

Local

BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

TUESDAY, MAY 21

■ **Elkhorn Community Preparedness:** 5:30 p.m. supper; 6:30 p.m. meeting; at the Sunridge.

FRIDAY, MAY 24

■ **Live Music by Keith Taylor:** Ragtime piano, 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., Crossroads, 2020 Auburn Ave.; no charge.

TUESDAY, MAY 28

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

MONDAY, JUNE 3

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 7

■ **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.

TUESDAY, JUNE 11

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

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald May 20, 1969

Pollution of the water by rubbish being dumped into the irrigation ditches running through Baker was of prime concern Monday evening when persons using water from these ditches met with city council members to discuss renewal of their permits.

25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald May 20, 1994

The mountain goats that live on the peaks of the Elkhorn Mountains are solitary animals that don't leave their inaccessible perches, even during the polar winters about 8,000 feet.

Usually,

An exception is the 2-year-old, 100-pound billy who was returned to Baker County Thursday after a one-year odyssey through Northeastern Oregon, a trip that started in the Elkhorns and ended in a Wheeler County barn.

10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald May 20, 2009

A four-day week has received overwhelming support from parents of students attending Haines and Keating elementary schools, where the plan was tested this year, but others remain skeptical about whether it's the best route for all Baker schools.

ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald May 21, 2018

The Baker City Council on Tuesday will consider an ordinance banning residents from intentionally feeding deer.

The ordinance requires the city to issue residents a written warning before imposing a fine.

Violations would carry a \$115 fine, with each day that a property is in violation considered a separate offense.

Tuesday's meeting starts at 7 p.m. at City Hall, 1655 First St.

The introduction of the proposed ordinance follows the Council's initial discussion, during its May 8 meeting, of the population of deer living in town most or all of the year.

Brian Ratliff, district wildlife biologist at the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's (ODFW) Baker City office, told councilors that during his 12 years here the deer population in town has increased.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, May 18

3 - 5 - 13 - 15 - 24 - 39
Next jackpot: \$2 million

POWERBALL, May 18

2 - 10 - 25 - 66 - 67 PB 4
Next jackpot: \$288 million

MEGA MILLIONS, May 17

5 - 17 - 28 - 32 - 63 Mega 11
Next jackpot: \$367 million

WIN FOR LIFE, May 18

22 - 38 - 50 - 55

PICK 4, May 19

• 1 p.m.: 2 - 5 - 9 - 0
• 4 p.m.: 3 - 4 - 7 - 0
• 7 p.m.: 4 - 4 - 4 - 0

LUCKY LINES, May 19

• 10 p.m.: 1 - 0 - 6 - 5
1-79-13-17-22-27-30
Next jackpot: \$24,000

SENIOR MENUS

- **TUESDAY:** Chili cheeseburger, potato salad, corn, bread, three-bean salad, cookies
- **WEDNESDAY:** Pork roast, parslid red potatoes, peas and carrots, roll, fruit ambrosia, brownie

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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Crossroads Carnegie Art Center closed May 24-27 for floor refinishing

Crossroads Carnegie Art Center in Baker City will be closed May 24-27 while workers refinish the floors inside the 110-year-old building at 2020 Auburn Ave.

The project is possible due to a grant from the Kinsman Foundation, according to a press release from Crossroads

executive director Ginger Savage.

The Art Center will reopen on Tuesday, May 28.

"We appreciate our community's patience through this busy time and the closure of the building," Savage said. "Staff and volunteers will be working tirelessly to move

all the equipment in the Art Center while safeguarding the art. Damaged boards in the 110-year-old Douglas-fir upstairs need to be replaced which is extended the project an additional day. We ask for your patience on the 28th as we move back into the building, protecting the floors

as we move. Crossroads has been working with Powder River Correctional Facility and all of the Crossroads art pedestals have been being refinished and will be moved back into Crossroads on the 28th as well."

More information is available by calling 541-523-5369.

MURAL

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Nelson said seniors Koedi Birmingham and Morgan Stone worked on the scientists.

