

Local

BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

TUESDAY, AUG. 27
■ **Baker City Council:** 7 p.m., City Hall, 1655 First St.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 28
■ **Baker City Farmers Market:** 3 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Downtown at the Court Avenue Plaza.

FRIDAY, AUG. 30
■ **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.

MONDAY, SEPT. 2
■ **Labor Day**

TUESDAY, SEPT. 3
■ **Haines Fire Protection District Board:** 7 p.m., at the Haines Library.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 4
■ **Baker County Board of Commissioners:** 9 a.m., Courthouse, 1995 Third St.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 6
■ **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 August 26, 1969

The Rough Ridge Fire is contained, but not controlled, the Forest Service said this morning.

The Forest Service has moved its fire crew camps from Unity closer to the fire. It has reestablished its Whiskey Creek camp it was chased out of Sunday and has another base camp set up at the Ironside Corral.

25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald August 25, 1994

Students in the Pine-Eagle School District will ease into the new school year when classes begin Friday.

The district is implementing a 4 1/2-day week in 1994-95 and will kick off the new year with a half day. The remainder of the day will be used as in-service training for staff, according to Superintendent Steve Peterson..

10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald August 26, 2009

A proposed Baker County ordiannce that would impose restrictions on outdoor lighting in rural areas drew criticism from ranchers attending the Baker County Livestock Association's August meeting last week.

Deryl Leggett, who works at the Old West Federal Credit Union in Baker City, alerted members of the Livestock Association to what he called a "rural lights out ordinance" currently before the Baker County Planning Commission.

ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald August 27, 2019

A \$2.6 million, grant-funded project to help Brooklyn Primary and Baker High School better withstand earthquakes is almost finished.

Although the work was mainly structural and not readily visible, crews from Griffin Construction also installed new windows at Brooklyn's cafeteria.

The spaces were previously filled with glass blocks painted to match the building.

Workers also replaced 49 skylights in Brooklyn's classrooms and hallways.

Most of the money from the state grant was used to install new, stronger roofs at both Brooklyn and BHS.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, Aug. 24 11 — 15 — 28 — 30 — 33 — 45 Next jackpot: \$3.6 million	WIN FOR LIFE, Aug. 24 4 — 7 — 13 — 17 PICK 4, Aug. 25 • 1 p.m.: 3 — 8 — 4 — 6 • 4 p.m.: 1 — 0 — 9 — 3 • 7 p.m.: 2 — 0 — 9 — 0 • 10 p.m.: 0 — 3 — 3 — 4
POWERBALL, Aug. 24 5 — 12 — 20 — 21 — 47 PB 1 Next jackpot: \$60 million	LUCKY LINES, Aug. 25 3-6-9-16-18-22-28-29 Next jackpot: \$47,000
MEGA MILLIONS, Aug. 23 11 — 15 — 37 — 54 — 68 Mega 21 Next jackpot: \$103 million	

SENIOR MENUS

- **TUESDAY:** Salisbury steak, potatoes and gravy, mixed vegetables, roll, cottage cheese with fruit, sherbet
- **WEDNESDAY:** Baked ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans, roll, beet-and-onion salad, birthday cake

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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Governor’s Task Force on the Outdoors meets Tuesday in Baker

Oregon’s newly formed Governor’s Task Force on the Outdoors will meet for its third session of the year Tuesday in Baker City.

The public meeting will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Sunridge Inn and Conference Center, 1 Sunridge Lane.

On the agenda:

- Reviewing participation strategies
- Recommendations re-

garding economic impacts

- A group discussion of draft recommendations
- Time for public comments.

Gov. Kate Brown established the task force earlier this year, with the directive to explore long-term strategies for elevating outdoor recreation in the state.

Task force members were appointed by the Oregon State Parks and Recreation

Commission.

The task force had its first meeting in May at Silver Falls State Park.

The governor tapped the Office of Outdoor Recreation, established in 2017 within the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, to guide the task force.

The task force is composed of private and public sector representatives and is chaired by Commissioner

Jon Blasher of the Oregon State Parks and Recreation Commission.

The task force will deliver its final report in April 2020 including:

- Recommendations for legislation
- Investment of existing public and private resources
- Future funding
- High-level management strategies.

COUNCIL

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Also on the City Council’s agenda Tuesday:

Engineering services for new drinking water well

City officials recommend councilors approve a task order for \$252,022 for the final design of the well by Murraysmith Inc., a firm that has multiple offices in the West, including Portland and Boise.

The task order includes work during the current fiscal year and the next fiscal year, which starts July 1, 2020.

The city’s 2016 Water Facilities Master Plan includes a recommendation that the city drill a new well to help meet peak demand and to give the city a backup source in case its main water supply — streams and springs in the 10,000-acre watershed in the Elkhorn Mountains — is affected by a fire or other event.

The well will be drilled at the city-owned Quail Ridge Golf Course south of Indiana Avenue.

The city has a current well near its water reservoir at the

southwest corner of the city above Reservoir Road. The city uses that well for aquifer storage and recovery, a process by which water from the watershed is pumped into the well during the winter and spring to replenish the aquifer.

The new well at the golf course, which will be an estimated 700 feet deep, could be used for the same purpose, according to a report from Murraysmith.

Drug dog vehicle

The Police Department is proposing to lease a 2020 Chevrolet Tahoe SUV, with a package of equipment designed to accommodate the city’s drug-detecting dog.

