

# Local

## BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

**MONDAY, NOV. 5**

■ **Haines Fire Protection District Board:** 6 p.m. at the Haines Library.

**WEDNESDAY, NOV. 7**

■ **Baker County Board of Commissioners:** 9 a.m., Courthouse, 1995 Third St.

■ **Community meeting to discuss the Hells Canyon Motorcycle Rally:** 6 p.m., at Lefty's Taphouse, 1934 Broadway St.; the event's new organizers will be introduced and information will be gathered to help with planning efforts; for more information, call Robin Nudd at Baker City Hall, 541-524-2016.

**FRIDAY, NOV. 9**

■ **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.

**SUNDAY, NOV. 11**

■ **National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center Free Fee Day:** In honor of Veterans Day, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., at the Center, five miles east of Baker City just off Highway 86.

**MONDAY, NOV. 12**

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

## TURNING BACK THE PAGES

**50 YEARS AGO**  
**from the Democrat-Herald**  
**Nov. 5, 1968**

Photo: Election day ritual — Chuck Simpson of Baker Jaycees puts a flag up on Court Street early this morning as a reminder to the public today is “Election Day,” one of our most cherished events. The 74 flags lining the downtown streets made Baker look like the “All-American City.”

**25 YEARS AGO**  
**from the Baker City Herald**  
**Nov. 4, 1993**

The first Oregon Trail commemorative license plates were issued today during a short ceremony at the state Driver and Motor Vehicle Services office in Baker City.

Baker City was chosen for the ceremony because it is the home of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center. Rep. Michael Payne, D-Baker City, sponsor of the bill that created the plates, received the first plate in the series — 001 AAA.

“This was a hard-fought battle,” Payne said of his fight to pass legislation creating the plates.

**10 YEARS AGO**  
**from the Baker City Herald**  
**Nov. 5, 2008**

Sam Bass was the only incumbent to win one of four seats available on the Baker City Council in Tuesday's election.

Bass will be joined on the council by newcomers Aletha Bonebrake, Milo Pope and Clair Button.

As the fourth-place finisher, Button earned a two-year term, per the guidelines in the city charter.

Bass, Bonebrake and Pope will serve four-year terms.

**ONE YEAR AGO**  
**from the Baker City Herald**  
**Nov. 6, 2017**

On a visit to one of Baker City's oldest structures on the day after Halloween, it was easy to conjure up images of days gone by from the second floor overlooking Main Street.

The building, which has been owned by the International Order of Odd Fellows since 1888, was developed and was part of a railroad warehouse in 1884, a description of the site written for the state Department of Environmental Quality states.

## OREGON LOTTERY

**MEGABUCKS, Nov. 3**  
3 — 13 — 16 — 37 — 40 — 48  
Next jackpot: \$x 2.2

**POWERBALL, Nov. 3**  
15 — 21 — 24 — 32 — 65 PB 11  
Next jackpot: \$71 million

**WIN FOR LIFE, Nov. 3**  
32 — 36 — 62 — 74

**PICK 4, Nov. 4**  
• 1 p.m.: 7 — 9 — 6 — 5  
• 4 p.m.: 4 — 3 — 2 — 4  
• 7 p.m.: 5 — 1 — 8 — 2  
• 10 p.m.: 2 — 0 — 0 — 3

**LUCKY LINES, Nov. 4**  
4-5-10-16-19-23-28-29  
Next jackpot: \$30,000

## SENIOR MENUS

■ **TUESDAY:** Breaded pork loin, green beans, carrot-raisin salad, roll, lemon bar

■ **WEDNESDAY:** Meatloaf, potatoes and gravy, cauliflower, bread, fruit cup, cookies

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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# Governor’s race deemed ‘toss up’

By **ANDREW SELSKY**  
Associated Press

SALEM — For decades, a Democrat becoming governor of Oregon has seemed as certain as the arrival of the rains this time of year.

Democrats have occupied the governor's mansion since 1987, meaning more than a generation of Oregonians has never lived under a Republican governor in this Pacific Northwest state.

But this election, another win by a Democrat seems less certain. Gov. Kate Brown faces a challenge from Republican Knute Buehler, a state lawmaker who describes himself as a moderate and who has been wooing the party faithful, soft-right Democrats and unaffiliated voters.

The Cook Political Report, a nonpartisan organization that tracks political races, labeled the Oregon guber-

natorial election a “toss up.”

Public polls show Buehler behind Brown by just a slim margin, recalling the 2010 election when Democrat John Kitzhaber squeaked by with less than 2 percent of the vote.

Jeanne Atkins, chairwoman of the Democratic Party of Oregon, said she doesn't put much faith in those polls.

“I actively try not to pay too much attention to all the back and forth that there is around polling,” Atkins said.

In the Legislature, Buehler represents Bend, which has more registered Democrats than Republicans but where he's nevertheless managed to be elected twice to the Oregon House of Representatives. He's hoping to replicate that for a win on Tuesday in a state with 966,397 Democrats, 703,825 Republicans, and 874,822 unaffiliated voters.

