

Local

BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

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.

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

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.

MONDAY, SEPT. 9

■ **Medical Springs Rural Fire Protection District Board:** 7 p.m. at the Pondosa Station.

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald August 29, 1969

Baker College will hold two work days within the next two weeks to try to complete the work needed to make it ready for the opening day of school and dedication.

25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald August 29, 1994

A late-season lightning storm that crossed Northeastern Oregon early Sunday morning sparked 82 fires on the Wallowa-Whitman and Malheur national forests.

Seven had burned at least 1,000 acres as of this morning and state and federal agencies were scrambling to find firefighters.

10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald August 28, 2009

Rick Forrester takes his job seriously, even if it doesn't come with a paycheck.

As the trainer and mentor for the Baker City Police Department's Citizen on Patrol program, Forrester sets an example he hopes his volunteer recruits will follow.

ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald August 29, 2018

Grocery Outlet will unveil its Baker City store with a grand opening on Oct. 11, just less than a year after local officials announced the project.

The 19,000-square-foot building stands on the south side of Campbell Street, just east of the Interstate 84 interchange. The address is 295 Campbell St.

An official for Grocery Outlet, which is based in Emeryville, California, said this spring that the Baker City store likely would open in December or early in 2019, but construction has gone faster than expected.

Eugene Salazar worked as the construction superintendent on the project. In his 47 years of working in construction, this is his first time working on a project in Baker City.

"I should have retired a long time ago but it's kind of tough," Salazar said on Monday.

He works for ELS Construction, a commercial general contractor based in Houston.

Salazar said ELS Construction will finish its work by Sept. 16, after which Grocery Outlet will take over and start preparing the store for opening.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, Aug. 26

16 - 26 - 29 - 36 - 42 - 43
Next jackpot: \$3.8 million

MEGA MILLIONS, Aug. 27

8 - 12 - 23 - 39 - 43 Mega 6
Next jackpot: \$113 million

WIN FOR LIFE, Aug. 26

12 - 24 - 39 - 68

PICK 4, Aug. 27

• 1 p.m.: 5 - 6 - 5 - 1
• 4 p.m.: 6 - 8 - 6 - 9
• 7 p.m.: 7 - 3 - 1 - 8
• 10 p.m.: 5 - 7 - 4 - 0

LUCKY LINES, Aug. 27

3-8-10-13-17-24-27-31
Next jackpot: \$49,000

SENIOR MENUS

■ **THURSDAY:** Barbecue chicken, parslied red potatoes, broccoli-blend vegetables, roll, coleslaw, cookies

■ **FRIDAY:** Swedish meatballs over rice, carrots, bread, fruit ambrosia, rice pudding

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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Kent Nelson found his usual seat hasn't changed. He shares a table with a group that gathers routinely for coffee.

INLAND

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Food deliveries are slated for late this week, and Hensley said it will take several days for the staff to prepare for a return to business as usual.

Among those attending the open house was John Chandler, an Inland regular who has also done handyman jobs at the cafe in the past.

"I think they did a really nice job," Chandler said as he took in the decor, which includes all new walls, floors, ceiling and booths.

"I missed this place."

So did other longtime customers including Suzen Fors and Vickie Kirkwood.

Kirkwood said she has dined at the Inland since she was a child.

Her parents, Doug and Shurley Benton, worked down the street from the Inland as "a mobile gas distributor and then he worked on cars, fixed them up" when he returned from World War II.

"It was the closest diner where you could go and get a cup of coffee," Kirkwood said. "I have good memories of coming here."

Before the fire, Kirkwood would go to the cafe with friends and fellow church members.

"It's really been missed while they've been closed," Kirkwood said.

Fors, who moved to Baker



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Customers participating in the Inland Cafe open house could tour the totally remodeled business. At far left, longtime patrons Larry and Darlene Adkinson chat with Pam Dodson, employee.



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First in the door and first for morning coffee Tuesday are Suzen Fors, left, and Vickie Kirkwood. Both are regular customers and look forward to the cafe returning as soon as possible to business as usual.

from Vancouver 43 years ago with her husband Jack, is also an Inland regular excited to see it getting back in business.

"I really like it, I think it's nice," Fors said.

Another Inland fan, Kent Nelson, also attended the open house.

"I love it," Nelson said about the new interior.

