

# Local

## BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

### TUESDAY, JAN. 29

■ **Baker City Council Work Session:** 6 p.m., City Hall, 1655 First St.

### WEDNESDAY, JAN. 30

■ **Baker City Tree Board:** Regular meeting, 5:30 p.m., Conference Room at City Hall, 1655 First St.

### FRIDAY, FEB. 1

- **Live Music by Keith Taylor:** Ragtime piano, 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., Crossroads, 2020 Auburn Ave.; no charge.
- **Haines School Chili Feed:** 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., at the school in Haines; dinner tickets are all-you-can-eat \$5 for adults and \$3.50 for children 4-10. Kids under 3 eat free.
- **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, FEB. 4

■ **Haines Fire Protection District Board:** 7 p.m. at the Haines Library.

### TUESDAY FEB. 5

■ **Baker City Council Goal-Setting Session:** 6 p.m., City Hall.

### WEDNESDAY, FEB. 6

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

## TURNING BACK THE PAGES

### 50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald January 25, 1969

Stockholders of the Baker Production Credit Association Friday afternoon were reminded that each year there are fewer farm representatives in the state legislature.

Walter Leth, Oregon's director of agriculture, told the stockholders that there are only 10 legislators in the state legislature this term who can qualify as being called farm representatives.

### 25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald January 25, 1994

A California man plans to open a three-screen, 330-seat movie theater by mid-July the building that houses Harold's Used Cars.

James Hutchens, owner of Cinema Center Films in Fontana, Calif., said he bought the building at First Street and Auburn Avenue Monday.

### 10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald January 26, 2009

The man who considers a camel carcass both food and lodging has at last ventured into Hells Canyon.

But then anybody who has watched Bear Grylls gobble a grub or gulp down his own urine probably figured he would someday subject himself to the rigors of the canyon named for the most unpleasant destination of all.

His first foray into Oregon, which was filmed last fall, is scheduled to debut at 10 o'clock tonight.

### ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald January 26, 2018

Baker City Police Chief Wyn Lohner said a coordinated effort by regional law enforcement officers helped to find the man whose online threat resulted in all area schools being placed in lock out Wednesday afternoon.

The code yellow lock out designation is designed to keep outside threats from entering the schools.

After a half-day investigation, the suspect was identified as Ian Michael Cooper, 21. He was located in Graham, Washington, east of Olympia, and interviewed Wednesday by Washington sheriff's deputies.

## OREGON LOTTERY

### MEGABUCKS, Jan. 23

4 - 5 - 10 - 32 - 45 - 47

Next jackpot: \$7.3 million

### POWERBALL, Jan. 23

23 - 25 - 47 - 48 - 50 PB 24

Next jackpot: \$161 million

### WIN FOR LIFE, Jan. 23

11 - 26 - 56 - 74

### PICK 4, Jan. 24

• 1 p.m.: 1 - 8 - 5 - 1

• 4 p.m.: 7 - 2 - 3 - 1

• 7 p.m.: 0 - 5 - 0 - 0

• 10 p.m.: 4 - 2 - 4 - 6

### LUCKY LINES, Jan. 24

4-6-10-14-20-23-27-30

Next jackpot: \$27,000

## SENIOR MENUS

- **MONDAY:** Orange-glazed chicken tenders, fried rice, Asian vegetables, bread, Asian salad, cookies
- **TUESDAY:** Baked ham, sweet potato, mixed vegetables, roll, gelatin with fruit, ice cream

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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## FREEWAY

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In 2020 crews are slated to repave the slow lanes, both eastbound and westbound, between Mileposts 260 and 273.

"We've always had concerns about ice on that bridge," said Tom Strandberg, an ODOT spokesman in La Grande.

The bridge over Ladd Creek at Exit 270 is susceptible to ice, like most bridges, because it has no cushion of warmer ground beneath it.

The box culvert will have an insulating layer of earth between it and the freeway, said Ty Burns, assistant project manager for ODOT.

The situation is exacerbated by the curve at the bottom of the grade, Strandberg said.

The curve also forces many trucks to slow down before they even start ascending the grade. Heavily

loaded trucks sometimes slow to 10 to 15 mph on the hill, and when one truck, traveling only marginally faster, tries to pass another, a line of passenger cars can form.

Strandberg said the lack of a third lane also means that if a single truck loses control on ice or snow, it can block the entire eastbound freeway for hours.

"It's a problematic area, particularly in wintertime," he said.

The Ladd Canyon project is the latest in a series that ODOT has undertaken along Interstate 84 through North-eastern Oregon, focusing on steeper grades with similar problems.

More than 20 years ago the state added a third lane on the longest uphill section in the region — the eastbound lanes on Cabbage Hill between Pendleton and Deadman Pass.