“I know how to get a group of bipartisan supporters to win,” Buehler said.

Notably, he didn't want President Donald Trump supporting him, saying he wanted to stay away from “divisive national issues.”

But the country's economic acceleration, fueled by deficit-funded tax cuts, is drawing voters like David Siefarth, of Salem to Buehler.

“I wasn't a supporter of Donald Trump before he got elected. I didn't vote for him,” Siefarth said as he was walking in downtown Salem.

“But since he's been in office, I think the conservatives are doing some things that are moving the country in the right direction.”

Siefarth voted for Buehler, feeling he could do more on tackling issues like homelessness.

“I think it's time at least to give the Republican party in

Oregon an opportunity, to see what they can do,” Siefarth said.

With Oregon facing an unfunded liability of \$22 million in its pension system, Buehler says he'd seek cuts in state and local government employees' pension plans and health benefits.

Online campaign ads for Brown have gone after Buehler on that point, featuring public employees like teachers and firefighters saying Buehler would cut their retirement pay, making it harder to recruit and retain qualified people.

Brown said she's confident a large Democratic turnout — and Independent Party candidate Patrick Starnes dropping out and endorsing her last week — will translate into victory.

“I'm excited about the level of enthusiasm on the ground,” Brown said.

## PLAN

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County Commission Chair Bill Harvey expects that it should take the Forest Service about a month to review the resolutions made at the meeting. The meetings are open to the public but only objectors and those who have registered as interested parties are allowed to participate.

The Forest Service has not yet determined a location for the meetings.

The deadline for objecting to the plan was Aug. 28. After that the USFS reviewed the objections and determined which objections met the requirements.

There were a number of different

requirements for those who submitted objections. First objectors had to address their objections to Chris French, who serves as the objection reviewing officer for the Forest Service. The objections were submitted through email, regular mail or fax.

The objections must be based on previously submitted comments by the objector unless the concerns only arose after the opportunities for formal comment.

The county's objection addresses a number of issues, including forest access, livestock grazing, mining, fire management, wildlife and climate change.

The county's objection states, “The USFS should not base decisions on

climate change. This area of science is far too uncertain to be making damaging decisions.”

When addressing forest access, the county's objection presents a solution that the Forest Service should leave all roads open for public access and not allow a net loss for forest access roads. It also asks the Forest Service to remove a number of guidelines and standards related to wildlife.

On fire management issues, the county asks that the Forest Service promote active wildfire suppression without restriction. The objection was submitted by Chair Bill Harvey but the other two commissioners approved the objection.

## CELEBRATE

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“They are all bilingual — they speak English and Spanish,” Wirth said.

This is the third year for this celebration held Nov. 1. It originated with sixth-grade teacher Mandie Rose, who recruited Wirth to plan lessons and events leading up to Dia de los Muertos.

Earlier on Thursday, each of the four sixth-grade classes watched the movie “Coco,” a Disney/Pixar movie about the Mexican traditions surrounding the Day of the Dead.

Wirth asked if anyone

had questions relating to the movie or the celebration, then gave background from her own experience.

“Is it a sad time for me?” she asked. “It's not ... but I do shed some tears. We miss them, right?”

She built an ofrenda against a cafeteria wall. This display contains photographs and mementoes of the family's deceased. Dia de los Muertos is observed as the one time a year when the dead can return to visit the living.

“We ask them to come back one day a year and we celebrate with them,” Wirth said. “I think it's a beauti-

ful tradition. We are sad to lose someone but happy to celebrate them and never forget them.”

Ofrendas are loaded with sugar skulls, the Mexican flag and favorite foods of loved ones.

“This is quite small,” Wirth said of the ofrenda. “I have this in my house, 24/7, and a lit candle.”

To cap the 40-minute event, Wirth invited stu-

dents to sample traditional Mexican foods of pumpkin empanadas and tamales.

New this year to the celebration were colorful dresses, sent to Wirth and Rose by Frank Etxaniz, founder of the KIDS-HEAL that brings art, food and health topics to rural areas.

Etxaniz has also provided South Baker with decorations for Dia de los Muertos and artwork for kids to color.

## NEWS OF RECORD

### DEATHS

**Mardell McCauley:** 75, of Baker City, died Nov. 3, 2018, at Baker City. Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made at [www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com)

**Freedra Swafford:** 82, a former Richland resident, died Nov. 4, 2018, at her home in Hood River. Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made at [www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com).

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**FUNERALS PENDING**

**Bill and Veryl Waldron:** Memorial service Saturday, Nov. 10, at 11 a.m. at Pine Valley Presbyterian Church in Halfway. Friends are invited to join the family for a reception immediately following the service at the Halfway Lions Hall. After the reception, the celebration continues with live music at Wild Bill's restaurant and lounge in Halfway starting at 3 p.m. (the time has been changed). Online condolences may be made at [www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com)

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	Steak & Shrimp.....	\$10.95
	Pan Fried Oysters.....	\$10.50
Saturday	NY Steak.....	\$13.95
Sunday	Pot Roast.....	\$9.50/8.95 sr

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