

# Local

## BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

### MONDAY, JUNE 3

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

### TUESDAY, JUNE 4

■ **Baker School Board Budget Committee:** 5 p.m., at the District Office, 2090 Fourth St.

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5

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

### FRIDAY, JUNE 7

■ **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.

■ **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.

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12

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

## TURNING BACK THE PAGES

### 50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald May 31, 1969

Mrs. Clarabell Boyd, 3333 College St., Baker reported that three of her five-month-old lambs have been attacked by a dog, and as a result two of them had died.

Police said the incident occurred sometime between Friday evening and 10 a.m. Saturday.

### 25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald May 31, 1994

Four Baker County high school students have been chosen to participate in the 1994 Saturday Academy program.

The students — Pamela Alexander and Manada Kuester of Burnt River High School and Shannon Flores and Amanda Helmer of Baker High School — were chosen for the Saturday Academy's Apprenticeships in the Science and Engineering program.

### 10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald June 1, 2009

Budget cuts nearing final approval in the Oregon Legislature would slash state funding 15 percent for county fairs across the state, including \$7,300 from the Baker County Fair.

### ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald May 30, 2018

Michelle Owen noticed what was missing while she was driving to Baker City Hall Tuesday morning and she looked west at the towering wall of the Elkhorn Mountains.

Snow.

There were still splotches of white decorating the brown rock, to be sure.

But those splotches seemed pretty small to Owen's eyes.

And she takes more than a passing interest in that particular view.

Owen is the city's public works director, and it's the Elkhorns' snowpack that keeps the city's faucets and hydrants flowing.

Although she was a bit surprised by how much the snow has receded, still more than three weeks short of the summer solstice, Owen was not especially troubled.

She needed only to remind herself about the 400 million gallons.

## OREGON LOTTERY

### MEGABUCKS, May 29

3 - 12 - 16 - 24 - 31 - 36

Next jackpot: \$3 million

### POWERBALL, May 29

3 - 32 - 34 - 42 - 61 PB 7

Next jackpot: \$350 million

### WIN FOR LIFE, May 29

3 - 5 - 27 - 66

### PICK 4, May 30

• 1 p.m.: 2 - 6 - 0 - 8

• 4 p.m.: 2 - 1 - 9 - 8

• 7 p.m.: 5 - 7 - 6 - 8

• 10 p.m.: 0 - 7 - 3 - 3

### LUCKY LINES, May 30

2-5-11-13-19-21-26-32

Next jackpot: \$35,000

## SENIOR MENUS

■ **MONDAY:** Pot roast, potatoes and gravy, carrots, rolls, broccoli-bacon salad, cheesecake

■ **TUESDAY:** Chicken-fried chicken, potatoes and gravy, green beans, rolls, 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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## ATHLETICS

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Smith is employed on a 174-day annual contract as are other teachers.

The current athletic director's extra-duty contract includes stipends ranging from \$4,956 to \$6,019 in two separate payments, one for fall sports and one for winter sports. Smith is at the top of that extra-duty scale. He receives a full-time teaching salary in addition to his athletic director stipends, Superintendent Mark Witty said.

The "restructuring" plan came to the Baker School Board as a recommendation from Witty after an outside organization reviewed policies and procedures, including those pertaining to hiring and investigatory practices, as they pertain to athletics.

The Board agreed during a March 19 meeting to seek an audit of how District policies are followed when complaints are made against employees.

At that meeting, after convening in an executive (closed to the public) session, the Board moved to open session at which directors upheld Witty's decision to

fire Warren Wilson from his extra-duty roles as assistant baseball coach and head volleyball coach at Baker High School.

Wilson was dismissed after investigations by the Baker School District and the Oregon Teacher Standards and Practices Commission found he violated professional standards in his conduct with girls on his JV basketball team at Baker High School during the 2015 season.

That led the Board to seek the audit regarding how District policies and procedures are followed, particularly as they pertain to athletics.

At a March 19 meeting, Chris Hawkins, board chair, said he was concerned about why it was necessary for the complaints to be brought to the Board rather than being resolved at a lower level.

"How we got to this point in the first place is a little concerning to me," Hawkins said.

He said the independent audit would look at how the district conducts hiring and background checks as well as other policies regarding public complaints and sexual harassment.

Witty recommended the Board hire a year-round administrator to serve as athletic director as a result of the audit conducted by J. Hank Stebbins, an attorney with the Garrett, Hemann & Robertson Inc. firm in Salem.

Witty said the audit showed administrators need more training regarding Title IX, a federal law prohibiting sex discrimination against students.

Witty said Stebbins also recommended the district have one person designated as a Title IX investigator, rather than several administrators. Barry Nemecek, the district's special education director, will fill that role.

Moving the athletic director's position, which traditionally has been held by a teacher on special assignment, to that of a full-time administrator, would give the person more authority, Witty said.

"As an administrator, clearly there's a separation of expectations and responsibilities," Witty told the Board.

While moving the job to an administrative level isn't yet common at the 4A school level, there is a move in that direction.

At the 5A and 6A level in Oregon — schools with larger enrollments than Baker's — most athletic directors are administrators, Witty said.

The 260-day contract could also bring revenue into the district as the athletic director works to bring events to the community, including the Baker Sports Complex, throughout the year, Witty said.

"This recommendation is giving a larger footprint to the athletic director to go out and create opportunities," Witty said. "It does have an impact on the local community as you create more opportunities for events."

