

Local

BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

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

■ **Baker Web Academy and Baker Early College Governing Board:** 5 p.m., at the North Baker Campus, 2725 Seventh St.

■ **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 a new location for the rest of the season: the Court Street Plaza, between Main and Resort streets; to celebrate the move, the market has planned special events, including its annual Salsa Contest and Taco Feed, sponsored by D&J Taco, music from The Powder Rhythm Band, and a berry giveaway to the first 100 customers.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 20

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

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald September 14, 1968

The visiting Gov. Naif Hadeed of the state of Karak, Jordan, was honored yesterday noon at the Baker Hotel at a luncheon with city and county officials. The gathering saw some 75 business and professional men attending to pay their respects to the Arab official.

After the meal, the governor was greeted by city mayor Ralph McNeil and later introduced by his U.S. State Department interpreter Qais Al-Sharbat.

25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald September 14, 1993

With the exception of a windy first day, Cycle Oregon VI is progressing nicely, Rand Racey reported Monday afternoon from Ukiah. Racey is one of three Baker City residents riding in the 450-mile, seven-day tour from Baker City to Oregon City.

Chuck Rouse and Anne Kramer are the others.

10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald September 14, 2008

John Kroger's got only minor party opposition for Oregon attorney general this fall — he won the Democratic nomination and even captured the write-in nod on the GOP side of the ballot during the May primary.

Former Oregon Senate Majority Leader Kate Brown has drawn as her opponent former television reporter and anchor Rick Dancer, who's never held office, as she seeks the job of Oregon secretary of state.

ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald September 14, 2017

Jobs and development are coming to northern Malheur County.

But just across the Baker County line, Huntington stands to share in the economic boost next year as the truck stop at Farewell Bend, closed since May 2011, is slated to re-open under new ownership.

Joseph Alee, who owns 42 gas stations and four truck stops in Georgia and other southeastern states, plans to rebuild the travel plaza at Farewell Bend, adjacent to Interstate 84 about four miles southeast of Huntington.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, Sept. 12

6-13-16-31-32-45

Next jackpot: \$7 million

POWERBALL, Sept. 12

6-28-48-63-64 PB 24

Next jackpot: \$147 million

WIN FOR LIFE, Sept. 12

10-24-40-63

PICK 4, Sept. 13

• 1 p.m.: 2-4-6-7

• 4 p.m.: 6-6-9-9

• 7 p.m.: 4-5-9-7

• 10 p.m.: 4-7-0-8

LUCKY LINES, Sept. 13

28-12-13-17-21-25-30

Next jackpot: \$25,000

SENIOR MENUS

- **MONDAY:** Meatloaf, potatoes and gravy, broccoli-blend vegetables, biscuit, fruit cup, cheesecake
- **TUESDAY:** Breaded pork loin, baked potato, green beans, roll, pasta salad, brownie

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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Baker City man killed by one of his dogs

A Baker City man died from a dog bite to his neck, District Attorney Matt Shirtcliff said in a press release today.

Mitchelle Dean Segerdahl, 53, of 2251 Mitchell Ave., was found dead in his home on

Sept. 9.

Police found six pit bull dogs in the home, two of which were dead. Officials said all the dogs belonged to Segerdahl.

"Evidence at the scene indicated that Mr. Segerdahl

may have been attempting to break up a fight between the dogs when he received a fatal dog bite," according to the press release. "The four remaining dogs were impounded by the Baker City Police Department and have

been euthanized."

Shirtcliff said it appeared that the two dead dogs died as a result of the fight.

It's not clear when the incident happened, but police said friends hadn't seen Segerdahl since Sept. 6.

MUSEUM

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The momentum from the previous fiscal year continued into July, the first month of the new fiscal year.

Museum attendance in July was 1,463, more than double the July 2017 total of 654.

August's attendance was down from the previous year, 1,260 compared with 1,821. Annable attributes that trend to the large number of people who came to Baker County in August 2017 to watch the total solar eclipse on Aug. 21.

This was the first time that the museum has planned events themed around exhibits. The museum plans to continue the "Paint Your Wagon" events next year — the 50th anniversary of the film's theatrical release — and to schedule special events related to the next central exhibit.

The museum's central exhibit changes every two years.

2020 marks the 100th anniversary of the building that houses the museum.

Throughout its history the building has been used for a number of things, including a community swimming pool — the natatorium — a fire station, a host of 4-H shows and even a wedding venue.