The mural moves through the past with woolly mammoths and dinosaurs with a comet flying overhead.

"It's pretty cool," said Johnny Zhang, a sophomore and exchange student from China who painted the dinosaurs.

The mural then moves into the present with horses, cows, elk, trout, among other objects. Birmingham said the students wanted to paint animals they can see locally.

Viewers can also see the fourth doctor from the long-running TV series, "Doctor Who." Nelson said they will have the Doctor's T.A.R.D.I.S. (Time And Relative Dimension

"These guys have been working hard and they're awesome. They've been putting in a lot of time, a lot of Fridays, a lot of volunteer time to just come in and work on it."

— **Jill Nelson, computer lab monitor at Baker High School who has been coordinating students painting a mural at BHS**

In Space — the box the titular character travels in) in the sky at one point.

"We kind of all had random ideas of like putting in different scientific characters from different shows and movies, and a lot of people like Doctor Who and I know Mrs. Nelson does too so we went with it," Birmingham said.

The mural continues into the future and will eventually feature a cityscape. So far the unfinished scene has the periodic table, the Ghostbusters creating a black hole, and an astronaut.

"Summer Curry, she is our astronaut," Nelson said, referring to the BHS custodian and military veteran who served in Iraq and Afghanistan. "She wanted to know if she could be the astronaut, I said sure! So, we have her there as the astronaut. It's just a fun mural, we've just been at it for a while, it's quite a bit of space to fill up."

Other students who are helping with the project are seniors Wraylee Setzkorn and Emily Thornton.

"These guys have been working hard and they're awesome," Nelson said. "They've

been putting in a lot of time, a lot of Fridays, a lot of volunteer time to just come in and work on it."

Nelson has been approached by other teachers, asking if she will paint a mural in their section of the school, including social sciences and English.

"I guess we'll just kind of do a themed mural for all the different hallways and go from there," Nelson said.

The final project will have a quote from Stephen Hawking: "Remember to look up at the stars and not down at your feet. Try to make sense of what you see and wonder about what makes the universe exist. Be curious. And however difficult life may seem, there is always something you can do and succeed at. It matters that you don't just give up."

BUDGET

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The city's rate for Oregon's Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) will increase by about 30 percent starting July 1.

In the general fund, which includes administration and the police and fire departments, that PERS increase will boost the city's bill by about \$116,000 in the next fiscal year. Because PERS rates are set for

two years, the city will have two years to absorb the rate increase, Warner wrote.

On the positive side of the ledger, the city is collecting revenue from its ambulance service at a higher rate than the previous fiscal year.

The Fire Department handles far more ambulance runs than it does fires, and ambulance revenue accounts for about 44 percent of the Department's annual budget.

Warner wrote that he expects the city

will receive more for ambulance patients covered by Medicaid — as much as \$50,000 in additional revenue for the coming fiscal year. However, the city is not budgeting that revenue in case the projection is too optimistic.

The city projects ambulance revenue will rise from about \$730,000 this year to \$750,000 in the coming fiscal year.

The city is proposing a 2% merit pay raise for employees who aren't represented by a union.

OBITUARY

Gene Norris

Formerly of Baker City, 1942-2019

Gene Edward Norris, 76, of Fox, Oregon, and formerly of Baker City, died May 9, 2019, at his home with his family by his side.

His graveside service will be June 28 at 2:30 p.m. at Mount Hope Cemetery followed by a celebration of his life at the Eagles Lodge, 2935 H St. in Baker City, for family and friends.

He was born on Dec. 9, 1942, at Redding, California, to Ben and Amy Norris.



Gene Norris

Gene went to school at Haines and at Baker City. He served in the U.S. Army from 1963 to 1969 and was stationed in Germany. He loved to fish and hunt. His biggest love was cars — driving and working on them, creating his own from parts of many different vehicles. He went to a few car shows with family and friends.

