

# Local

## BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

### WEDNESDAY, OCT. 17

■ **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 Pocahontas Fire Station.

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

### FRIDAY, OCT. 19

■ **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, 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 between Main and Resort streets.

### FRIDAY, NOV. 2

■ **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, Broderick's Gallery and others.

## TURNING BACK THE PAGES

### 50 YEARS AGO

from the Democrat-Herald  
Oct. 17, 1968

"The cornerstone of the United States rests upon the shoulders of local school board members," Dale Parnell, superintendent of schools, told the Baker County School Board Association Wednesday evening in the Shangrila Room.

"Work of a local school board member is the most important contribution a person can make to the country outside of serving in the Armed Services," he said.

### 25 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald  
Oct. 18, 1993

Oregonians will be able to put pioneer spirit on their vehicles beginning Nov. 4 when Oregon Driver and Motor Vehicles Services begins issuing Oregon Trail commemorative license plates.

The first plates will be issued during a ceremony at the Baker City DMV office. The time of the ceremony has not been announced.

### 10 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald  
Oct. 16, 2008

Barbara Sidway of Baker City is stepping down as president of the Board of Oregon 150, the group commemorating the sesquicentennial of Oregon Statehood.

But her good friend Mary Oberst, Oregon's first lady has agreed to replace her.

"I've been honored and privileged to serve, but it's been a great deal of work and there are other responsibilities I need to discharge," said Sidway, who together with her husband Dwight, owns the Geiser Grand Hotel.

### ONE YEAR AGO

from the Baker City Herald  
Oct. 18, 2017

The seven-member Oregon Supreme Court took center stage in the Baker High School auditorium Tuesday morning.

While they were on the stage, the court was not play acting, but conducting real-life reviews of cases referred to the higher court from earlier decisions rendered by the Oregon Court of Appeals.

## OREGON LOTTERY

### MEGABUCKS, Oct. 15

2 - 3 - 17 - 19 - 23 - 38  
Next jackpot: \$8.4 million

### PICK 4, Oct. 16

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

### WIN FOR LIFE, Oct. 15

3 - 30 - 36 - 37

### LUCKY LINES, Oct. 16

3-6-10-16-18-22-27-30  
Next jackpot: \$11,000

## SENIOR MENUS

- **WEDNESDAY:** Crispy ranch boneless chicken breast, rice and gravy, baby carrots, beat, gelatin with fruit, apple crisp
- **THURSDAY:** Barbecued ribs, au gratin potatoes, pea-and-onion salad, roll, pudding

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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# Students embrace Challenge Day

By Chris Collins

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Emma Timm believes the world would be a better place if everyone could experience the energy generated in the gymnasium of the North Baker School building when Challenge Day came to town last month.

"I thought it was a pretty cool thing," Emma said, reflecting on her experience during the week of Sept. 24.

The Challenge Day program was brought to the community by two facilitators, Roanna and Enrique. They traveled to Baker City from their headquarters in Concord, California, to present lessons aimed at "improving social and emotional health thereby reducing behavioral problems and increasing academic outcomes," the website at challengeday.org states.

Emma, who's a seventh-grader at Baker Middle School where she also is a part of the Leadership Program, was one of a select group of seventh-graders who joined eighth-graders for one day of the four-day program. Baker High School ninth- and 10th-graders also participated in the program, along with a few juniors and seniors, in groups of about 100 students each day.

Challenge Day is designed to improve school culture by "bringing a connectedness" to the students as they walk the hallways and sit in classes together, say Haley Hueckman and Aubrey Henshaw, who are employed by New Directions Northwest. The two helped return the Challenge Day event to Baker schools this fall. It had been offered in Baker City six years ago and again four years ago.

The hope is to make it an annual event for Baker students. "I believe that because we had so much positive community feedback that won't be an issue," Hueckman said. In the past, the event was scheduled just one day in Baker City and the \$20,000

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— Emma Timm, seventh-grader at Baker Middle School, talking about the recent Challenge Day event



expense was shared with schools in Ontario and La Grande.

The tag line for the program is "Be the Change" as is stated on the BMS reader board outside the school. Hueckman expands that to ... "the change you want to see in your school," taking her lead from Mahatma Gandhi's well-known quote, which ends with "... the change you want to see in the world."

This year, the Baker County Local Community Advisory Council, which is composed of a cross-section of community leaders, paid \$15,000 of the expense and the Baker School District picked up the other \$5,000 to bring Challenge Day to about 350 Baker students over the four-day period, Hueckman said. The District also donated use of the North Baker School gymnasium for the program.

Dysan Robb, an eighth-grader at Baker Middle School who's also in this semester's Leadership class, said he has given more thought to how he treats other people after attending the Challenge Day session.

