 26, July 10, July 24, Aug. 14 and Aug. 28.

Smith said that in the future the minutes will be ready for approval by the

next meeting, unless there are extenuating circumstances such as her missing work due to illness.

Although councilors had not approved the minutes from those 10 meetings, draft versions of the minutes were available, on request, at City Hall soon after each meeting, Warner said.

The draft minutes were not posted on the city's website, however.

To catch up on the minutes from the 10 meetings, Smith said she devoted Sept. 5-7 to

proofing those, then came in over the weekend to work on HR duties.

Oregon's public meetings law doesn't specify how frequently minutes must be approved by a city council, although the law states that minutes must be available to the public "within a reasonable time after the meeting."

In other business Tuesday, the Council voted to have an Economic Opportunity Analysis done for the city.

The analysis will be funded from a state grant

and won't require the city to provide matching funds or manage any money. The grant was accepted by the Baker County commissioners last week which enabled cities in the county to decide to opt into the program.

Councilors also appointed Molly Wilson to the final open position on the Public Arts Commission. Wilson will serve until April 2021.

Councilors also passed a resolution expressing support for America's national parks.

## TAXI

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Risk said that day after he received his permit, a third company, A-1, was approved to also operate within the city limits, joining Elkhorn Cab and Baker Cab Co.

Warner says that he never told Risk that the city has a limit on the number of taxi companies.

A 1992 city ordinance allows one taxi vehicle per 1,500 residents, but it does not limit the number of separate busi-

nesses. Each taxi company has to receive a separate permit, including the number of vehicles it plans to use, which is how the city enforces the limit on the number of taxi cabs.

That ordinance hasn't been changed recently, Warner said.

Risk also contends that he was the victim of what he calls a "sting" operation that resulted in a \$500 fine.

Risk had been approved by Warner and the Baker City Police Department to provide free rides to citizens in May. At

the time there was only one other cab company operating in town.

Risk says these rides were free, but Police Chief Dustin Newman said his department received "numerous complaints" from citizens about Risk demanding money from passengers.

The Police Department then assigned an officer, who wasn't in uniform, to request a ride as a compliance check. After Risk requested a donation, the city issued him a \$500 fine, the base amount for

city ordinance violations.

Risk says he argued the citation in court. He said it was dismissed but then reissued the next day.

Since then the city and police haven't had any issue with Risk.

Elkhorn Cab is a company run on faith, Risk said.

He said he has lost much of his savings from running the company.

"There is plenty of business to go around," said Warner about the taxi industry in Baker City.

## OBITUARY

### Vernon Powell

Formerly of Baker City, 1960-2018

Vernon Dewayne Powell, 58, of La Grande, a former Baker City resident, died Sept. 5, 2018, at Grande Ronde Hospital.

His funeral will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Loveland Funeral Chapel, 1508 Fourth St. in La Grande. Casual dress is preferred by the family.

Vernon was born on March 20, 1960, at Baker City to Carl and Nita (Howland) Powell. Vernon traveled the world with his



Vernon Powell

father in the Army, to Germany, Italy, and Colorado.

He attended elementary school in Baker and military posts, middle school in Germany where he played football and graduated from high school in Vicenza, Italy.

Vernon was employed with Gunnels Logging and Gilmore Logging. After high school, he flew in helicopters to the top of the Rocky Mountains to pour cement footings for new high-voltage towers. He loved to fish and to explore old Indian grounds.

Survivors include his children, Carl Powell II of Vancouver, Washington, Cory Powell of Vancouver, Washing-

ton, Wayne Barnes of La Grande, Lee Anne Barnes of La Grande, and Rikki RaeAnna Abercrombie of Garibaldi; parents, Carl and Nita Powell; sister, LaDonna Blogg (Jarred) of La Grande; grandchild, Calie Rose Powell; and nephews, Bailey, Reese and Hayden Blogg; 12 maternal aunts and uncles and two paternal aunts.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Carl C. Powell; daughter, Genevieve L. Powell; grandparents, Carl and Zelda Powell, and grandparents, James and Loren Howland.

Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.lovelfundfuneralchapel.com](http://www.lovelfundfuneralchapel.com).

## NEWS OF RECORD

### DEATHS

**Mary Thompson:** 80, of Baker City, died Sept. 10, 2018, at her home with her family by her side. Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home and Cremation Services is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made at [www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com)

### 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)

### POLICE LOG

**Baker City Police Arrests, citations**  
**POST-PRISON SUPERVISION VIOLATION** (Parole and Probation detainer), DISORDERLY CONDUCT II and HARASSMENT (two counts): Juan Pablo Burgos, 58, of 1240 Place St., 4:28 p.m. Tuesday, in the 1500 block of Campbell Street; jailed.  
**FELON IN POSSESSION OF A FIREARM** (Baker County Circuit Court warrant): Carol Dianne Srack, 61, of 2199 18th St., 7:36 p.m. Tuesday, at her home; cited and released.  
**PROBATION VIOLATION** (Crook County warrant): Zachary Joseph Pieretti, 26, of Prineville, 7:47 p.m. Tuesday, at Sixth and Carter streets; jailed.

### Baker County Sheriff's Office

**Arrests, citations**  
**PROBATION VIOLATION** (Baker County warrant): Eric Wayne Sherman, 41, of 2630 Resort St., 11:42 a.m. Tuesday, at the sheriff's office; jailed.  
**HARASSMENT** (Two counts): Fabian Rene Dilulo, 58, transient, 12:11 p.m. Tuesday, at Huntington; jailed.



Week of September 3rd

Doug Schimke

Missed 0

Wins \$25

Lyle Laeger

Missed 1

Wins \$15

Pat Guymon

Missed 2, beat tiebreaker

Wins \$10

Tie-Breaker:

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