

# Local & State

## BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

### MONDAY, APRIL 8

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

### FRIDAY, APRIL 12

■ **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, 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.

■ **"Growing the Food I Want" Gardening Class:** Topic is "Three Veggie-teers: Night Shade, Root and Salad," 6 p.m., Baker Botanicals, 3797 10th St.; Master Gardener volunteers will offer tips for commonly grown vegetables.

## TURNING BACK THE PAGES

### 50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald April 8, 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 fills the need," John Rogers, Baker County Chamber of Commerce president said.

### 25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald April 8, 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 8, 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 9, 2018

A pack of wolves has killed at least three calves since Thursday night in eastern Baker County, and the rancher involved is calling for state wildlife officials to kill all eight wolves in the pack.

"I would like to see the whole pack annihilated," Chad DelCurto said this morning. "If a pack is killing livestock, you've got to kill every one of them that has been involved in that."

DelCurto said he turned out 130 cow-calf pairs late last week in the Sheep Mountain area southeast of Halfway.

Within 48 hours, he said, wolves had killed three calves. Seven others were either injured or are missing, DelCurto said.

He has asked the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) to kill the wolves, but an agency decision is pending.

## OREGON LOTTERY

### MEGABUCKS, April 6

4 - 6 - 17 - 18 - 28 - 42  
Next jackpot: \$10.4 million

### POWERBALL, April 6

15 - 33 - 43 - 59 - 60 PB 8  
Next jackpot: \$84 million

### MEGA MILLIONS, April 5

8 - 22 - 24 - 38 - 64 Mega 21  
Next jackpot: \$120 million

### WIN FOR LIFE, April 6

39 - 49 - 59 - 60  
Pick 4, April 7

• 1 p.m.: 2 - 2 - 1 - 5

• 4 p.m.: 8 - 0 - 8 - 3

• 7 p.m.: 8 - 8 - 5 - 6

• 10 p.m.: 8 - 8 - 6 - 7

### LUCKY LINES, April 7

2-8-9-14-17-21-25-32  
Next jackpot: \$12,000

## SENIOR MENUS

■ **TUESDAY:** Pork filet mignon, parslid red potatoes, mixed vegetables, roll, fruit cup, brownies

■ **WEDNESDAY:** Hot turkey sandwich, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, pea-and-onion salad, sherbet

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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# Lawmakers mull Electoral College bypass

By Sarah Zimmerman  
Associated Press

SALEM — Tapping into Democratic anger over the country's election process, Oregon is joining a number of Democrat-controlled states in pursuing a work-around to the Electoral College and switch to a popular vote model.

The Senate Rules Committee voted 4-1 on Wednesday, paving the way for a full floor vote on whether the state should join the National Vote Interstate Compact, a pledge between states to give their electoral votes to whoever wins the national popular vote.

It's a way to effectively bypass the Electoral College, a system that's been

criticized following the 2016 presidential election. President Donald Trump became the second Republican in five elections to win the presidency through the Electoral College while losing the popular vote.

Candidates in the crowded race for next year's Democratic presidential nomination have backed the move to overhaul the country's election process. Senate Democrats have also introduced a constitutional amendment to scrap the system, but it's likely to hit a dead end in the deeply-divided Congress. Constitutional amendments must be passed by two-thirds of both houses, and then would need to be ratified by three-fourth of states.

The National Vote Interstate Compact,

however, wouldn't require a constitutional change. Pledged states would agree to give all their electoral votes to whoever wins the national popular vote. In theory, that could mean Democratic states would be bound to give all their electoral college votes to a Republican if that candidate received the most votes nationally.

The compact would only go into effect when enough states join to reach 270 electoral votes, the threshold needed to win the White House.

Opponents of the Electoral College say that the system gives an extraordinary amount of power to a handful of swing states, where presidential hopefuls spend the most of their money and attention.

## SCHOOLS

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Board members will review materials and meet in a work session in early May to consider what the District's next steps should be.

Witty said the revised plan came out of meetings with community members and reviews of written comments made about the outcome of the November 2018 election.

Voters rejected a \$48 million bond measure that was designed to pay for, among other things, building a new elementary school and making districtwide safety and security improvements as well as operation and energy efficiency upgrades, technological improvements and limiting transitions between schools for children and families.

No improvements are planned for the former North Baker School building, which

will continue to be used by the Baker Web Academy and Early College, Eagle Cap High School and for early intervention programs.

A committee has been formed to begin planning for alternate use of the Central School building, which has been closed since 2009.

Thursday's draft proposal was presented by Scott Rogers and Cassie Hibbert of the Wenaha consulting firm and Amber VanOcker, an architect with the Boise firm, LKV architects.

The draft proposal in the Phase 1 "renovation-based strategy" is estimated to cost \$12 million. It would be funded by a \$6 million bond to be voted on in either November 2019 or May 2020.