Annable said the "Paint Your Wagon" exhibit isn't the only reason for the successful year for the museum.

Annable, who has worked as the museum director for about a year and a half, has been working to increase engagement between the museum and members of the community, specifically children. Of the 9,300 people who visited the museum the past fiscal year, 1,848 were 12 or younger, an increase of 1,566

the previous year.

"For the last couple years we have been trying to focus on kids in the community," said Annable.

The museum's displays of rocks, minerals and fossils — the Cavin-Warfel and Wyatt Family collections — are among the more popular exhibits with younger visitors, Annable said.

"All I want is for kids to see the museum as a fun and interesting place, and the rock collection tends to do that," she said.

The museum has had a partnership with Summer Academy for the past three years, which brought about 200 kids to the museum every year. The museum also has its own summer camp.

"Kids will come back in the weekends afterwards bringing their grandparents and their parents and wanting to show them what they'd learned at the museum," Annable said.

Annable, 27, has plans to expand the exhibits at the museum that interests kids and families. In the next year, she hopes to have Sunday Family Days where kids can participate in activities such as arts and crafts or scavenger hunts.

"There is a wealth of opportunities of things that we can do that will get these families and these kids routinely coming back to the museum and feeling more connected to the history of their area," Annable said.

This year the price of attendance increased due to the rising cost of utilities for the museum.

The revenue for the museum gift shop increased by 15 percent over the previous fiscal year. A key part of this has been that items in the gift shop are

SOLAR

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The first project, on 23 acres about two miles north of Unity, would generate about 2.75 megawatts of power.

The county approved the project in May 2017, and Enerpac has until May 2019 to start construction or request an extension.

A larger project, proposed earlier this year on 86 acres near Sutton Creek Road, about six miles southeast of Baker City, would generate 15 megawatts.

Savage said the Oregon pilot program allows solar farm owners to forego the normal property tax system and instead pay the county \$7,000 per megawatt of output. The program extends for up to 20 years, but Savage told commissioners that after a certain period it would be cheaper for companies to start paying property

taxes.

If a company participating in the program refused to pay for over a year, it would be charged the full tax cost for the upcoming year as well as the cost of one year for the pilot program, Savage said.

Wind farms

There are two wind farms operating in the county, all approved before 2014. The projects range in capacity from 10 to 30 megawatts.

DeShaw Investments owns one of the projects, which consists of two groups of wind turbines on private land near Huntington.

DeShaw is appealing its assessed property value, on which its property tax bill is based. The company is

asking that the wind farm be considered five different projects.

Savage told commissioners that while the appeal is pending, he plans to use a deferral for the company's property tax bill, which was \$965,000 for the 2017-18 tax year, and is estimated at \$946,000 for the current tax year.

Although Savage doesn't need commissioners' approval for the deferral, all three agreed with his decision.

Although DeShaw will be billed for its property taxes, the county will set aside half the money it collects, rather than include it in the county's budget, in case the appeal results in a reduction in the company's tax bill, Savage said.

NEWS OF RECORD

DEATHS

Mitchelle Dean Segerdahl: 53, died on Sept. 9, 2018, at his home in Baker City. Arrangements are under the direction of Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel. To light a candle for Mitchell, go to www.gray-swestco.com

FUNERAL 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

Perry "P.T." 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

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

POLICE LOG

Baker City Police Arrests, citations
POSSESSION OF METHAMPHETAMINE: Sharon Lee Beck, 32, 1660 Church St., 12:31 a.m. Thursday at East and Madison streets; cited and released.

ELTRYM THEATER

SEPTEMBER 14-20

THE PREDATOR.

When the rescue's most lethal hunter returns to Earth, only a single law of evolution and a dogged science teacher can save the human race.
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SUN: (4-10) 7:10 MON-THURS: 7:10

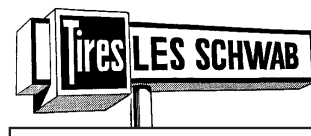
OPERATION FINALE

A team of secret agents set out to track down the Nazi officer who masterminded the Holocaust.
FRI & SAT: (4-10) 7:00, 9:35
SUN: (4-10) 7:20 MON-THURS: 7:20

THE NUN

When a priest confronts a murder case in the form of a demonic nun.
FRI & SAT: (4-10) 7:20, 9:45
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