

Local

BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JULY 4

- **Fourth of July events at Haines:** Cowboy Breakfast, 7 a.m. to 10 a.m.; vendors in the park, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; parade, 10 a.m.; rodeo, 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.; free concert; fireworks, dusk to 10 p.m.
- **Fourth of July events at Huntington:** Parade at noon; barbecue at the cook shack; wet and wild water park; vendors; fireworks at Farewell Bend.
- **Fourth of July at Halfway:** 6:30 p.m. concession stands open; live music by The Wasteland Kings of La Grande, 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.; annual pie auction fundraiser, 7:30 p.m., with auctioneer Mib Daily; fireworks begin at dusk.

FRIDAY, JULY 5

- **Sumpter Flea Market and Sumpter Valley Railway:** Flea market runs July 5-7; the railway operates July 6-7.
- **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; continues most Fridays.
- **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.

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald July 2, 1969

John Everson, 61, longtime employee of the Baker Fire Department, automatically became Fire Chief of Baker Tuesday.

Former Fire Chief Babe Transue, 67, who will retire the end of this year, will act as assistant Fire Chief for the next six months.

25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald July 4, 1994

BOISE — Idaho Power Co. has increased the amount of water released from Brownlee Reservoir and the Hells Canyon hydroelectric complex to aid migration of juvenile salmon downstream in the Snake River.

10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald July 3, 2009

Mary Jo Carpenter grins with delight as she settles into the seat of Baker City's new trolley.

Then she pulls a string to make the bell ring. "It makes me think of Rice-A-Roni," she said of the sound, which mimics the bell from the commercials for "The San Francisco Treat."

ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald July 4, 2018

A fire started by a burn barrel scorched about 30 acres on Pine Valley Ranch land Monday morning just south of Highway 86 about 10 miles east of Halfway.

Chief Todd Robinette of the Pine Valley Rural Fire Protection District said about 35 firefighters spent four hours at the scene. The Pine Valley volunteers were joined by firefighters with the Keating Fire Protection District and employees of the U.S. Forest Service, Oregon Department of Forestry and Greater Pine Valley Rangeland Protection Association.

Robinette said that grass and brush burned around a house at the site, but because the lawn had been well kept, the house was not threatened by the blaze.

Robinette said he did not know the names of the residents of the house who were responsible for the fire. He said there would be no attempt to recover the cost of fighting the fire.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, July 1

10 - 26 - 27 - 34 - 40 - 46
Next jackpot: \$5.6 million

MEGA MILLIONS, July 2

3 - 25 - 37 - 40 - 55 Mega 13
Next jackpot: \$95 million

WIN FOR LIFE, July 1

44 - 64 - 65 - 72

PICK 4, July 2

• 1 p.m.: 9 - 4 - 7 - 2
• 4 p.m.: 5 - 6 - 8 - 6
• 7 p.m.: 4 - 6 - 3 - 4
• 10 p.m.: 1 - 2 - 4 - 1

LUCKY LINES, July 2

3-5-9-14-19-23-25-29
Next jackpot: \$13,000

SENIOR MENUS

- **THURSDAY:** Closed in celebration of the Fourth of July.
- **FRIDAY:** Cheeseburgers with trimmings, potato wedges, fruit ambrosia, 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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Woman accused of using 'movie money' to buy fireworks in town

By Chris Collins

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Police cited a Baker City woman on a third-degree theft charge Monday morning after she allegedly used a \$20 bill marked as "motion picture use only" to buy fireworks at a Campbell Street fireworks stand.

Cailan Nicole Sherman, 22, of 3520 Kirkway Drive, was cited at 9:36 a.m. in the 900 block of Campbell Street.

Baker City Police Sgt. Wayne Chastain said Sherman presented the \$20 bill to buy \$1.99 worth of fireworks and was given \$18.01 in change.

The crime was reported by Gewnett

and Nathaniel Neff of the Lighthouse Apostolic Church in Baker City.

Chastain urges retailers and businesses to be on the lookout for the specially marked bills, which have been circulating in the community recently in \$20 and \$100 denominations.

