

Local

BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

TUESDAY, NOV. 27

■ **Baker City Council:** Canceled.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 28

■ **Baker School Board Work Session:** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., District Office, 2090 Fourth St.

FRIDAY, NOV. 30

■ **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; continues most Fridays.

MONDAY, DEC. 3

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

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 5

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

THURSDAY, DEC. 6

■ **Baker School Board:** 6 p.m., in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 1655 First St.; the December meeting has been rescheduled from the usual third Thursday of the month.

FRIDAY, DEC. 7

■ **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 and others.

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO

from the Democrat-Herald
Nov. 25, 1968

Saturday night at the Baker High School Auditorium will see one of the biggest events of the year with the 1969 Baker County Junior Miss pageant. The evening will be highlighted with the crowning of the 1969 Baker Junior Miss and to help the evening along, the Baker Jaycee sponsored program will be conducted by nationally known magician and card artist Ernie "Country Cousin" Bryan of Portland.

Bryan, who is currently national president of the American Magician's Association, was recently elected to the magician's hall of fame in Niagara Falls, Ontario.

25 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald
Nov. 26, 1993

Baker City residents may notice a stronger-than-usual concentration of chlorine in their city water for most of the next week.

An automatic chlorinator malfunctioned Wednesday night at the city reservoir, according to Jim Adamson, Baker City director of public works. As a result, the city is bypassing the chlorine contact chamber and adding extra chlorine to the water distributed into the city system.

10 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald
Nov. 26, 2008

Northeastern Oregon has world-class assets right at its feet, and it's high time, a group of city officials say, that the region began sharing its scenery and topography with the ramblers of the world.

A trio of presenters — the City Planning Director Don Chance, Economic Developer Gene Stackle and retired teacher and hiking enthusiast Dick Hentze — told the Baker City Council Tuesday what the planned 870-mile Blue Mountain Heritage Trail could one day mean to the region.

ONE YEAR AGO

from the Baker City Herald
Nov. 27, 2017

The wildly fluctuating weather that started before Thanksgiving in Baker City persisted through the weekend, bringing more record-setting warmth.

A warm front that moved from south to north Saturday evening ushered in unusually mild air from California.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, Nov. 24

31 - 33 - 35 - 43 - 44 - 45
Next jackpot: \$4 million

POWERBALL, Nov. 24

1 - 33 - 51 - 56 - 58 PB 18
Next jackpot: \$171 million

WIN FOR LIFE, Nov. 24

4 - 9 - 47 - 49

PICK 4, Nov. 25

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

LUCKY LINES, Nov. 25

4-79-13-20-21-28-30
Next jackpot: \$19,000

SENIOR MENUS

- **TUESDAY:** Boneless chicken breast, mashed potatoes, peas, roll, beet-and-onion salad, bread pudding
- **WEDNESDAY:** Spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans, garlic breadsticks, green salad, birthday 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 those under 60.

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ORPHEUM

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"This community doesn't have an acceptable, acoustically sound venue for the performing arts," said Aletha Bonebrake, who works on fundraising for the Orpheum project.

The renovated Orpheum, with an estimated 350 seats, including a balcony, will be much larger than the Eastern Oregon Regional Theater's (EORT) existing rented space in the Basch-Sage Place, which has about 50 seats.

The Orpheum renovation, which started in 2016, is in the fourth of nine phases. Sid Johnson and Company of Baker City is the general contractor.

The renovated theater will not be an exact replica of the original Orpheum but will evoke the building's historical style.

David Burris of Baker City, who was a frequent moviegoer at the Orpheum when he was growing up, spearheaded the renovation by donating \$160,000 — \$130,000 to buy the building and \$30,000 to kick-start fundraising.

Bonebrake estimated the project will cost about \$2 million.

Supporters have raised about one-sixth of the



S. John Collins / Baker City Herald

Windows facing the sidewalk and Main Street aren't part of the final building design for the renovated Orpheum Theater.

"This community doesn't have an acceptable, acoustically sound venue for the performing arts."

— Aletha Bonebrake, who is working to raise money to renovate the historic Orpheum Theater on Main Street in downtown Baker City as the headquarters for Eastern Oregon Regional Theater and a site for other events

amount needed, and Bonebrake said that once fundraising reaches the 40 percent mark, EORT can start applying for larger grants — more than \$100,000 — from philanthropic foundations that support projects that have made substantial progress.

