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- Baker County Calendar

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 thirdThursday of the month.

FRIDAY, DEC. 7

■ Live Music by Keith Taylor: Ragtime piano, 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., Crossroads, 2020 Auburn Ave.; no charge.

■ 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.

MONDAY, DEC. 10

■ Medical Springs Rural Fire Protection District Board:

7 p.m. at the Pondosa Station.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 12 ■ Lower Powder River Irrigation District Board: 6 p.m.

at Barley Brown's, 2190 Main St.

TUESDAY, DEC. 18 ■ Elkhorn Community Preparedness: 5:30 p.m. supper; 6:30 p.m. meeting; at the Sunridge Inn Restaurant, 1 Sunridge

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 19

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

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald **December 6, 1968**

The tax problems facing the Oregon legislature in the 1969 session will be discussed at a town hall meeting Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Baker High School. The meeting is being held so that Baker County residents can find out what the present tax situation is in the state.

25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald **December 6, 1993**

SALEM — State Sen. Wes Cooley, R-Powell Butte, said Friday he will decide before the end of the year whether to run for retiring Congressman Bob Smith's seat.

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

Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow.

Those lyrics from a traditional Christmas song reflect the hopes of Ski Anthony Lakes staff and ski shop owners in Baker City whose sales are lagging due to a lack of

Last year was a good year, with enough snow at Ski Anthony Lakes, the resort in the Elkhorn Mountains about 35 miles northwest of Baker City, to open runs Thanksgiving weekend.

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

Jayne and Mike Skidgel had a busy July — they got married and bought a store.

The process to buy Kicks Sportswear, however, started years before.

"We looked at it at least two years before we bought it," Jayne said. "When they first put it out there, we thought 'hmm ... that might be interesting.'

The Skidgels, along with Jayne's parents Jeff and Carole Smith, purchased Kicks at 1801 Main St., from Ryan and Kaylin Chaves, who opened the store in downtown Baker City about 10 years ago.

The ownership change was official July 1. Jayne said they are planning an open house in January after the holiday rush.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, Dec. 3 12 - 16 - 18 - 25 - 32 - 41Next jackpot: \$4.8 million

PICK 4, Dec. 4 • 1 p.m.: 9 − 3 − 1 − 6

• 4 p.m.: 6 - 3 - 2 - 8

• 7 p.m.: 2 — 6 — 4 — 2 • 10 p.m.: 5 — 0 — 4 — 9

WIN FOR LIFE, Dec. 3 17 - 29 - 38 - 45

LUCKY LINES, Dec. 4 2-8-10-13-20-21-26-30

Next jackpot: \$28,000

Senior Menus

- **THURSDAY**: Barbecued ribs, au gratin potatoes, green beans, roll, pea-and-onion salad, brownies
- FRIDAY: Beef taco salad, (lettuce, tomato, cheese, onion), chips and salsa, pasta salad, bread 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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School board to consider adding staff

By Chris Collins ccollins@bakercityherald.com

Baker School Board directors will continue discussions begun in a work session last week when they meet Thursday night.

The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. in Council Chambers at Baker City Hall, 1655 First St.

The December meeting has been rescheduled from the usual third Thursday of the month to accommodate holiday schedules.

The Board is expected to act on a proposal from Superintendent Mark Witty to add an executive secretary/receptionist to the District office staff. Witty told the Board during the Nov. 29 work session that current staff members, Sandy Mitchell, who fills the roles of

receptionist and confidential secretary, and Cathy Martin, who serves as Human Resources director and confidential secretary, have been pushed to working as many as 50 to 55 hours per week. Assistant Superintendent Betty Palmer also is working extra hours to oversee federal programs in addition to her other duties.

Witty's plan would add a half-time District Office receptionist and half-time secretarial support for Palmer.

The position would be supervised by Palmer, who in addition to federal programs, also oversees expanded school year programs, special education, curriculum/ instruction and Brooklyn Primary School, South Baker Intermediate School and Haines and Keating elementary schools.

The Board also is scheduled to act on its working agreement with Witty and discuss the time line for evaluating the superintendent. The working agreement details governance principles for the board, expectations for the superintendent, and communication agreements between the superintendent regarding concerns from staff, students, parents or community members.

In addition, the agreement details expectations for communicating with the media, and how meetings are to operate and be organized as well as outlining the role of the Board chair. The document is reviewed annually.

In other business, the Board will review personnel reports:

New hire

• Darcy McCauley, part-time Baker Technical Institute culinary education assistant

In-district transfer

- J.F. Griffin, from Brooklyn Custodian I to Brooklyn Čustodian II
- Shannon Streeter from Baker High School Cook II to Brookyn Secretary II

Resignation

• Megan Curry from South Baker paraprofessional

Extra-duty staff, 2018-19

New hire

- Jeff Anderson, BHS boys freshman basketball coach
- Cliff DeMastus, BHS boys JV basketball coach

AUDIT

Continued from Page 1A The auditors also wrote in the audit that they had trouble using the county's software, which is not able to

export certain reports.

The Pauly Rogers and Co. accountants recommend the county consider hiring a private accountant to assist county officials, writing that there "appears to be a lack of required accounting skills

necessary to perform the complexities of municipal accounting" on the current county staff.

Bill Harvey, chairman of the Baker County Board of Commissioners, said the recommendation to hire a private accountant is "just a suggestion."