"They need to look at them," Chastain said. "They are marked 'For Motion Picture Use Only' instead of 'The United States of America.'"

The bills also do not carry the "Federal Reserve Note" identification across the top and do not include the "In God We Trust," notation on the back.

Chastain said he called the Secret

Service last year when these types of bills began circulating in the community.

"They are not counterfeit," he said. "And it's not illegal to possess them. It becomes illegal when they pass them. Then it becomes a theft."

Chastain said police learned from experience a year ago that it was not unusual for businesses to accept the bills, which can be ordered on Amazon.

"Everybody takes them" he said.

Spending just a little more time examining the bills will help prevent more thefts by those passing them illegally in the community, he said.

OBITUARIES

Obbie Atkinson

Richland, 1945-2019

Obbie Ted Atkinson, M.D. of Richland died June 30, 2019, surrounded by his family at his home, after a courageous battle with cancer.

A private family gathering

and celebration of Obbie's life took place on Tuesday, July 2.

Obbie Ted was born in 1945 at Mount Vernon, Illinois, to Doris and Obbie Atkinson Sr. Like his father, a World War II pilot, Obbie was fascinated with flight, and after graduat-

ing from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1967 he served as a jet pilot flying the C-141 and C-123 in Vietnam. One of the C-123 aircraft he piloted, which the crew nicknamed "Patches," was hit more than 500 times by ground fire. It is now displayed at the National Museum of the United States Air Force.

After an honorable discharge from the Air Force, Obbie entered medical school at 29 and became a general practice M.D. at Paso Robles, California, where he had three children with his first wife, Dinah Lundbeck. He served thousands of patients of all ages during his 35 years in practice, and was immensely loved by the community. He was a doctor of extraordinary compassion and presence, and it was a running joke among his staff that some patients — particularly community elders — came to his office simply for a dose of his attention and love.

Obbie was both a healer and a builder: He was a skilled carpenter who built large and small homes, furniture, model ships and airplanes. He loved to sail, and retained a lifelong hobby of flying light aircraft. His boots took him into the high Sierras many times on backcountry excursions, and he felt a special kinship with John Muir in his exploration and love of that remote wilderness.

In 2000, Obbie married Connie Minshull/Lambie. That year began a two-decade romance with the open road and with each other, as the couple logged hundreds of thousands of miles road-tripping to visit friends, family, and remote places. In 2005 Obbie and Connie bought a 120+-year-old farm house in Richland, which they meticulously converted into their own piece of heaven.

Hard-working and accomplished as he was, Obbie was humble and modest. Adventurous as he could be, Obbie was most content with



Obbie Atkinson

the simple things in life: the quiet beauty of the outdoors, companionship, and the sharing of stories.

Obbie is survived by his wife, Connie; his mother, Doris; his children, Amanda, Jennifer and Jacob; his stepdaughter, Sarah; his siblings, Sue Lynn, Joe, and David; his grandchildren, Contessa, Isis, Trace, Walker, Charlie, Lucca and Daisy; and countless other loving family and friends.

For those who would like to make a donation in memory of Obbie, the family has suggested Eagle Valley Ambulance Service 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

Kelly Keener

Baker City

Kelly Michelle Keener, 44, of Baker City, died on June 25, 2019, of natural causes.

A celebration of her life will take place Saturday, July 13 at 1 p.m. at New Beginnings Fellowship, 1820 Estes St. A reception will follow the service.

Kelly was born at Arcata, California, to Wellman (Larry) and Martha Keener. She graduated from Baker High School in 1992 and for the next 26 years she moved around in Montana and Oregon. She had a special place in her heart for her nephew and nieces. She loved them unconditionally.

She is survived by her parents, Wellman (Larry) and Martha Keener; her sisters, Vicki Richards (Judd) and Rebecca Rogers; her nephew, Cody Richards; her nieces, Laney Richards, Rachel Rogers and Samantha Rogers.

She will be missed.