Andria Weber, who has worked at the Inland on weekends for five years, is one of the returning staff members who showed up Tuesday

morning.

"It's beautiful," Weber said of the all-new interior. "It's amazing."

Hensley said she is waiting for inspections of the cafe's fire suppression system and kitchen exhaust hood.

"The hood is what has been our nightmare," she said.

The hood sucks the grease and smoke from the kitchen and has a section that keeps the temperature stable.

"You couldn't even possibly turn anything on without the

hood system going," Hensley said.

Issues with the freezer have also forced Hensley to push back the opening, which she initially hoped would be in June or July.

The freezer problems were resolved Aug. 22, according to a post on the Inland's Facebook page.

"It's all going now. We're getting closer. It's only down to 25 degrees and needs to be about minus 10," Hensley said.

OBITUARY

Loren Barnett

Baker City

The family of Loren Clayton Barnett, 80, of Baker City, announces with great sadness that he died on Aug. 25, 2019.

Loren will be lovingly remembered by his wife, Norma, and children, Tim (Jeanette), Bill (Bobi), April (Mike) and daughter-in-law Danna. Loren will also be fondly remembered by his 15 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren, by his sister, Lorita Debus, and his brother, Leroy Barnett.

Loren was preceded in death by his youngest son, Troy Barnett; and his great-granddaughter, Izzabelle.

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



Loren Barnett

Officials expect fire to grow

By Jayson Jacoby

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Forest Service officials expect the Granite Gulch fire, burning in the Minam River Canyon in the Eagle Cap Wilderness northeast of Baker City, to spread more rapidly today and Thursday due to higher temperatures, lower humidities and gustier winds.

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POLICE LOG

Baker City Police
PROBATION VIOLATION (Baker County Circuit Court warrant): Jerad Paul Patton, 33, of 1751 Church St., 2:42 p.m. Monday, at his home; jailed and later released.

FAILURE TO APPEAR (Marion County warrant): Andrew Jay Culley, 30, of Baker City, 3:32 p.m. Monday, on Resort Street near Auburn Avenue, jailed.

PUBLIC INDECENCY: Toni Lynn Sinisgalli, 56, of 1037 Broadway St.; and Edward L. Henning, 57, of La Grande; both were cited and released at 5:30 p.m. Monday, in the 2800 block of Cedar Street. The two were reportedly having sex on the Community Connection property, police said.

Baker County Sheriff's Office

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF INTOXICANTS: Jeff Cameron Calkins, 43, of 885 S.W. Lund Lane, 5:11 p.m. Monday, on Highway 7 about 5 miles south of Baker City; jailed and later released on bail.

DRIVING WHILE OPERATOR'S LICENSE SUSPENDED: Cory Dennis Deshiria, 42, of Huntington, 7:07 p.m. Tuesday, at Huntington; jailed and later released on bail.

FOURTH-DEGREE ASSAULT-DOMESTIC, HARASSMENT AND PROBATION VIOLATION (Baker County Parole and Probation detainer): George Patrick Wesley, 44, of 2323 Third St., 8:10 p.m. Tuesday, at Broadway and First

streets; jailed.

Oregon State Police

RECKLESS DRIVING and FAILURE TO PERFORM THE DUTIES OF A DRIVER INVOLVED IN AN ACCIDENT: David Edward Wightman, 57, of South Salt Lake City, Utah, 1:07 p.m. Thursday, on Interstate 84 near Huntington; cited and released; police said the citations were issued after investigation of a crash. Police said a Dodge Ram truck and trailer, driven by Trent R. May, 57, of Wellington, Kentucky, was traveling east in the right lane and a GMC van driven by Wightman, was eastbound in the left lane in a GMC van. Police said Wightman's van crossed into May's lane, striking the side of the trailer May was pulling. Wightman was stopped by OSP and admitted knowing that he struck the trailer, but continued on to get to an appointment. Police said Wightman submitted to field sobriety testing and did not show impairment.

Accident report

On Highway 7, about 10 miles southwest of Baker City, at 12:55 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 20, Police said Javier Rivas, 38, of La Grande was traveling south with a hay truck and two trailers when the load on the front trailer shifted, causing it to flip over onto the passenger side, and bringing the rear trailer and tractor over also. There were no injuries and no citations were issued. Police said the northbound lane of the highway was closed for about seven hours to allow for cleanup.