

Inaugural Safety Fair set for Thursday

The first ever Baker County Safety Fair is scheduled Thursday at the Nazarene Church's Family Life Center. The event is scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the center at 1250 Hughes Lane. About 700 students in kindergarten through third grade are expected to attend

the fair, which will provide a wide range of safety lessons, organizers stated in a press release. The event is sponsored by Oregon Trail Electric Co-op, the Oregon Department of Transportation, St. Luke's and St. Alphonsus medical centers, and the Baker School

District. Pedestrian and bicycle safety will be covered during the day-long fair. There will be lessons about water, electrical and fire safety. And anti-bullying instruction will be taught. Presenters will include representatives from the

Baker County Sheriff's Office, OTEC, Baker City Fire and Rescue and the Safe Communities Coalition. Students will take home bags filled with safety information for parents and trinkets provided by the participating agencies, the press release stated.

LAWSUIT

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Addison's editorial was published in The Record-Courier in 2008. The longtime weekly newspaper has since ceased publication. Addison's attorney, Clifford S. Davidson of the Sussman Shank law firm in Portland, said Tuesday in a telephone interview that details of the settlement cannot be disclosed until they are finalized. "Although the settlement ultimately will be public, I cannot get into the details at this time because communications during mediation are confidential," he stated in an email to the Herald. Addison's lawsuit had been set to go to trial in U.S. District Court at Pendleton in August. The most recent docket entry, which was made on Thursday, recorded a 60-day order of dismissal. That means Addison's complaint will be dismissed with prejudice, unless the court is notified that an agreement has not been finalized within 60 days, Davidson said. A dismissal with prejudice means the issue is finished and cannot be brought back to court. Davidson said he expects details of the settlement to be finalized well within the

60-day limit. Addison's lawsuit sought damages to be determined at trial on claims that the City and Lohner retaliated against his freedom of speech rights by harassing him for what he had written in the editorial for The Record-Courier. The editorial was titled "How About a favorable Interpretation of the 4th Amendment." In it, Addison referred to the police department's use of its drug-detecting dog during the 1A state basketball tournament, which he saw as a violation of constitutional protection against unreasonable search and seizure. Addison's lawsuit claimed that the City and Lohner interfered with his job opportunities, defamed him and deprived him of due process because of what he had written. District Court Judge Michael H. Simon ruled in August 2017 that Lohner was not entitled to qualified immunity from Addison's allegations. Simon granted motions for summary judgment by Baker City and Lohner on federal claims alleging violation of procedural and substantive due process and Addison's claim alleging personal liability against Lohner.

The complaint, which had been set to go to trial in April was postponed when the City's attorney Robert E. Franz Jr. of Springfield appealed Simon's ruling regarding Lohner's entitlement to qualified immunity. Simon's decision was upheld by a U.S. Court of Appeals panel ruling issued in November 2018. The three-judge panel affirmed Simon's decision that Lohner violated Addison's First Amendment right after Addison published the editorial criticizing the police department. The judges found that Lohner "engaged in a campaign of harassment" against Addison because of what he had written. The Appeals Court judges found that Lohner is not protected in his role as a police officer to use his authority to retaliate against and harass individuals exercising their right to free speech. Addison maintained he had been stopped numerous times by police after the editorial was published and that Lohner made calls to his past employers warning them about his disposition and reputation. Addison contends that he was fired from his job at New Directions Northwest a short time after Lohner called the agency and urged administrators to obtain a

fact file that contained inaccurate details of Addison's involvement with police. Lohner has denied any wrongdoing throughout the proceedings. Had the complaint gone to trial, Addison sought "economic/compensatory and noneconomic/special damages, including loss of income and past and future impairment of earning capacity; injury to his reputation, economically verifiable and otherwise; expenses related to having to relocate out of Baker City for fear of further retaliation; and emotional distress" along with punitive damages to be proven at trial and attorney's fees and costs. Addison also sought a permanent injunction prohibiting defendants from distributing the fact file in the form presented to New Directions and requiring that the file be revised to accurately reflect his citation record, including that he received just one traffic ticket, and that a stalking citation included in the file had been dismissed. Addison also sought a permanent injunction prohibiting Lohner and any City employees from communicating with any of Addison's prospective employers other than as allowed by law, and for any other relief deemed equitable by the court.

Search/rescue training planned

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About 100 search and rescue volunteers from throughout the region will gather in Baker County Friday through Sunday for training exercises. Union Creek Campground, which hasn't yet opened for the season, will be the staging site of the training, said Chris Galiszewski, Baker County's Search and Rescue coordinator. Teams from Baker, Union, Wallowa, Grant, Malheur, Morrow — and possibly Gilliam and Wheeler — counties are expected to participate along with Civil Air Patrol members. The campground will be open only to training participants for the weekend. It will open for the season in the coming weeks, Galiszewski said. But this week search and rescue volunteers will have their tents and trailers on the site and will be learning lessons throughout the area as well. In addition to practicing skills that lead to a successful search and rescue operation in the Phillips Lake area, the trainings will extend to Anthony Lakes, Sumpter, Sparta and Bowen Valley. Air searches will be conducted and part of the training will include instruction in the use of drones. There will be a dive operation on Phillips Lake and eight K-9 teams used to search for missing people will take part in the training, Galiszewski said. On Sunday, the volunteers will participate in a "simulated, real-world mission," he said. Aircraft and drones will take turns searching the air as rescuers hone their coordinating skills. A Life Flight helicopter also is scheduled to be at the site, unless the crew has its own real-world mission, Galiszewski said. The event is sponsored by the Oregon State Sheriff's Association and the individual Sheriff's Departments, which contribute \$300 each. The training is free to the search and rescue volunteers. New volunteers are always needed and all types of abilities can help with the effort, Galiszewski said.