Kelly Keener

NEWS OF RECORD

POLICE LOG

Baker City Police
PROBATION VIOLATION (Union County warrant): Brandy Jean Toy, 31, of 3610 Midway Drive, 4:24 p.m. Monday, at the Baker House Women's Program; jailed.

Baker County Sheriff's Office

CONTEMPT OF COURT (Baker County Justice Court warrant): Mariah Sloan Pool, 24, of 1860 Plum St., 10:19 a.m. Tuesday, in the 600 block of Campbell Street; cited and released.

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF INTOXICANTS, HIT AND RUN and INTERFERING WITH POLICE: Elisa Marie Hiatt, 53, of 2885 First St., 1:06 p.m. Tuesday, at Clark and Campbell streets; jailed.

Baker County Parole and Probation
PROBATION VIOLATION (Detainer): Brandy Lee-ann Winston, 23, of 2468 Church St., 1:20 p.m. Tuesday, at the Parole and Probation office; jailed.

Oregon State Police
PROBATION VIOLATION (Baker County Justice Court warrant): Kevin E. Peterson, 45, of Vancouver, Washington, 12:44 p.m. June 25, at Hewitt Park near Richland; cited and released.

ELTRYM THEATER
JUNE 28-JULY 4

ANNABELLE COMES HOME^R
FRI-WED: (4:10) 7:10, 9:45 THURS: (4:10) 7:10

TOY STORY 4^G
FRI-WED: (4:20) 7:20, 9:40 THURS: (4:20) 7:20

ROCKETMAN^R
FRI-MON: (4:00) 7:00

MEN IN BLACK: INTERNATIONAL PG-13
FRI-MON: 9:35

SPIDER-MAN: FAR FROM HOME PG-13
TUES & WED: (4:00) 6:50, 9:35 W THURS: (4:00) 6:50
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Joseph W. Larson

October 27, 1939 - June 24, 2019



Joseph W. Larson of Union died peacefully on June 24, 2019 at the La Grande Post Acute Rehabilitation Center. A service at the Union Cemetery will be held July 12th at 10:00 A.M. A celebration of life will be held at the Union Stockshow Hall, 760 East Delta Ave. in Union after the service. Please bring

finger foods and your choice of beverage.

Joe was born October 27, 1939 in Portland, Oregon. He joined the Coast Guard in 1957 and served proudly for four years. He returned to Portland and had his own sanitation service for some time. His lifelong dream was to serve in law enforcement, and when former Baker County Sheriff Delmar Dixon called him in 1970, he moved from Portland to Baker City to become a Deputy Sheriff.

He married Wanda Dima on April 7th, 1972 and they transferred to Halfway where Joe served as resident Deputy Sheriff. In 1975 he accepted a position as Security Supervisor for Eastern Oregon University, and continued in this career for 24 years.

Through the years Joe and Wanda enjoyed fishing, hunting and camping with their combined 6 children, and he always brought his great sense of humor with him. After retirement they worked as camp hosts at Anthony Lakes, Mud Lake, Phillips Lake and Grande Ronde Lake Campgrounds.

Joe like to do woodworking, making furniture and cabinets, as well as his most notable creations of intricate ships and submarines carved out of wood. He also liked setting up elaborate Lionel train sets.

He loved to drive in the mountains and would tell Wanda, "I wonder where that road goes? We're going to find out someday." The next time they would find out where that road meandered.

Joe and Wanda did everything together, enjoying nearly 48 years of marriage.

His parents Harry and Agnes Larson, and a sister June Howard preceded him in death.

He is survived by his wife Wanda, his sister Joyce Peasley, his son's Tracy, Dave, (Linda), and Jim (Lora). His daughter Sherry Laber (Randy), his stepson and stepdaughter John Dima (Rhonda) and Linda Dima Larson. Grandchildren, David Larson Ammons, Jarred and Hope Ritchie, Shelby Laber, Dexter and Lexie Larson and step grandchildren Josh, Nick and Chris Rush and Dennis, Amber and Ashley Dima. He had 9 great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com.

If you are traveling for the 4th of July, drive safe!



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