MEASURE

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The measure, had it passed, would have prohibited new marijuana businesses in the town of 200 residents, about 28 miles southwest of Baker City.

There are two existing marijuana retailers in Sumpter.

Carpenter said the clerk's office manually recounted the Sumpter ballots, and that count matched the 73-73 results that the ballot counting machine tallied.

In both Sumpter and Huntington, write-in candidates apparently will be elected as mayor.

In Sumpter, Samantha Rowan was the only candidate for mayor on the ballot. She received 40 votes.

But Greg Lucas received 81 votes as a write-in candidate.

Julie McKinney, Sumpter city recorder, said Lucas will accept the office (people who receive write-in votes are not required to serve).

In Huntington there were two mayoral candidates — Carol Allender (27 votes) and Rick Denton (22 votes).

Carpenter said two residents received more write-in votes — Richard Cummings, with 56 votes, and Charles Guerri, with 55 votes.

Baker School Board work session set for Wednesday

The Baker School Board will review its employment agreement with Superintendent Mark Witty as part of a work session at the District Office Wednesday.

Directors will meet from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Board also will discuss these topics during the day-long agenda:

- District Vision/Goals Meeting scheduled from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday, Jan. 7, at the District Office.
- Labor negotiations with the Baker Education Association, the union that represents the District's teachers.
- The District's organizational chart.
- A presentation of a population study of the District presented by Assistant Superintendent Betty Palmer.
- An analysis of the District's \$48 million school bond, which voters turned down in the Nov. 6 election, and a discussion of next steps to take with District school buildings.
- Connie Potter, a communications consultant who worked with the District prior to the election, will meet with the Board via phone call at 1 p.m.
- The next step for the Central Building, which was closed in 2009 and has been offered for sale.
- Other topics, such as the Baker Technical Institute, Baker Charter Schools, the Baker Valley Education Foundation, Forecast5, an analytical support tool being used by other school districts to examine data, the District's international program and state testing.

NEWS OF RECORD

DEATHS

Jack Corning: 89, of Richard, died Nov. 24, 2018, at his home. A celebration of Jack's life will take place in April at the annual branding party. The family suggests memorial contributions to the Abby Graven Fund through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services, P.O. Box 543, Halfway, OR 97834. Online condolences may be made at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

Evelyn M. Steele: 101, of Baker City, died today at her residence at Meadowbrook Place. Services are under the direction of Coles Tribute Center. To light a candle in Evelyn's memory, go to www.colestributecenter.com.

FUNERAL PENDING

Patricia "Pat" Zennie: There will be a celebration of Pat's life, with a meal prepared by the VFW Auxiliary, beginning at 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, at the Veterans Memorial Club, 2005 Valley Ave. Memorial contributions may be made to Heart 'n' Home Hospice or to the VFW through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home and Cremation Services, P.O. Box 543, Halfway, OR 97834. Online condolences may be made at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

Gloria A. Grammatico: Memorial service will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7, at Coles Tribute Center, 1950 Place St. Pastor Karl Wittich of Calvary Baptist Church will officiate. Memorial

contributions may be made to Calvary Baptist Church through Coles Tribute Center, 1950 Place St. Baker City, OR 97814. To light a candle in Gloria's memory, go to www.colestributecenter.com.
Mardell McCauley: Friends are invited to join the family for a Celebration of Life luncheon starting at noon on Sunday, Dec. 16, at the VFW Hall, 2005 Valley Ave. The family invites friends to stop by to share a bite to eat, a story and a laugh. The family suggests memorial contributions to Creating Memories through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home and Cremation Services, P.O. Box 543 Halfway, OR 97834. Online condolences may be made at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

POLICE LOG

Baker City Police Arrests, citations
DRIVING WHILE OPERATOR'S LICENSE SUSPENDED and HIT AND RUN WITH PROPERTY DAMAGE: Brandon Allen Chase, 29, of 3510 Ninth St., 3:38 p.m. Sunday, in the 3400 block of Ninth Drive; jailed.

Baker County Sheriff's Office

Arrests, citations
VIOLATION OF RELEASE AGREEMENT, CRIMINAL MISCHIEF III and DISORDERLY CONDUCT II: Gael Eileen Grooms, 58, of 1645 N. Eldon St., No. 202, 5:05 p.m. Friday, on Cedar Street; jailed.

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