The other \$6 million would come from \$4 million in state matching funds and \$2 million from the school district's budget. Phase 2 of the strategy

is an estimated \$6 million project set for 2024 and Phase 3, another \$6 million project, is proposed for 2029.

### Phase I draft estimates:

• Brooklyn School (which currently houses Grades K-3): Remodeled to house kindergarten and Grades 1-2 for an estimated cost of \$1,383,311.

• South Baker, (currently serving Grades 4-6): Grades 3-4; cost, \$697,471.

• Helen M. Stack (currently housing grades 7-8): Grades 5-6; cost, \$1,920,917.

• Baker High School (current Grades 9-12): Grades 7-12; cost, \$7,242,140.

• Districtwide safety/security and renovation unknowns, cost, \$756,161.

### Phase 2 draft estimates

Athletics focused to better accommodate moving the middle school students to the high school campus:

• Baker High School (Grades 7-12): Field house, locker room and weight room addition; cost, \$6,769,453 (includes 3-percent cost escalation per year).

### Phase 3 draft estimates

• Baker High School, Grades 7-12: Auditorium and small gym "refresh," \$2,477,087 (these numbers also include escalation at 3 percent per year).

• Helen M. Stack Building, Grades 5-6: Stand-alone cafeteria, 5,100-square-foot new construction, \$3,337,199.

• More districtwide safety/security and renovation unknowns: \$185,715.

"My belief is we're not passing a new school bond," Witty told the Board in considering what the community would be willing to support in the next election. "I think we flat-out are in a remodel situation with the idea of getting to different components."

## OBITUARY

### Eugene Davilla

Baker City, 1921-2019

Eugene Davilla, 97, of Baker City, died April 4, 2019, at the Ashley Manor care center.

Eugene had been a resident of Baker County for 52 years.

Per Gene's request no formal services will be held. His family will have a celebration of his life this summer to spread his ashes on the family ranch.

He was born on June 10, 1921, in Contra Costa County, California, at the family ranch near Martinez to John Davilla, Jr and Alta Silva Davilla.

He attended school at Pleasant Hill and Concord, then went into ranching with his father, while also working in the trucking and construction industries in the Bay Area. He married Joan Frederick in Carson City, Nevada, and

they ranched at Elk Creek, California, for 17 years. While in Elk Creek, Eugene also worked as a forklift driver at Setzer Forest Products and shod horses in the local area.

In 1967 the Davillas purchased their ranch in Oregon from Milton and Norma Prowell on Beaver Creek Road, where the family continues to ranch. He worked for 11 years at the Baker Auction calling pens for the pen riders, often working long into the night at the special feeder sales.

Gene liked horses and broke several to ride and work, the tougher the better! He took excellent care of his fences and his cattle, he believed that good fences made good neighbors. Although he lost his sight in 2004, he still stayed active taking walks and even continuing to cut some of his own firewood. He loved sitting on the front porch listening to the sounds of the ranch.

He is survived by his wife, Joan of

Baker City; his daughters, Lynn Davilla of Redding, California, and Karen Dolven (Creig) of Payette, Idaho; his son, Larry Davilla (Tammy) of Baker City; his grandchildren, Kelly Rust (Tony) of Hillsboro, Jamie Yahne (Joe) of Gig Harbor, Washington, Ryan Davilla (Katy) of Baker City, Brandon Davilla (Stefani) of Roland, Arkansas, Colin Davilla of Baker City, Rylee Dolven of Moscow, Idaho, and Shyeen Dolven of Las Cruces, New Mexico; and his six great-grandchildren, Trey Yahne, Roman Rust, Kaydance Davilla, Renzo Rust, Jazzie Yahne and Reins Davilla.

Gene was preceded in death by his parents, John and Alta; his sister, Lena; and his brother, George.

Memorial contributions can be made to the charity of one's choice through Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814.

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

## NEWS OF RECORD

**Kristin Bagenski:** 36, of Baker City, died on April 6, 2019.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel. To light a candle in memory of Kristin or to leave a condolence for his family, go to [www.grayswestco.com](http://www.grayswestco.com)

### FUNERALS PENDING

**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 sug-

gests 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**  
OUT OF COUNTY WARRANT: Mark Andres Johnston, 47, 225 Fifth St., North Powder, 5:58 a.m. Sunday at 11th and H streets; jailed.

PAROLE VIOLATION: Derrick Lamont Dodge, 41, Baker City, 3:16 p.m. Friday on Fifth Street near Church Street; jailed.

PROBATION VIOLATION, PAROLE VIOLATION: Jace Taylor Prowell, 28, Baker City, 4:09 p.m. Friday in the 2400 block of Broadway Street; jailed.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT: Chantelle Isham, 25, 2335 Baker St., 11:56 p.m. Friday in the 2100 block of Second Street; jailed.

**Baker County Sheriff's Office**  
MULTNOMAH COUNTY WARRANTS: Sonny A. Banks, 34, Portland, 1:29 a.m. Saturday in the 2400 block of Resort Street; jailed.



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