The auditors also expressed the opinion that the county lacks suitable controls regarding who can make changes to the county's general ledger.

Changing that policy would reduce the risk of errors, the auditors wrote.

Commissioners were scheduled to discuss the audit during an executive session this morning. Harvey said there will be

a public hearing on the audit during commissioners' Dec. 17 meeting. The Secretary of State's

office had granted the county an extension on the audit, but the county failed to meet the

new deadline of March 31, 2018.

Since Sept. 1, the county has been subject to a state law that allows the state to withhold 10 percent of some revenue, such as cigarette and liquor taxes, that is distributed to counties and cities.

The county's audit for the previous fiscal year, which ended June 30, 2018, is due Dec. 31, but the county probably won't meet that deadline.

ROBBERY

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Because Scott didn't brandish a knife he was charged with second-degree robbery rather than first-degree robbery, according to a press

release from District Attorney Matt Shirtcliff.

One count of second-degree theft and one count of thirddegree theft were dismissed in an agreement with the district attorney's office.

The plea agreement also al-

lowed Scott's defense attorney to argue mitigating circumstances in requesting that Scott be sentenced to probation or a shorter prison term.

Scott's attorney told Baxter that Scott needs drug treatment.

Shirtcliff argued that the 70-month sentence was appropriate due to the nature of the crime and because Scott had a prior felony conviction for theft, as well as misdemeanor convictions, from Massachusetts in 2016.

PRISON

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The Oregon Department of Corrections will start recruiting a new superintendent for

Powder River, a minimumsecurity facility that opened in Baker City in 1989.

In the interim, Thomas McLay, Powder River's institution security manager, will serve as acting superintendent.

Washburn has worked for the Department of Corrections since 2005. She previously had multiple positions

at Two Rivers Correctional Institution atæ Umatilla, including as acting assistant superintendent of general services, before taking the Baker City job in November 2016.

OBITUARY

Corrine Anderson

Baker City, 1926-2018

Corrine Anderson, 92, of Baker City, died on Nov. 26, 2018, at her residence at Meadowbrook Place Assisted Living Community.

A memorial service took place Nov. 30 at Meadowbrook Place.

Corrine Swanson was born on Nov. 9, 1926, at Duluth, Minnesota, to Fred and Mary Jane (Winter) Swanson. She attended high school at Denfield High School at Duluth.

On her high school graduation day in 1944, Corrine met her future husband,

Kenneth Anderson, as they were paired up to walk down the aisle together. They began dating shortly after meeting, and Corrine faithfully wrote to Kenneth while he served in the Navy. On July 17, 1948, Kenneth and Corrine were married in Duluth.

Corrine worked for several years for the Diamond Call Horseshoe Company as a secretary and billing clerk. She eventually decided to become a homemaker and spend her time taking care of her family as they moved around following Kenneth's career as a gold

She was a wonderful mother and homemaker and she was proud to be affiliated with the Presbyterian Church. Corrine is survived by her husband,

Kenneth, of Baker City; her son, Kent Anderson of Las Vegas, Nev.; her sister, Betty Rossi of Cleveland, Ohio; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her

parents; and her daughter, Sherry Ruth Anderson.

To light a candle for Corrine or to leave a condolence for her family, to go www.grayswestco.com

News of Record

DEATHS

Larkin David Parsons

Jr.: 75, of Baker City, died Dec. 2, 2018, at his residence at Meadowbrook Place. Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel is in charge of arrangements. To light a candle for David, go to www. grayswestco.com

Virginia 'Gini' Fine: 66, of Baker City, died Dec. 4, 2018, surrounded by her family and friends. Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Service is in charge of arrange ments. Online condolences may be made at www.tamispine

vallevfuneralhome.com Peter Charles Tabel: 68, of

Baker City, died Dec. 3, 2018, at his home. There will be a reception with light refreshments from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Friday. Dec. 7, at Coles Tribute Center, 1950 Place St. The reception will be a time to mingle with friends and to share stories of Peter. To light a candle for Peter or to share a story, go to www. gray swest co.com

FUNERAL PENDING

Gloria A. Grammatico: Memorial service will be at 1:30

p.m. Friday, Dec. 7, at ColesTribute 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.tamis pinevalleyfuneral home.com

POLICE LOG

Baker City Police DRIVING UNDERTHE INFLU-ENCE OF INTOXICANTS: Christian R. Oliver, 19, of Baker City, 7:59 p.m. Tuesday, at Second Street and Washington Avenue;

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INSTANT FAMILY PG-13

MOVIE TIMES NOV. 30 - DEC. 6

A couple find themselves in over their heads when they foster three children. FRI & SAT: (4:00) 7:00, 9:40 **SUN:** (4:00) 7:00 **MON-THURS:** 7:00

RALPH BREAKS THE INTERNET PG

Ralph and Vanellope discover a wi-fi router in their arcade, leading them into a new adventure. FRI & SAT: (4:10) 7:10, 9:45

SUN: (4:10) 7:10 **MON-THURS:** 7:10

FANTASTIC BEASTS: CRIMES OF GRINDELWALD

PG-13The second installment of the series set in J.K. Rowling's Wizarding World featuring the adventures of magizoologist Newf Scamander.

FRI & SAT: (3:45) 6:45, 9:35 **SUN:** (3:45) 6:45 **MON-THURS:** 6:45

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