

# Local

## BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

### FRIDAY, APRIL 5

■ **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.

■ **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 and others.

### MONDAY, APRIL 8

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

### TUESDAY, APRIL 9

■ **Baker City Council:** 7 p.m., City Hall, 1655 First St.

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

■ **Lower Powder River Irrigation District Board:** 6 p.m. at Barley Brown's, 2190 Main St.

### MONDAY, APRIL 15

■ **Baker County Red Cross Volunteers:** 6 p.m., in the Red Cross Office at Baker City Hall, 1655 First St.

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

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

## TURNING BACK THE PAGES

### 50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald April 5, 1969

It is going to cost \$800 to make up five 20-picture color albums to send to five major motion picture firms to show what kinds of scenery exist in Baker County.

"We have found a source of good color pictures that fill the need," John Rogers, Baker County Chamber of Commerce president said.

### 25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald April 5, 1994

Wallowa-Whitman National Forest employees who qualify have until May 13 to accept up to \$25,000 to retire or resign.

### 10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald April 6, 2009

Baker City Manager Steve Brocato plans to privatize the city's planning department.

That doesn't necessarily mean that Planning Director Don Chance will be out of a job.

In fact, Chance — or, rather, his company, Confluence Planning Services — is one of two finalists to take over what has been a public function.

### ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald April 6, 2018

Baker County commissioners learned Wednesday that over the past two decades the amount of unpaid fines owed to the Baker Justice Court has risen to nearly \$3.5 million.

"That's a lot of dough sitting out there," Court Administrator Michael Finney told commissioners.

(Finney originally reported to the commissioners that the amount was \$4.5 million, but he later corrected that figure.)

Finney said that when the Justice Court issues a contempt warrant for a person who claims to be unable to pay a fine, a debt-to-income hearing is scheduled.

"That way we can really analyze if they do have an ability to pay," Finney said. "If they don't have the ability to pay a fine, we have to find different ways to get that debt satisfied whether it's through the court setting community service (or) simply reducing the fine amount to a manageable amount."

## OREGON LOTTERY

### MEGABUCKS, April 3

19 — 34 — 35 — 44 — 45 — 46

Next jackpot: \$10.3 million

### POWERBALL, April 3

16 — 19 — 25 — 32 — 49 PB 18

Next jackpot: \$86 million

### MEGA MILLIONS, April 2

33 — 47 — 58 — 59 — 64 Mega 25

Next jackpot: \$104 million

### WIN FOR LIFE, April 3

31 — 47 — 50 — 53

Next jackpot: \$10,000

• 1 p.m.: 2 — 7 — 1 — 6

• 4 p.m.: 9 — 5 — 5 — 6

• 7 p.m.: 6 — 1 — 2 — 7

• 10 p.m.: 8 — 1 — 4 — 8

### LUCKY LINES, April 4

4-6-11-16-18-21-28-29

Next jackpot: \$31,000

## SENIOR MENUS

- **MONDAY:** Hearty beef stew, broccoli-blend vegetables, corn bread, green salad, cookies
- **TUESDAY:** Pork filet mignon, parsielid red potatoes, mixed vegetables, roll, fruit cup, brownies

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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# Restaurant inspection fees to rise

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Restaurants and other businesses that undergo periodic sanitation inspections will pay more for the service starting July 1.

Craig Geddes, director of environmental health for Malheur County, which handles inspections in Baker County, told Baker County commissioners Wednesday that the fee increases were prompted by an increase in what the department has to pay the state.

Baker County's fees haven't changed since 2013, Geddes said.

He told commissioners the county's fees will increase by either 10 percent or 15

percent. Baker County will have a public hearing before the fee hike takes effect.

Under the current fee schedule, restaurants pay an annual fee, which includes the two yearly inspections required by state law, that ranges from \$425 for a restaurant with 15 or fewer seats, to \$480 for 16 to 50 seats, \$546 for 51 to 150 seats, and \$607 for more than 150 seats.