LOCAL BRIEFING

'Barefoot in the Park' opens Friday
Eastern Oregon Regional Theatre presents "Barefoot in the Park" beginning Friday, May 3. Performances will be May 3-5 and May 10-12. Showtimes are 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 3 p.m. Sunday. The show runs about two hours and includes two intermissions and three acts. Tickets are on sale at Betty's Books, Random Resales, www.easternoregonregionalthatre.com and at the door. Admission is \$12 adults, \$10 EORT members, and \$8 students.

Education Foundation fundraiser Friday
The Baker Valley Education Foundation has scheduled a community open house and fundraiser for Friday, May 3 from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Crossroads Carnegie Art Center, 2020 Auburn. Everyone is invited to learn more about the Foundation and how it supports programs in the Baker School District. Student art will be on display and available for sale, with all proceeds benefiting the Foundation. More information is available by calling Kim Mosier at 541-519-1526.

Auditions for children's play set for May 7
Auditions for "Willabella Witch's Last Spell" will be at 6 p.m. May 7 at the theater of Eastern Oregon Regional Theatre, 2101 Main St., Suite 113, Baker City. Performances are set for June 27-30. Children ages 6-18 are welcome to audition.

SEARCH

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Members of the Major Crime Team "are concerned that there is a strong possibility of foul play and we're in a full criminal investigation," he said. "We're taking this seriously and we're spending a lot of time and we're going to continue to," Shirtcliff said as the search for Peterson continues.

The entire law enforcement community is seeking information about the whereabouts of the 51-year-old Peterson, Shirtcliff said. She had been living at 2450 Broadway St., Apartment 4. Anyone with information, which may be provided anonymously, is asked to call Baker County Dispatch, 541-523-3644, to leave a message for officer Shannon Regan. Regan also

may be contacted by email at sregan@bakercity.com or through Messenger on the Baker City Police Facebook Page. Posters distributed as part of the effort to find Peterson describe her as 5 feet 1 inch tall with brown hair and brown eyes. She has tattoos on her buttocks and left ankle and a scar on her right wrist. She is known to travel on foot.

NEWS OF RECORD

DEATHS
Bonita "Bonnie" Paulson: 94, of Baker City, died April 28, 2019, at her resident in Meadowbrook Place. Arrangements are under the direction of Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel. To light a candle in memory of Bonnie, or to leave a condolence for her family, go to www.grayswestco.com

FUNERALS PENDING
Dorothy Miles Carter: Her graveside memorial service will be Saturday, May 4, at 11 a.m. at the Eagle Valley Cemetery in Richland. Following the service, friends are invited to the Eagle Valley Grange for a potluck luncheon; those attending are asked to bring a dish. Memorial contributions may be made to the Eagle Valley Grange through Coles Tribute Center, 1950 Place St., Baker City, OR 97814. To light a candle in Dorothy's memory, go to www.colestributecenter.com
Chary Mires: A 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. The family suggests memorial contributions to 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
Curtis Heck: Graveside service will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 4, at Mount Hope Cemetery. Friends are invited to join the family for a reception immediately following the service, at the St. Francis de Sales Cathedral basement reception area. For those who would like to make a donation in memory of Curtis, the family suggests Heart 'N Home Hospice or Best Friends of Baker through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services, P.O. Box 543, Halfway, OR 97834. Online condolences can be made at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com
Kristin Bagenski: There will be a celebration of her life from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Sunday, May 5, at Crossroads Carnegie Art Center, 2020 Auburn Ave. Friends

are asked to bring stories and memories for Kristin's memorial album.
Josephine "Jo" Snook Dickison: Memorial service will be Friday, May 17, at 10 a.m. at the First Church of the Nazarene, 1250 Hughes Lane, with a reception following at the Nazarene Church Fellowship Hall (this is a change from the original location). Memorial contributions can be made to the McEwen Church or Camp Elkanah through Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City OR 97814. To light a candle for Laurel, go to www.grayswestco.com

POLICE LOG
Baker City Police Arrests, citations
PAROLE VIOLATION: Brandon Douglas Culbertson, 31, 3219 Court Ave., 2:44 p.m. Tuesday at Broadway and 14th street; jailed.
Baker County Sheriff's Office Arrests, citations
PROBATION VIOLATION: John Lorin Gibbs, 38, 41362 Pocahontas Road, 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Courthouse; cited and released.
VIOLATION OF RESTRAINING ORDER: Wade Wesley Minor, 51, of Baker City, 7:36 p.m. Monday, at the sheriff's office; jailed.

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