

# Local

## BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

### WEDNESDAY, OCT. 10

- **Baker City Farmers Market:** 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., at the Court Avenue Plaza between Main and Resort streets.
- **Lower Powder River Irrigation District Board:** 6 p.m. at Barley Brown's, 2190 Main St.

### FRIDAY, OCT. 12

- **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.

### WEDNESDAY, OCT. 17

- **Baker County Board of Commissioners:** 9 a.m., Courthouse, 1995 Third St.
- **Baker City Farmers Market:** 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., at the Court Avenue Plaza between Main and Resort streets.

### THURSDAY, OCT. 18

- **Baker Rural Fire Protection District Board:** 5:30 p.m. at the Pochontas Fire Station.
- **Baker School Board:** 6 p.m., City Council chambers at City Hall, 1655 First St.

### TUESDAY, OCT. 23

- **Baker City Council:** 7 p.m., City Hall, 1655 First St.

### WEDNESDAY, OCT. 24

- **Baker City Farmers Market:** Last market of the season, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., at the Court Avenue Plaza.

## TURNING BACK THE PAGES

### 50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald Oct. 9, 1968

This is an excerpt of a letter, accompanied by photos, written by Democrat-Herald managing editor Thomas J. Morrow to the cast and crew of Paramount Pictures as they prepared to leave Baker County.

"It is probably safe to say these last few months have been the most interesting and exciting Baker County has witnessed since the days of the gold rush. As residents of a relatively isolated area, we have learned a great deal from you ... We want you to know there is a great deal of pride among us in being able to say 'Paint Your Wagon,' was filmed here."

### 25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald Oct. 11, 1993

Resort Street between Washington and Court avenues will be closed for two days starting Tuesday as the new owners of the Geiser Grand Hotel begin working the building's crumbling eastern wall.

Workers from Sidway Investment Corp., which bought the 1889 hotel in August will be examining the wall and starting stabilization work.

### 10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald Oct. 13, 2008

The Eastern Oregon Rural Drug Task Force has received a \$94,500 grant from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant program.

The Task Force includes law enforcement professionals from Baker, Grant, Harney, Malheur, Morrow, Umatilla, Union and Wallowa counties.

### ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald Oct. 11, 2017

Baker City Manager Fred Warner Jr. said Tuesday that the city might need to stop sending ambulances to some areas outside the city if it isn't able to accept a three-year federal grant that would help the city hire three new firefighter/paramedics.

The City Council discussed the grant Tuesday night. Councilors have to decide by Oct. 31 whether to accept the grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

## OREGON LOTTERY

**MEGABUCKS, Oct. 8**  
23 - 34 - 36 - 42 - 44 - 47  
Next jackpot: \$8.1 million

**PICK 4, Oct. 9**  
• 1 p.m.: 3 - 4 - 2 - 1  
• 4 p.m.: 1 - 7 - 3 - 2  
• 7 p.m.: 8 - 4 - 0 - 5  
• 10 p.m.: 5 - 4 - 0 - 8

**WIN FOR LIFE, Oct. 8**  
12 - 25 - 66 - 75

**LUCKY LINES, Oct. 9**  
1-6-9-13-20-24-25-29  
Next jackpot: \$51,000

## SENIOR MENUS

- **THURSDAY:** Parmesan chicken, baked potato, corn, bread, carrot-raisin salad, cinnamon roll
- **FRIDAY:** Baked cod, cup of clam chowder, mixed veggies, roll, coleslaw, strawberry cheesecake

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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# 5J interpreter honored in D.C.

In September, Ma'Lena Wirth of Baker City spent five days in Washington, D.C., as a guest of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute and received recognition for serving and empowering the Latino community.

"(The Institute) is an organization that brings together Latinos and Latinas of all backgrounds," Wirth stated in a Baker School District press release about her trip.

Wirth is an interpreter and translator for the District who works with ESL (English as a Second Language) students and families.

Wirth was selected by the Oregon School Employees Association (OSEA) and American Federation of Teachers (AFT) as an ambassador speaking on behalf of educational issues for the Hispanic population, the

press release stated.

She has attended numerous national conferences in the past, but had always been a participant, providing testimony on panels. This time was different.

"This time, I was a guest. It was a beautiful event. It was celebratory, and I feel honored to be among all those dignitaries," she said.

Wirth was honored to sit near civil rights activist Dolores Huerta, "a woman who fought for migrant workers rights."

"My father marched with her," she said.

During her time in Washington, D.C., Wirth attended the Hispanic Heritage Awards at the Kennedy Center. Footage of



Wirth

the awards aired on Oregon Public Broadcasting in late September.

"I was six seats, stage left, with all these famous people," Wirth said.

She participated in conference workshops, such as discussing election issues with executives from Google, Twitter and Facebook. She also talked about the 2020 census with a top executive from the Census Bureau.

"We dealt with a lot of policy issues, but there was a lot of celebrating successes," she said. "It was very moving, very powerful, to be celebrated for what is going well. I ended up being a resource for people in other states."

Wirth has long been involved in educational issues at the state and national level. She is vice president of OSEA, and served a two-year term as president of

the American Association of Classified School Employees (AACSE), a national organization representing about 250,000 classified school employees in 48 states.

Four years ago she was a delegate for an International Union Conference in Argentina to assist in building a charter for the different countries represented. She is currently on the board of directors for CAUSA, the largest immigration reform group in the Northwest, and serves on Civil and Human Rights committees at the national and state level.

Other honors include the Child Welfare and Community Service Helping Hand award from AFT for the bread collection drive she started in 2015, and being named OSEA Employee of the Year in 2012.

## OBITUARIES

### 'Bucky' Wirth

Medical Springs, 1933-2018

Bucky Wirth, 85, of Medical Springs, died Oct. 6, 2018, at his home.