The current annual fee for bed and breakfasts is \$88, for RV parks \$88 (up to 50 spaces; \$1.50 for each additional space up to 100), \$137 for swimming pools and \$125 for school central kitchens.

In other business Wednesday, commissioners decided not to support a bill in the

Oregon Legislature proposed by the Blue Mountain Translator District, which supplies over-the-air TV signals to areas of Baker and Union counties.

That bill would give voters the option of approving a property tax levy to fund the district, which now relies on an annual service fee for people who use the district's signals.

A rough estimate from County Assessor Kerry Savage put the tax rate if both Baker and Union counties approved the levy, at 14 cents per \$1,000 of property value.

Commission Chairman Bill Harvey said the potential buyer for a county property near Hunt Mountain is no

longer interested. The county will put the property back up for sale with a minimum bid of \$80,000

Harvey said the only bid for designing a new fire station in Eagle Valley was over budget. The county rejected the bid and will revise the proposal before seeking additional bids.

Commissioners reappointed Bill Shumway, Bob Colton and Thomas Huff to the Baker County Weed Board for terms that end April 1, 2022.

Commissioners will have a work session on April 10 at 9 a.m. at the Courthouse, 1995 Third St. They will be discussing mental health services in the county.

## EASTER

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Perry said in recent years she has talked with parents who brought their kids to the event and who remember when they were the ones rushing across the grass to grab their sweet prizes.

"It's important in small communities like ours to keep these kinds of events alive," Perry said.

Every year, nearly 10,000 plastic eggs are

stuffed with candy and prizes and scattered across the grass at Geiser-Pollman Park.

For this year's hunt on April 20, children ages 3 to 11 can start lining up at 9:45 a.m. The siren announcing the start of the event will blare at 10 a.m.

The park is divided into five age groups: a section for toddlers, both accompanied and not accompanied by parents, near the restrooms (also a section for children with

disabilities in the Lions Club shelters); age 3 only, near the playground; ages 4-5, at the Campbell Street entrance; ages 6-8 south of the Powder River Pavilion; and ages 9-11 east of the gazebo.

The annual event relies on donations. Checks made payable to Baker City Rotary/ Egg Hunt can be mailed to P.O. Box 1011, Baker City, OR 97814 or dropped off at Old West Federal Credit Union in Baker City.

## Easter egg hunt at Hewitt Park

RICHLAND — Creating Memories and Baker County Parks are hosting an Easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 20, at 1 p.m. at Hewitt Park, on Brownlee Reservoir about 3 miles east of Richland.

There will be prizes in age categories 0-3, 4-7 and 8-11. The Easter Bunny will be there and available for pictures.

## OBITUARIES

### Allan McCullough

Baker City, 1923-2019

Allan H. McCullough, 95, of Baker City, died April 2, 2019, at his residence at Meadowbrook Place.

It was his choice to be cremated and the ashes scattered in the Elkhorn Mountains, with no service.

In a letter that Allan wrote and that his son, Roger, submitted, Allan wrote: "My life has now ended as it does for everyone and I have no regrets. It has been a good life."

Alan was born in 1923. He married Betsy Rogers in 1946 in Minnesota, and they had 69 years together, producing three children: Ann, Susan and Roger. They made their home in Baker City in 1949 when Allan accepted employment as a teacher at Baker High School.

In his letter, Allan wrote: "My greatest pleasure in life beyond my family was teaching the young people of this area for 34 years and I believe I had contact at BHS with about 3,000 students. Yes, I gave them something, but they certainly gave me much more in return. The students of this area are really special and they have been very successful in so many fields. Thank all of you for the wonderful years we spent together."

Allan is survived by his daughter, Ann Hubbard of Portland; and his son and daughter-in-law, Roger and Betsy McCullough of Tustin, California.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Susan.