The three-year lease is \$20,969 per year, and the city could buy the vehicle after three years for \$1. The supplier is Emergency Responder Services Inc. of Nampa, Idaho.

The vehicle would replace the Police Department’s current canine SUV, a 2009 Chevrolet Tahoe that has about 104,000 miles.

The city has spent \$8,000 to \$9,000 to maintain and repair that vehicle over the past two

years, according to a report to city councilors.

The city has about \$70,000 in its narcotic canine fund, all of which is from donations and fundraisers, and officials are planning a community fundraiser for the program in December.

A fundraiser in 2018 brought in almost \$40,000.

Noise ordinance

Councilors will discuss recent concerns by two residents regarding noise from concerts during Miners Jubilee in July and the Eastern Oregon Tribute Fest earlier this month.

The city’s existing ordinance reads that “No person shall make, assist in making or permit any loud, disturbing or unnecessary noise which either annoys, disturbs, injures or endangers the comfort, repose, health, safety or peace of others for a period of five minutes or more in any fifteen minute period except as exempted for construction activities.”

The ordinance also cites noise created by a “musical instrument,” but t allows the city manager to approve a “concert or similar event.”

In a report to councilors, City Manager Fred Warner Jr. wrote: “The Council may want to work on language that spells out a process for the granting of events that may have noise that is offensive to some individuals.”

Possible charter changes

Councilors will discuss asking voters in May 2020 to make changes to the city charter.

In particular, Warner cites the charter requirement that voters approve the sale of any city-owned items worth more than \$10,000. Warner notes that vehicles and heavy equipment often are worth more than that, and requiring voters to approve the sale of, for instance, a backhoe, is cumbersome.

Surplus vehicles

Councilors will consider a proposal to sell two city vehicles — a 2002 Ford Crown Victoria, and a 1997 Ford F-350 ambulance.

Neither vehicle has an estimated value of more than \$10,000, so voter approval would not be required.

OBITUARIES

John Kirby Jr.

Former Baker City resident, 1944-2019

John B. Kirby Jr., 75, a former Baker City resident, died Aug. 21, 2019, at San Jose, California, surrounded by his family.

There will be a service Saturday, Aug. 31 at 10 a.m. at Mount Hope Cemetery. Friends are invited to join the family afterward at 990 Hillcrest Circle for reflections and refreshments.



John Kirby Jr.

John was born on Feb. 28, 1944, at Baker City to John B. and Marcella Davis Kirby.



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He attended St. Francis Academy and Baker High School, graduating from Vale High School with the class of 1962. He loved growing up in Eastern Oregon and riding horses. In high school, he rode race horses for a brief period, until his mother was summoned to the hospital after a bad fall.

He once rode a horse from Medical Springs to visit the neighbors (Spencer Family) in Keating. One of the Spencer girls later became his wife. He married Mary Janine Spencer on June 11, 1966, and they shared 53 years together.

He finished his college education at Eastern Oregon University in 1966 and later earned his master’s degree from Oregon State University.

John was drafted by the Army in April 1967. He was sent to Fort Eustis, Virginia, where he spent the remainder of his service commitment. Upon discharge, he and Jan traveled to Quere-

taro, Mexico, to teach in a bilingual high school. Their first daughter, Shannon Raquel, was born and they lived in Mexico for two years.

The family returned to Oregon and John pursued his career as an independent sales representative selling reference, library books and Checkpoint Security Systems for more than 30 years in Oregon, Washington and Idaho. Their second daughter, Celeste, was born in Portland at this time.

During one summer break, John enrolled in an art class and his interest in drawing and painting was rekindled from childhood. He spent his retirement years perfecting his skills in watercolors, charcoal and oil painting. He won a number of prizes for his art and his works have been sold throughout Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

In later years he enjoyed visiting Barnes and Noble and drinking lattes with his family and especially his grandchildren. Family and art were the pillars of his life.

John is survived by his wife, Jan; his daughters, Raquel and Celeste; his son-in-law, Marc; his granddaughter, Bridget; his grandson, Ben; his sister, Shannon Sullivan; his nieces, Marcy Haines and Dawn

Englehart; his nephew, Brian Englehart; and many cousins and second cousins.

John was preceded in death by his parents and his sisters, Marcella and Julia.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions to the Hand-to-Heart Scholarship Fund, Crossroads Carnegie Arts Center, Baker City OR 97814. The scholarship allows those students who need help financially to attend art, dance, or elective classes of their desire and choosing.

‘Bob’ Stoaks

Former Baker City resident, 1926-2019

Robert E. “Bob” Stoaks, 93, of Ontario, a former Baker City resident, died Aug. 17, 2019.

There will be a memorial potluck at 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 31, at the Park Community Church, 193 Holly Road, in Ontario.

Bob was born on May 5, 1926, at Monterey Park, California, to Robert and Betsy Stoaks. He was a U.S. veteran.

He married Diane Witter and they moved to Baker City in the 1960s to work on a ranch at Keating.

They had two children, Sharon and Robert; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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Our special THANK YOU to the Baker City Herald and to so many of our family and friends for making us “celebrities” for our 70th wedding anniversary. The pictures and stories of our 70 years, along with the attendance at our party, all the cards and phone calls, certainly made our anniversary truly special and one to remember.

- Wayne & Dru Carpenter