Since then ODOT has

also built a third lane on the westbound lanes of the Spring Creek grade between La Grande and Meacham, and on Three-Mile Hill eastbound between Farewell Bend and Ontario.

Although he didn't have any statistics, Strandberg said ODOT officials have documented improved traffic flow on those grades.

So has Nick Myatt.

Myatt, who lives in Baker City and has commuted to his job with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife in La Grande since 2011, estimates that semi-trucks occupy both lanes on the grade "at least 30 percent of the time on my way home."

"A third lane should pretty much eliminate this issue," Myatt said.

The speed limit on that section of the freeway is 70 mph for passenger vehicles. Myatt said he often encounters one truck in the passing lane as he rounds the corner

at the bottom of the grade, forcing him to slow quickly to about 15 mph.

"Mostly it is just a mild annoyance only adding an extra minute to my commute, but in some situations I can see it causing a safety issue especially in inclement weather but also with the amount of distracted drivers I see regularly in my commute," Myatt said. "Any time you have to quickly drop 55 mph in speed on the interstate is a dangerous situation."

Myatt said he also is pleased that ODOT will replace the bridge with a box culvert.

"That is a dangerous place right now during the winter with an icy bridge in the middle of a turn," he said. "The combination of an icy bridge on a turn and having to unexpectedly slow down due to slow moving semi-trucks is a recipe for an accident."

## MAYDAY

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"It's going to be quite a blessing to get those things for the safe house," Martin said. "So that when people are in here they'll have everything they need in good working order."

The Mary Kay Foundation grant will be presented during a ceremony scheduled to begin at 3 p.m. Friday, Feb. 1, at the MayDay office at 2601 Oak St. Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP by calling 541-523-9472.

MayDay was selected for the grant from more than 1,000 domestic violence shelters from across the country that applied for the funding, a press release stated. The Foundation awarded \$3 million nationwide.

Martin, 52, who began working at MayDay as an advocate in July 2016, was hired as executive director in June 2018 after Milli Joseph resigned from the position. Martin applied for the grant just 10 days before the application was due. She said she was a little apprehensive writing her first grant. But she knew she'd have no chance to win the grant if she didn't at least try, and so she did and was pleasantly surprised when MayDay received the funding.

Martin is assisted in her work by Jane Chandler, a co-located advocate who spends morning hours at her office in the Department of Human Services building on

10th Street and afternoons at the MayDay office. Angela Dorman works at the front desk at MayDay where she coordinates volunteers, donations and fundraisers, Martin said.

Chandler and Dorman, who both work full time at MayDay, joined the program this summer.

"They are doing some quite amazing things for our victims," Martin said.

In addition to her role as executive director, Martin also serves as an advocate.

"I love everything about being an advocate," Martin said.

The Mary Kay grant is a welcome addition to the state and federal grants that MayDay expects to receive over the next two years. Local fundraisers also brought in nearly \$7,000 in 2018, which are leveraged as matching funds in applying for those grants, Martin said. The end-of-the-year newsletter appeal raised more than \$4,700 and the annual "Strike Out Abuse" cosmic bowling fundraiser at Elkhorn Lanes netted \$2,100 for the program.

The advocates have been kept busy, not necessarily because of an increase in family violence, but also because of the job MayDay has done educating the community about the issues and working with police and other partners, Martin said.

"Our community partnership is really tight and works really well," she said,

noting how various agencies work together to help victims and survivors.

"Now people know there is a safe place to come to and we will help them through their event," she said.

Martin says she has seen an increase in sexual assaults and fewer victims who are willing to report the crimes to police.

MayDay works to get victims to the hospital where a rape kit is used to collect sexual assault evidence that would allow the victims to come forward later if they change their minds, Martin said.

"We've had more and more rape cases in the last year," she said, attributing that statistic to the increase of "date rape" drugs coming into the community.

The prevalence of methamphetamine use in the community and an increase in the number of people who are homeless or who "couch surf" for a place to stay from one day to the next also has led to the increase, Martin believes.

"People are expected to exchange sexual favors for a place to stay and a roof over their heads," she said.

The MayDay safe home was filled with 10 adults and 12 children during November.

"It was packed full," Martin said.

Nevertheless, she says she sees great things happening for MayDay and Baker County in the coming

year.

The Oregon Law Center is writing a grant to purchase computers to be placed at sites in Halfway, Richland, Huntington and Sumpter, to better serve the entire county. People in those communities would be able to use those computers to access attorneys with the Oregon Law Center to help them resolve their problems.

"Amazing things are going to be happening," Martin said.