Contributions in his memory may be made to the Allan McCullough Scholarship Fund at the Baker School District or through Coles Tribute Center, 1950 Place St., Baker City, OR 97814. All benefits of this fund will go to Baker High School students.

Allan concluded his letter with this: "Have a good life. I did."

### Bruce Sharrah

Baker City, 1937-2019

Bruce Richard Sharrah, 82, of Baker City, died April 2, 2019, at his residence.

A private family graveside service took place on Friday, April 5, at Mount Hope Cemetery.

On Feb. 16, 1937, at Madrid, Nebraska, Albert and Amy

(Anderson) Sharrah were pleased to welcome their son, Bruce, to their family. Bruce attended high school at Pendleton, graduating in 1955, and Oregon State University, graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in Pharmacy Science. He joined the Navy Reserves and spent eight years serving his country.

Bruce married Beverly J. Foster in Oregon City on Dec. 9, 1984. He worked for Payless for 33 years and he owned a Dairy Queen in Gladstone for six and a half years. Beverly and Bruce moved to Baker City in the early 1990s for Bruce to work as a pharmacist at Safeway. He also worked at Rite Aid and Albertsons before retiring in 2009.

He was the best Papa to his children and grandchildren and a wonderful husband to Beverly for 34 years. Bruce and Beverly were snowbirds, traveling to Arizona each winter for 15 years. Bruce loved nature and being outdoors. He loved hunting, fishing and ex-

ploring new places to proudly share with his family. He was a member of the Elks and the Rotary in Oregon City.

Bruce is survived by his loving wife, Beverly Sharrah of Baker City; his stepson, Kenneth (Rachel) Brown of Port Orchard, Washington; his sons, Douglas Sharrah of Baker City, David (Soe Soe) Sharrah of Myanmar, and Jeff Sharrah of Baker City; his stepdaughter, Carla (Michael Cox) Watkins of Vancouver, Washington; his sister-in-law, Delnita Sharrah of Black Diamond, Washington; eight grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Albert and Amy Sharrah; his brother, Ray Sharrah; and his stepson, Robert Brown.

Memorial contributions may be made to Heart 'n Home Hospice through Coles Tribute Center, 1950 Place St., Baker City, OR 97814.

To light a candle in memory of Bruce, go to [www.colestributecenter.com](http://www.colestributecenter.com)

## NEWS OF RECORD

### FUNERALS PENDING

**Larry Speelman:** His funeral will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 6, at the Christian Church in Richland. Interment with military honors will take place afterward at the Eagle Valley Cemetery in Richland. Friends are invited to join the family for a potluck reception after the interment at the New Bridge Grange. Memorial contributions may be made to the Eagle Valley Ambulance Defibrillator 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](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com)

**Gerald Wesley Howard:** A celebration of Jerry's life is

scheduled at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 13, at the Blue Mountain Baptist Church, 2998 Eighth St. in Baker City. For those who would like to make a memorial donation in memory of Bubba, the family suggests the Blue Mountain Baptist Church or Community Connection Senior Center 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](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com)

**Chary Mires:** Memorial service and celebration of Chary's life will take place Saturday, May 4, at 2 p.m. at the Baker City Christian Church, 675 Highway 7. For those who would like to make a donation in memory of Chary, her family suggests the

Baker Heritage Museum or the Leo Adler Foundation 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](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com)

### POLICE LOG

**Baker City Police**  
DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF INTOXICANTS: Jacob Ross Biedenweg, 31, North Columbia, Indiana, 6:29 p.m. Wednesday in the 500 block of Campbell Street; jailed.

FAILURE TO REGISTER AS A SEX OFFENDER: Michael Scott Tugman, 30, 2787 Third St., 12:33 a.m. Thursday at his home; jailed.

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**PET SEMATARY**  
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FRI & SAT: (4:10) 7:10, 9:45  
SUN: (4:10) 7:10 MON-TH: 7:10

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SUN: (4:00) 7:00 MON-TH: 7:00

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