

Local

BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

- WEDNESDAY, MAY 8**
■ **Lower Powder River Irrigation District Board:** 6 p.m. at Barley Brown's, 2190 Main St.
- FRIDAY, MAY 10**
■ **Live Music by Keith Taylor:** Ragtime piano, 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., Crossroads, 2020 Auburn Ave.; no charge.
- MONDAY, MAY 13**
■ **Medical Springs Rural Fire Protection District Board:** 7 p.m. at the Pondosa Station.
- TUESDAY, MAY 14**
■ **Baker City Council:** 7 p.m., City Hall, 1655 First St.
- WEDNESDAY, MAY 15**
■ **Baker County Board of Commissioners:** 9 a.m., Courthouse, 1995 Third St.
- **Gardening Class:** "After the Harvest," 6 p.m., Extension Office, 2600 East St.; Extension agent Robin Maille will give tips on picking and storing produce and deciding whether to dry, freeze, can or eat fresh; \$5; call 541-523-3449, 541-523-6418 or email mastergardener.baker@oregonstate.edu
- THURSDAY, MAY 16**
■ **Baker Rural Fire Protection District Board:** 5:30 p.m. at the Pochontas Fire Station.

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO
from the Democrat-Herald
May 9, 1969

Voters in the Baker 5J School District will be asked on Tuesday, May 27 to approve the district's budget which they rejected on Monday.

25 YEARS AGO
from the Baker City Herald
May 9, 1994

Nobody wants to shut down the Oregon Trail Regional Museum, says Larry Rockenbrant, Baker City's building official.

Don Shepard, chairman of the museum commission, isn't so sure.

10 YEARS AGO
from the Baker City Herald
May 8, 2009

Congressman Greg Walden contends wildlife officials failed to warn Baker County ranchers that wolves might be nearby, and he urges officials to move any wolves they trap to a wilderness areas.

ONE YEAR AGO
from the Baker City Herald
May 9, 2018

Two Baker City librarians who volunteer to help choose books for a statewide student reading contest are dismayed that two Oregon school districts are declining to participate in next year's event because the book list includes a novel about a transgender elementary school student.

Courtney Snyder and Melissa Grammon, both of whom work at the Baker County Library, have been involved in the Battle of the Books competition for several years.

Teams of four students in three age categories are assigned a list of 12 or 16 books depending on the age category. During competitions, team members answer random questions about those books in a quiz-style format.

Snyder is a coach for Baker School District teams and she has been a member of the state committee that chooses books for the high school category.

This year she's serving as chair of the statewide title committee, which coordinates book selections for each of the three age categories in Battle of the Books — grades 3-5, grades 6-8 and grades 9-12.

OREGON LOTTERY

- MEGABUCKS, May 6**
21 — 40 — 42 — 43 — 44 — 45
Next jackpot: \$1 million
- MEGA MILLIONS, May 7**
3 — 6 — 34 — 54 — 63 Mega 19
Next jackpot: \$295 million
- WIN FOR LIFE, May 6**
35 — 47 — 52 — 56
- PICK 4, May 7**
• 1 p.m.: 2 — 9 — 6 — 7
• 4 p.m.: 6 — 3 — 7 — 7
• 7 p.m.: 2 — 9 — 1 — 1
• 10 p.m.: 0 — 9 — 7 — 6
- LUCKY LINES, May 7**
4-8-10-15-19-21-27-31
Next jackpot: \$12,000

SENIOR MENUS

- **THURSDAY:** Baked ham, sweet potatoes, green beans, rolls, carrot-raisin salad, cake
- **FRIDAY:** Chef's salad, cup soup, breadsticks, cottage cheese with fruit, cookies

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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FOOD BANK

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"Everything that was done has been voluntary," Ball said.

The food bank is volunteer run only and money donations are used to pay for the electricity, water and other bills.

When people go to the food bank, they fill out an application and receive a card to pick up boxes once a month.

The food bank is open twice a month; the second and last Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Although replacing volunteers has been a challenge, Ball said an improving economy over the past year and a half or so has, at least temporarily, reduced demand.

The food bank had been distributing 80 to 85 boxes per month — the most Ball remembers during his time as a volunteer.

But recently the food bank has been handing about 30 to 35 boxes.

"There's a lot of people that have jobs now that didn't have it two years ago," Ball said.

"We need volunteers that are dependable," Ball said. "If this thing just sinks, if they don't have somebody that takes responsibility of running it, what's gonna happen?"

— **Gary Ball,**
Food Bank volunteer



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Volunteers at the food bank include Dave Schrader, left, Bob Barton, right, and Hal Long.

Letter carriers collecting food Saturday

On Saturday, May 11, letter carriers will be doing more than just dropping off the mail; they'll also be collecting food for the annual Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive. Hosted by the National Association of Letter Carriers, Stamp Out Hunger takes place around the country and is the largest single-day food drive.

You can take part by collecting nonperishable food items and leaving them in a bag near the mailbox early on May 11. A letter carrier or volunteer will pick up the donation and ensure it gets to Oregon Food Bank.

Donations not picked up by letter carriers can be dropped off at any post office by Wednesday, May 15.



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After donning firefighting gear at Brooklyn Primary Tuesday, Baker City firefighter Jason Bybee demonstrates how it's important to crawl on the floor in a smoky room. He also emphasizes that although firefighting suits can look scary, there's a friend inside coming to help you.

Students cozy up to firefighters

By **Chris Collins**
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Brooklyn second-graders greeted Baker City firefighters who visited their classroom by name Tuesday afternoon.

The big men who towered over the children smiled back with friendly greetings of their own.

It was easy to see that Ben Decker and Jason Bybee had visited with these children before.

The firefighters and another celebrity who visited the classroom before the session ended were there in recognition of Wildfire Awareness Week.

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After a short video about forest fires, wildlife and the origins of Smokey Bear, Karson Dickerson and classmates greet the big bear with cheers and hugs.



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