The superintendent said he envisions events such as soccer tournaments, batting clinics and other activities in collaboration with local partners. The events could

bring in students from other areas, including the Treasure Valley and Tri-Cities, he said.

"A portion of the revenue should be plowed back into the facility," Witty said.

It will take about three to five years of making connections and building relationships to see the plan develop, he said.

In addition to the administrative athletic director position, the District is advertising to fill a new full-time teacher-on-special-assignment position.

The person in that role would spend .15 full-time equivalency (FTE) to help re-establish an alternative school in the district.

Another .15 FTE would be spent working as facilitator of the District's fledgling international program. Witty says the District is building contacts not only with China, but with Vietnam and Taiwan as well.

Witty said 10 to 15 international students are expected to attend Baker High School in 2019-20.

In addition, a trip is being planned that would allow Baker School District students to visit Vietnam during spring break, he said.

The remaining .70 FTE of the new position would be dedicated to working as an "educational effectiveness director and instruction facilitator" in programs at the Baker Technical Institute, Witty said.

The salary range for the full-time position has been advertised at from \$75,474 to \$85,139 (based on the 2019-2020 teacher salary schedule and a 174-day contract).

## Baker High School Class of 2019

■ Student was inadvertently left out the graduation section in Wednesday's issue



Albert Lawrence

## REWARD

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Anyone with information about Peterson, 51, should contact Detective Shannon Regan of the Baker City Police Department. Call 541-523-3644 or email her at sregan@bakercity.com

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.

Peterson had been living at 2450 Broadway St., Apartment 4.

## OBITUARY

### Dorothy Joseph

Baker City, 1928-2019

Dorothy Mae Joseph, 90, of Baker City, died in her sleep on May 13, 2019.

Dorothy was born on July 17, 1928, at Lexington, Georgia, to Sylvia Bettor and Obie Cleveland Holmes. She was raised near Detroit in Royal Oak and Berkley, Michigan, by her mother, Sylvia, and her stepfather, John Powers.

Dorothy married Charles "Chuck" Joseph in 1955. Dorothy worked as a waitress and Chuck as a bartender in supper clubs in Detroit and Miami until they opened their own restaurant, the

Cedars of Lebanon, in 1964 followed by Chuck Joseph's Place for Steak in 1967. Chuck Joseph's Place for Steak was an instant success and became one of the favorite spots for Detroit Red Wings hockey players and fans.

Chuck Joseph died of cancer in 1985 and after his death, in addition to managing the restaurant, Dorothy became a Hospice volunteer. Ten years later Dorothy was diagnosed with ovarian cancer and was given two years to live.

In 1997 Dorothy sold Chuck Joseph's Place for Steak and moved to Baker City, buying the historic Ferguson house

on Dewey Avenue. After renovating the house, she volunteered at Community Connection while waiting for her cancer to return. It never did. She continued her volunteer work for 20 years, delivering Meals on Wheels, calling Bingo, or doing what she could to help other seniors.

She is survived by her son, Randy, and his wife Linda; their children, Jennifer, Loran and Wade; and four great-grandchildren.

To light a candle in memory of Dorothy, or to leave a condolence for her family, go to www.grayswestco.com

## NEWS OF RECORD

### DEATHS

**Virginia Melgarejo:** 63, of Baker City, died May 29, 2019, at her home with her family at her side. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Online condolences can be made at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com

**Norman Myers:** 91, of Halfway and Baker City, died today at Settler's Park Assisted Living in Baker City. His graveside service with military honors will take place at Pine Haven Cemetery in Halfway, the date and time to be announced later. 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

**Matt Doud:** Memorial service and celebration of Matt's life will take place Friday, June 21, at 1 p.m. at the Harvest Church, 3720 Birch St. in Baker City. Online condolences can be made at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com

**Gene Edward Norris:** Burial of his urn will take place Friday, June 28, at 2 p.m. at Mount Hope Cemetery, with military honors. A celebration of his life will follow at the Baker Eagles Club, 2935 H St. Memorial contributions can be made to the Wounded Warrior Project through Driskill Memo-

rial Chapel, 241 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day, OR 97845. To light a candle in Gene's memory, or to offer condolences to his family, go to www.driskillmemorialchapel.com

### POLICE LOG

#### Baker City Police

CONTEMPT OF COURT (Three Baker County warrants), CONTEMPT OF COURT (Coos County warrant) and TWO BENTON COUNTY, WASHINGTON, FUGITIVE WARRANTS: James Thomas Kissinger, transient, 12:02 a.m. Wednesday, at Second Street and Court Avenue; jailed.

FAILURE TO ABIDE BY DUII DIVERSION AGREEMENT (Baker County Justice Court warrant)

and FAILURE TO APPEAR (Union County warrant): Heather Dawn Lee Carter, 32, of Baker City, 12:58 p.m. Wednesday, at the Sheriff's Office; jailed.

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF METHAMPHETAMINE (Baker County Circuit Court warrant): Brooke Elaine Miller, 28, of 2101 Balm St., 7:49 p.m. Thursday, at her home; cited and released.

**Baker County Sheriff's Office**

POST-PRISON SUPERVISION VIOLATION (Parole and Probation warrant) and UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF METHAMPHETAMINE: Chuck Wayne Briney, 26, of La Grande, 4:19 p.m. Thursday, at Third and B streets; jailed.



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