MayDay was formed in 1983 to help domestic violence victims. By 1987, it was established as a nonprofit and has continued to expand to serve the growing needs of the county, the press release stated.

The Mary Kay Foundation was founded in 1996 with a two-fold mission: funding women's cancer research and ending domestic violence. Since that time it has awarded more than \$78 million to women's shelters and domestic violence service providers and to cancer research programs and related causes throughout the U.S., the press release stated. More information is available at marykay foundation.org or by calling 1-877-652-2727.

For more information about MayDay and its programs, call 541-523-9472 or visit maydayinc.net

The crisis line number is 541-523-4134 or toll-free, 888-213-4134.

## OBITUARY

### Edward Dove

Baker City, 1925-2019

Edward L. Dove, 94, of Baker City died Jan. 20, 2019, at his residence at Meadowbrook Place.

Recitation of the rosary will be Thursday, Jan. 31, at 7 p.m. at Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Friday, Feb. 1, at 10 a.m. at St. Francis de Sales Cathedral, First and Church streets. Interment will follow at Mount Hope Cemetery, with a reception afterward at the St. Francis de Sales Cathedral Parish Hall.

Ed was born on Jan. 17, 1925, at St. Paul, Minnesota, to William and Marie (Kronchnabel) Dove. On July 12, 1947, Ed married Alice Mae Mapes in Barnum, Minnesota. Together they had two children, Laura and Richard. He was self-employed as a roofer from 1964 until his retirement in 1986.

Ed enjoyed woodworking, cribbage, hunting, fishing, camping and pinochle. He was a member of Knights of Columbus, St. Francis de Sales Cathedral, and the Grass Roots Cribbage Club of Baker City.

Survivors include his daughter,

Laura Bunch of Lakewood, Colorado; his son, Richard Dove of Gresham; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Alice Dove; his brother, Tom Dove; his sisters, Mary Lou Coppennoll and Doreen Coppennoll; and his grandson, Christopher Dove.

Memorial contributions may be made to Bethlehem House of Bread through Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814.

To light a candle in memory of Ed go to www.grayswestco.com

## NEWS OF RECORD

### DEATHS

**Alvin D. Davis:** 87, of Baker City, died Jan. 21, 2019, at his home. At his request there will be no service. Private inurnment will be at Pine Haven Cemetery in Richland. Services are under the direction of Coles Tribute Center. To light a candle in memory of Alvin, go to www.coletributecenter.com

**Curtis McEwen:** 56, of Baker City, died Jan. 23, 2019, at his home. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Online condolences may be made at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com

### FUNERALS PENDING

**Denise Christianson:** Celebration of her life, and potluck reception, Saturday, Jan. 26, at 1 p.m. at the Lions Club Hall in Halfway. The family requests

donations to either of Denise's favorite community efforts, the Pine Valley Community Museum or the Pine Valley Fairgrounds, 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

**Gene Oliver Markle:** His funeral will be Wednesday, Jan. 30, at 11 a.m. at Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave. Interment will be at the Haines Cemetery. To light a candle in memory of Gene, go to www.grayswestco.com

**Steven Valentine:** Celebration of his life, Saturday, Feb. 2, at 1 p.m. at the Baker City VFW Hall, 2005 Valley Ave. In the spring, a graveside military service will take place, the date and time to be announced later. The family suggests memorial

contributions to Best Friends of Baker 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

### POLICE LOG

**Baker City Police**  
CONTEMPT OF COURT (Lincoln County Circuit Court warrant): Rabecca Shawn Beach, 45, of Baker City, 11:35 a.m. Wednesday, in the 2300 block of Fourth Street; jailed and later released.

CONTEMPT OF COURT (Baker County warrant): James Dewayne Reedy, 52, 4:05 p.m., in the 2400 block of 15th Street; jailed and later released.

PROBATION VIOLATION (Parole and Probation detainer): Kenny Lee Hellman, 50, of 2787 Third St., 5:02 a.m. Thursday,

the 2300 block of Resort Street; jailed.

### Baker County Sheriff's Office

CONTEMPT OF COURT (Baker County Circuit Court warrant): Daniel Jose Harding-Ortiz, 19, of La Grande, 8:05 a.m. Wednesday, at the sheriff's office; jailed and later granted a conditional release.

PROBATION VIOLATION: Robert Allen Wiersch, 31, of Huntington, 1:52 p.m. Wednesday, at Huntington; jailed.

THEFT II (Baker County warrant): Jeffery Dean Buxton, 49, of Baker City, 3:31 p.m. Wednesday, at the Courthouse; jailed and later released.

VIOLATION OF RELEASE AGREEMENT: David James Eastin, 34, of 2815 Second St., 8:27 a.m. Thursday, at the sheriff's office; jailed and later released.