He requested no services and will be buried in the Big Creek Cemetery close to their home.



Bucky Wirth

He was born on May 24, 1933, at Portland to his parents, Paul Kreger and Glenola Wanker Kreger. He was named Paul

Frederick Kreger. A sister, Janice, was born two years later.

His folks divorced and his mom moved back to Medical Springs with the two little ones. They lived with her folks, Bob and Zena Wanker. That's when his four aunts gave him the nickname, Bucky, which stuck all his life.

He grew up on a ranch and had a fun childhood, including crawling up on the corral fence and jumping on the work horses to ride when he could. He had lots of cousins to play with too. Aunt Hazel liked to fish so she took him fishing.

When Bucky was 9 years old in 1942, his mom remar-

ried to George Wirth. Bucky's name was changed to Robert Wanker Wirth, but he still went by Bucky.

He attended grade school at Pondosa, except for seventh grade at Blue Mountain School. He went to Baker High School, graduating in 1951.

He married Mary Lou Dolby on Nov. 15, 1952. They had three children; John, Jim and Vickie.

Bucky worked in the woods setting chokers for Collins Pondosa Lumber Co. for several years and drove cat skidding logs. They then went in partners with his folks on the ranch at Big Creek raising Hereford cattle. They moved to the adjoining ranch on April 22, 1958.

They bought out his folks eventually, buying lots of parcels of land for a total of over 5,000 acres.

He continued to love the outdoors, fishing and hunting, sharing and teaching those skills to family members.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Lou, and children, John (Janice) Wirth and Jim (Lori) Wirth, all of Medical Springs, and Vickie (Cal) Foster of Bowen Valley; grandchildren, Joey Wirth

of Caldwell, Idaho, Jackie Wirth, Jason (Mandy) Wirth, Angie (David) Hays and Kim (Corey) Jonas, all of Medical Springs, and Dan (Tanna) Ferree of Bowen Valley; 13 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild; half-brother, Bill (Anita) Wirth of Pendleton; a half-sister, Georgene Wirth of Baker City; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and close friends.

The family expressed a special thanks to Heart 'n' Home Hospice for their care during his last days.

Memorial contributions may be made to Baker County Livestock Producers Foundation through Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814.

### Colleen Crow

Halfway, 1937-2018

Colleen Crow, 81, of Halfway, died Sept. 30, 2018, at her son's home in Halfway.

A celebration of her life and memorial service will take place Saturday, Oct. 13 at 11 a.m. at the Pine Valley Presbyterian Church in Halfway.



Colleen Crow

Colleen was born on Aug. 21, 1937, at Spokane, Washington, to parents Ralph and Vera (Jay) Anderson. She was raised in Ione, Washington, graduating high school in 1954 at the age of 16. Colleen went on to attend Eastern Oregon College.

She met Marion Crow at the Stockmen's Bar & Cafe in Halfway. They married on Jan. 24, 1959, at Weiser, Idaho and honeymooned at sheep camp in Baker. They lived in Halfway, Imbler, La Grande and returned to Halfway in 1979 to stay.

Colleen was always a very hard worker. She worked at the nursing home at Hot Lake in La Grande and spent many years working as a waitress or cook in local restaurants. She had an

entrepreneurial spirit that inspired her to have her own craft store in Union and own her own restaurant, The Pioneer Café in Halfway. Colleen was also a camp host for Fish Lake Campground and at Yellowstone National Park.

Colleen enjoyed picnics in the mountains and on the river, especially on Easter (no matter the weather). Colleen loved to read mystery novels, baking, painting, canning, sewing and crocheting, camping, fishing and taking care of family. She loved having her family around and especially enjoyed the visits from the grandkids and great-grandkids. Colleen was also a preschool teacher and a foster parent and she always put others before herself.

Colleen is survived by her sons, Terry and his wife, Noel Sitkoff of Halfway, Rick and his wife, Renee, of Prosser, Washington; her daughter, Michelle Letchworth of Halfway; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren; her great-great-granddaughter, Hope; her sister, Kathy, and her husband, Harold Rosenthal of Pahrump, Nevada; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Marion; her brothers, Larry and Teddy Blair; her grandson, Terry Wayne Sitkoff Jr.; her son-in-law, Norman Letchworth; and her nephew, Travis Crow.

The family would like to give a special thank you to Heart 'N Home for their wonderful care.

For those who would like to make a memorial donation in honor of Colleen the family suggests the Pine Valley Cemetery Beautification Fund through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home and Cremation Services, P.O. Box 543, Halfway, OR 97834. Online condolences can be made at [www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com)

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Week of October 1st

Scott Martin

Missed 5

Wins \$25

Monty White

Missed 7

Wins \$15

Karen Petersen

Missed 8, beat tiebreaker

Wins \$10

Tie-Breaker:  
Washington 19 @ New Orleans 43

CONGRATULATIONS

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## ELTRYM THEATER

MOVIE TIMES OCTOBER 5-11

**A STAR IS BORN R** A musician helps a young singer find fame, even as age and alcoholism threaten his own career.  
FRI & SAT: (3:45) 6:45, 9:35  
SUN: (3:45) 6:45 MON-THURS: 6:45

**VENOM PG-13** Eddie Brock acquires the powers of a symbiote, and must release his alter-ego "Venom" to save his life.  
FRI & SAT: (4:00) 7:00, 9:40  
SUN: (4:00) 7:00 MON-THURS: 7:00

**SMALL FOOT PG** A Yeti is convinced that the elusive creatures known as "humans" really do exist.  
FRI & SAT: (4:10) 7:10, 9:45  
SUN: (4:00) 7:10 MON-THURS: 7:10

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