"I learned you shouldn't judge people by their cover," he said. "You should judge them by what's on the inside, not on the outside."

He and Emma, and other Challenge Day participants from the Baker Middle School, have taken to sliding high-fives to their classmates as they move through the hallways from one class to the next.

"It definitely puts people in a better mood," Emma said. "I've seen a lot of people not in the best mood and then after a few people give them high-fives, they're giving them back."

Another way middle schoolers are spreading the message of what they learned at Challenge Day is by taking the tools they learned for improving their

school to South Baker Intermediate where BMS Leadership students offer their support to students in Grades 4-6 every week.

There are two 25-student class periods of Leadership each semester, for a total of 100 students in Grades 7-8 participating over a year's time, said Principal Skye Flanagan.

The Baker High School Renaissance Program, also designed to improve the school culture, also will continue the momentum begun during Challenge Day.

The lessons, energy and enthusiasm, combined with trust-building exercises, also help students better understand why they should work to ensure that all students feel included in school activities and programs, Henshaw and Hueckman said.

Henshaw is the county's Strategic Prevention Framework coordinator, focusing on underage drinking prevention. She also is coordinator of the Baker County Local Community Advisory Council.

Hueckman, who serves as the council's co-chair, also works as a Substance Abuse Prevention coordinator, with a focus on alcohol, tobacco and other drugs and problem gambling prevention.

They were among the adults who were paired with students on a one-to-four ratio to ensure the success of the week-long Challenge Day. That meant recruiting more than 70 adults to participate in the program, which also has a goal of strengthening relationships between adults and students, not only in the schools, but in the community as well.

Flanagan said the Hueckman and Henshaw came to him earlier with their plan to return Challenge Day to Baker schools this year.

In order to learn firsthand about the program, Flanagan traveled to the Bend School

District last year, where he participated as a volunteer in that program. All Bend eighth-graders take part in Challenge Day each year, he said.

Flanagan returned to his school with increased enthusiasm for the program.

"Hands down I knew it would be good for us," he said.

Flanagan said the facilitators use "carefully crafted and scripted exercises to create a genuine connection between people and to promote the experience of belonging."

"At the school level, we deal with a lot of students and families and situations that are tough for kids to endure," he said. "Kids think they're different or odd, but Challenge Day opens their eyes to other people's world, and other people's reality."

And through their experiences of talking and listening to each other, in a confidential setting, the goal is for them to develop a culture of empathy and respect, Flanagan said.

The program also follows the District's program of providing trauma informed care for those experiencing adverse childhood experiences (ACES), Hueckman and Henshaw said.

"It's a need in our community," Hueckman said. "Trauma informed care is at the forefront of mental health and substance abuse issues."

"Those are two areas in which there needs to be more awareness," she said. "The youth culture is different than it was 10 to 20 years ago. That's why it's important to have adult volunteers."

"From the District's standpoint, if a kid comes to school and most of his worries are where he's going to eat dinner or who's going to be at his house tonight, it's difficult for him to do his schoolwork," Hueckman said.

Henshaw adds that the goal is to make students feel welcome among their teachers, classmates and in the community.

"We want students to feel safe and to be able to stay in school," she said.

## OBITUARY

### James Grant

City, 1944-2018

James Kenneth Grant, 74, died Oct. 9, 2018, at Providence Hospital in Portland due to complications following lung cancer.

A graveside service with military funeral honors will take place Saturday, Oct. 20 at 1 p.m. at the Eagle Valley Cemetery at Richland. Friends are invited to join the family for a reception to be held immediately following the service at the Eagle Valley Grange, corner of Moody Road and Main Street in Richland.

Jim was born on Feb. 20, 1944, at Astoria to Kenny and Mary Grant. He attended Eastern Oregon College and served in the Armed Forces. He worked for the Forest Service leading youth groups on projects and trainings. Jim enjoyed his time as a packer and hunting guide in Oregon and Montana. He then worked for Job Corps in Washington and Idaho for many years.

Jim is survived by his daughters and their families, Katie Greathouse and Erin Morrison; his brothers and their families, Bob Grant and Joseph Grant; and his sister, Mary Elizabeth Pirone, and her family.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Mike Grant.

For those who would like to make a donation in memory of Jim, the family suggests St. Therese Catholic Church in Halfway through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services, P.O. Box 543, Halfway, OR 97834.

Online condolence may be made at [www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com)



Grant



Week of October 8th

Monty White

Missed 1

Wins \$25

Ron Hutton

Missed 4

Wins \$15

Bryan Dalke

Missed 5, beat tiebreaker

Wins \$10

Tie-Breaker:

Kansas City 40 - New England 43

CONGRATULATIONS

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The family of Larry Taylor would like to invite friends to come celebrate his birthday at Elkhorn Lanes this Saturday October 20th from 1-5 PM

