

Local

BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

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

■ **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.

MONDAY, SEPT. 9

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

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald August 30, 1969

What's five feet long, two feet wide, weighs 1500 pounds, chews rocks, spits gravel and goes pocketa-pocketa-pocketa?

The answer is the "Denver Rock Crusher" being tested in the Union District of the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest.

25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald August 30, 1994

Lightning-caused forest fires north of Halfway and south of Unity continued to burn out of control this morning.

The Twin Lakes fire 12 miles northeast of Halfway grew from 1,500 acres to 5,800 acres this morning.

10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald August 31, 2009

Baker County's representative on the Oregon Board of Agriculture is urging farmers and ranchers to make the most of the opportunity when the Board of Agriculture meets for the first time in Baker City, Sept. 10-11.

"This is our opportunity to talk directly with members of the ag board, the (Oregon Department of Agriculture) director, deputy directors and department heads about what we are doing well, where we can improve and what you want us to do," said Jan Kerns, a Baker Valley rancher.

ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald August 31, 2018

Best Friends of Baker has a new rig that will assist Carmen Ott and the team of volunteers in transporting animals across the area, sometimes even across state lines.

The 2018 Ram ProMaster City was purchased with help from a woman who wishes to stay anonymous. Ott said the woman has donated to Best Friends before and also adopted several animals.

Ott said the van cost about \$23,000, including the graphics, which were done by the dealership.

When Ott picked the van up on Saturday it had 60 miles on it. By Tuesday the odometer read 505 miles.

She said Best Friends was able to get a discount on the van due to the group's nonprofit status.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, Aug. 28

3 - 14 - 17 - 30 - 37 - 47

Next jackpot: \$4 million

POWERBALL, Aug. 28

9 - 32 - 37 - 41 - 56 PB 14

Next jackpot: \$70 million

WIN FOR LIFE, Aug. 28

12 - 45 - 68 - 69

PICK 4, Aug. 29

• 1 p.m.: 6 - 9 - 7 - 6

• 4 p.m.: 2 - 9 - 6 - 2

• 7 p.m.: 5 - 3 - 3 - 3

• 10 p.m.: 6 - 3 - 6 - 8

LUCKY LINES, Aug. 29

2-8-11-15-20-24-26-30

Next jackpot: \$51,000

SENIOR MENUS

■ **MONDAY:** Closed in observance of the Labor Day holiday
■ **TUESDAY:** Boneless chicken breast with cream gravy, mashed potatoes, peas, biscuit, three-bean salad, 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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TEACHER

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Carlos was a graffiti artist who tagged everything he could with his nickname "Idol." His mother abandoned him when he was 6 months old.

Sharaud's mother had gotten pregnant at 13. He was 7 when he met his father — who asked his son for money for drugs and then took off.

One day, a note circulated through Gruwell's classroom. It was a caricature of Sharaud, who is black.

"I just lost it," Gruwell said. "I know I said things I shouldn't have said."

In the midst of her emotional rant, she connected the drawing with what happened during the Holocaust.

Carlos raised his hand.

"He simply said, 'What is that? What is the Holocaust?'" Gruwell said.

"I realized at that moment that things had to matter."

She bought copies of "Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl," and brought a survivor from Auschwitz to tell her story.

"She told my kids 'I'm not a victim, I'm a survivor.'"

Gruwell uses those words over and over: "my kids," "my boy," "my girl."

Carlos at first called her Miss G.

"Carlos doesn't call me Miss



Submitted photo

Teacher Erin Gruwell, bottom center, with some of her students from Woodrow Wilson High School in Long Beach, California. Their experiences inspired the 2007 film, "Freedom Writers."

"Every student who comes into your classroom has a story. We need to remember the names, remember the stories."

— Erin Gruwell

G. He calls me Mama G. He's my boy," she said.

In the midst of the chaos, and her determination to make connections with her students, Gruwell gave each

one a journal.

They became the Freedom Writers, paying homage to the 1960s civil rights activists who called themselves the Freedom Riders.

Their words were turned into the book "The Freedom Writers Diary: How a Teacher and 150 Teens Used Writing to Change Themselves and the World Around Them."

In September, PBS is airing a new documentary titled "Freedom Writers: Stories

from the Heart."

And stories, she told her audience on Tuesday, are what matter.

"Every student who comes into your classroom has a story," she said. "We need to remember the names, remember the stories."

All 150 Freedom Writers graduated from high school.

"Those kids who weren't supposed to make it, made it," Gruwell said. "My kids made it."

OBITUARY

Violet Caviness

Baker City, 1928-2019

Violet May Caviness, 91, of Baker City died Aug. 17, 2019, at her residence.

A memorial service will take place this fall.

Violet was born on May 1, 1928, at Baker to Joseph and Dorothy (Rundall) Pupil. She attended Baker High School.

Violet was married three times throughout her life, to Kenneth Taylor

Sr., Frank Colton and Harry Caviness. She worked as a bartender and as a motel housekeeper. She loved the mountains, fishing, camping, picking huckleberries, bowling and gambling. Violet was one of the first members of the Baker County Sheriffs Posse-Ettes and she bowled in numerous leagues.

Survivors include her children, Robert (Joyce) Taylor, Gaylene (Duane) Morris, Kara (Wayne) Mayer and Shorty

Colton, all of Baker City, and Ronald Taylor of Ukiah. She is also survived by 16 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father, Joe Pupil; her mother, Dorothy Gekas; two husbands; and her sons, Kenneth (Sonny) and David Taylor.

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

NEWS OF RECORD

DEATHS

Tom Nichols: 88, a former Baker City resident, died Aug. 27, 2019, at his home in Springfield. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

Isabelle Annemarie Berg: was born into the arms of angels Aug. 29, 2019, at St. Alphonsus Medical Center in Baker City. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Online condolences can be made at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com

home.com

Donald Emerick Jr.: 69, of Baker City, died Aug. 30, 2019, surrounded by his family. A celebration of his life will take place at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Online condolences can be made at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com

POLICE LOG

Baker County Sheriff
CONTEMPT OF COURT (Baker County Justice Court warrant):

Jose Medina Luna, 25, of 2121 C St., 8:02 a.m. Thursday, at the Sheriff's Office; jailed and later granted a conditional release.

PROBATION VIOLATION (Baker County Circuit Court warrant) and **CONTEMPT OF COURT** (Baker County Justice Court warrant): Roderick Joseph Gagnon, 41, of Portland, 8:39 a.m. Thursday, at the Sheriff's Office; jailed.

VIOLATION OF RELEASE AGREEMENT (Baker County Circuit Court warrant): Christopher Allen Prince, 29, of 1403 Sixth

St., 4:12 p.m. Thursday, at the Sheriff's Office; jailed and later released on bail.

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF INTOXICANTS: Allen Dean Stevenson Jr., 66, of 18062 Western Heights Lane, 11:27 a.m. Thursday, on West Campbell Loop; Stevenson was arrested after investigation of a motor vehicle crash. Stevenson was taken by Baker City ambulance to St. Alphonsus Medical Center. He was released, then booked at the jail and released.

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Saint Alphonsus Medical Center

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