Gene is survived by his wife, Betty Lucille (Hall) Norris of Fox his children, Betty Jean Norris of California, Steven Edward Norris of North Powder, and Cindy Sue Taylor of California; his sister, Helen Hammack of Washington; his sister-in-law, Teresa Mae and Glen

Smith of Red Oak, Iowa, Robert Andrew Hall of Idaho Falls, Idaho, Lois Jean DeRoest of Nampa, Idaho, Jimmy Lee Hall Sr. of Baker City, and Donna and Robert Ward of Baker City; nine grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Gene was preceded in death by his parents, Ben and Amy Norris; a grandson, Tyler James Taylor; a brother, Ernest Norris; his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Charles and Laura Hall; and four brothers-in-law, William Ray Hall, John Charles Hall, Robert Shum and Doug DeRoest.

NEWS OF RECORD

DEATHS

James Glen 'Jim' Harwood: 94, of North Powder, died May 18, 2019, at Saint Alphonsus Medical Center-Baker City. Munselle Rhodes Funeral Home of Milton-Freewater is in charge of arrangements.

Joe Adamson: 80, a longtime resident of Richland, died today at Saint Alphonsus Medical

Center in Boise. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Online condolences can be made at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com

FUNERALS PENDING

Elaine Crow Woolf: Celebration of life and memorial service, Saturday, May 25 at 11 a.m. at the Pine Valley Presbyterian Church in Halfway. Online condolences can be made at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com

Malcolm Richard 'Rick' Gryder: Memorial service will be Saturday, May 25 at 11 a.m. at Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel. Following the service, friends are invited to a celebration of life potluck at Sonja and Ty Lawrence's home. To light a candle in memory of Rick, go to

www.grayswestco.com

Suzann Griffith Hinkley: Funeral service Friday, May 31 at 1 p.m. at Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave. Interment will be at Mount Hope Cemetery following the service. Memorial contributions can be made to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society through Gray's West & Co., 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814. To light a candle in memory of Suzann, go to www.grayswestco.com

POLICE LOG

Baker City Police Arrests, citations
SECOND-DEGREE ROBBERY, SECOND- and THIRD-DEGREE THEFT, RESISTING ARREST, HARASSMENT: Heather Airmy Mae Winston, 27, Baker City, 2:05 p.m. Sunday at Court Avenue and Second Street; jailed.
PROBATION VIOLATION: Paul

Adam Heller, 47, transient, 11:46 a.m. Sunday in the 2200 block of 15th Street; jailed.

HARASSMENT, CRIMINAL MISCHIEF, DISORDERLY CONDUCT: Johnathan Dale Fields, 32, 1783 1/2 Valley Ave., 8:09 p.m. Saturday at his home; jailed.

VIOLATION OF RELEASE AGREEMENT (Baker County Circuit Court warrant): Sydne Preston Baltzell, 21, 1139 Elm St., 12:22 p.m. Saturday in the 2700 block of Third Street; jailed.

PROBATION VIOLATION: Tyler James Arthur, 25, 2735 12th St., 3:03 a.m. Saturday at his home; jailed.

Baker County Sheriff's Office

Arrests, citations
PROBATION VIOLATION: Yesenia Maria Lopez, 35, 165 E. Monroe St., Huntington, 6:15 p.m. Friday in Huntington; jailed.
FOURTH-DEGREE ASSAULT: Milton D. Plummer, 56, 42531 Moody Road, Richland, 6:20 a.m. Friday at his home.



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JOHN WICK: CHAPTER 3-PARABELLUM PG
Assassin John Wick is on the run with a \$14 million price tag on his head and bounty hunting on his trail.
FRI & SAT: (4:00) 6:50, 9:35
SUN: (4:00) 6:50 M-TH: 6:50

POKEMON: DETECTIVE PIKACHU PG
In a world where people call Pokémon to do battle, a boy comes across an intelligent talking Pikachu who seeks to be a detective.
FRI & SAT: (4:10) 7:10, 9:40
SUN: (4:10) 7:10 M-TH: 7:10

THE HUSTLE PG-13
Anne Hathaway and Reba Wilson star as female scam artists who team up to take down the men who have wronged them.
FRI & SAT: (4:20) 7:20, 9:45
SUN: (4:20) 7:20 M-TH: 7:20

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