

Local

BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

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.

■ **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 Ponds Station.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 10

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 11

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

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

THURSDAY, SEPT. 12

■ **Baker School Board:** 6 p.m., Council chambers at City Hall, 1655 First St.; meeting moved from usual third Thursday of the month.

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald September 6, 1969

Bulldog injuries, a tough, experienced Nampa line, and a fumble, cost Baker a 20-0 loss from the Nampa Bulldogs Friday night in Idaho.

25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald September 6, 1994

Baker City residents should boil their drinking water for the next three days to make sure the water, which may not have enough chlorine, is safe.

City workers are searching for what caused the equipment that adds chlorine to the water to malfunction.

10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald September 7, 2009

Federal workers have killed the pair of gray wolves that killed 29 livestock at two Keating Valley ranches this spring and summer.

Employees from Wildlife Services, an agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, killed the wolves, a male and a female, Saturday morning on the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest north of Keating.

ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald September 7, 2018

Oregon's U.S. senators are asking federal officials to review the criteria for rating the severity of drought, arguing that the current process misses important measurements.

Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley, both Democrats, co-signed a letter Thursday to Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross and Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue.

The official U.S. drought monitor, which federal officials use to determine such things as declaring drought disasters and making federal aid available to affected farmers and ranchers, is produced weekly at the National Drought Mitigation Center at the University of Nebraska.

Both the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, part of the Commerce Department, and the Agriculture Department contribute to the Drought Monitor, which was established in 1999.

In their letter, Merkley and Wyden note that the Drought Monitor factors in rainfall, but the senators wrote that they have had constituents ask whether the officials who produce the weekly drought map are also considering such factors as heat waves or scanty winter snowpacks.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, Sept. 4

6-8-11-21-27-47

Next jackpot: \$4.6 million

POWERBALL, Sept. 4

4-8-30-52-59 PB 2

Next jackpot: \$40 million

WIN FOR LIFE, Sept. 4

7-9-48-57

PICK 4, Sept. 5

• 1 p.m.: 0-0-4-6

• 4 p.m.: 5-9-8-6

• 7 p.m.: 9-0-0-4

• 10 p.m.: 1-3-4-2

LUCKY LINES, Sept. 5

2-5-10-15-20-21-27-32

Next jackpot: \$11,000

SENIOR MENUS

■ **MONDAY:** Chicken broccoli Alfredo over fettuccine, mixed vegetables, garlic bread, cottage cheese with fruit, lemon bars

■ **TUESDAY:** Salisbury steak, potatoes and gravy, beet-and-onion salad, cinnamon roll

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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Witty speaking to City Club of Portland

Baker School District Superintendent Mark Witty will speak about rural schools and the Student Success Act as part of a panel appearing before the City Club of Portland today.

The Friday Forum will be broadcast online at youtube.com/user/pdxcityclub and on the website pdxcityclub.org/live/

Witty will join Miriam Calderon, Oregon's Early Learning System director, and Parsa Chanramy, policy and implementation director of Stand for Children, a District

press release stated.

The Student Success Act creates a new business tax to generate about \$1 billion a year for education from early learning to Grade 12.

The City Club of Portland is a civic organization that holds forums on public issues related to Portland, the metro region, and the state, said Danielle Pacifico-Cogan, who serves on the City Club board of governors and works at the



Witty

Children's Institute.

Friday Forum, the club's signature event, "features a discussion about the most timely and significant public matters," she stated in the press release.

"Mark was asked to sit on the panel because of his deep history as a K-12 leader in rural Oregon and his interest in expanding essential early education programming in Baker City," Pacifico-Cogan stated.

"He also has the unique set of experiences that allow him to speak eloquently about

the potential challenges and opportunities presented by the SSA, the CTE (Career Technical Education) work that has grown with Measure 98, and can highlight the continued unmet need for educational resources in Baker City and the surrounding areas," she said.

In addition to bringing the rural perspective to the conversation about the Student Success Act, Witty said he will talk about the Baker School District's collaborative efforts to develop an early learning initiative focused on serving children before age 5.

CHARGES

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Hedman, who was arrested near Baker City on July 9, was represented by Baker City attorney Damien Yervasi. Assistant District Attorney Michael Spaulding represented the state.

Upon Hedman's return to Washington to face the more serious charges, the Baker County charges will be dismissed.

In response to a question from Baxter during Wednesday's hearing, Spaulding said Bob and Robbie Borders, who live on Taggart Lane north of Baker City where Hedman is accused of stealing two of their vehicles, supported the state's action.

Hedman has been held at the Baker County Jail since July 9 on two counts of

unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and one count of attempting to flee or elude police, both Class C felonies; two counts of second-degree criminal mischief, Class C misdemeanors; and one count each of reckless driving, second-degree criminal trespass and failure to perform the duties of a driver involved in an accident, all Class A misdemeanors.

A grand jury indicted Hedman on the charges on July 11. Baxter set bail at \$100,000, requiring the full amount to be paid before Hedman could be released, rather than 10 percent as is allowed in some cases.

The Washington fugitive warrant charges him with first-degree murder in the death of Kyle J. Martz, 35, of Walla Walla, Washington, and theft of Martz's Toyota

pickup truck from Martz's home at Walla Walla, Washington on July 8.

Hedman has been held in lieu of \$1 million fixed bail on those charges.

The Baker County incident began about 10:30 p.m. the night of July 8 when county, city and state police responded to a call from Bob Borders reporting that his 1988 Ford F350 pickup truck was being driven away from his property. While attempting to elude police during the incident, officers said Hedman returned to the Borders' home and took a second vehicle, a 2000 Jeep Wrangler.

According to police, Hedman admitted he struck Martz with an ax multiple times the night of July 8 before stealing the victim's vehicle and fleeing to Oregon, where he was arrested after trying to elude police.

MINING

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The group wants to conduct a "bulk test," which would involve digging a trench about 900 feet long, 300 feet wide and 80 to 100 feet deep, according to the proposal submitted to the county.

Rainier Skyline Excavators would be ready to start the test in March 2020. The process would determine whether it's financially feasible to do larger-scale gold mining in the tailings.

If the bulk test shows gold concentrations too small to

warrant more mining, the group would fill the trench and level the disturbed area.

"We will not leave this area with any cost to the county," Tofsrud told commissioners. "That has been an understanding with Commissioner (Bill) Harvey since we started talking about this two years ago."

Commissioners will have to put out a request for proposals in case other companies are also interested in doing testing on county property.

The proposed bulk test has the potential to determine the mining prospects for the tail-

ings, Harvey, the Commission chairman, said.

"In one year's time, we can know whether or not we're going to move forward," Harvey said. "And then we would need to do public hearings saying we've proven that it's viable and we're looking at this as a total project and then this will be the end result."

The county owns about 900 acres of tailings left by the dredge that operated from 1935 to 1954.

Over the past several years county officials have had multiple discussions with miners who expressed an interest in

plying the tailings for gold.

In its proposal Wednesday, Rainier Skyline Excavators wrote that it has researched the dredge's operation and found that an estimated 40% of the gold was recovered.

In other business Wednesday, Maggie Schirack, director of the Baker Heritage Museum, told commissioners the Museum, at 2480 Grove St., had about 5,500 visitors this year.

Schirack said the museum was awarded a National Preservation Trust grant of \$5,000 for an engineering assessment for capital improvements.

OBITUARY

'Guy' McCoy

Former Baker City resident, 1939-2019

George Guy McCoy, 79, a former Baker City resident, died Aug. 18, 2019, at home with his wife, Susan, at his side in Emmett, Idaho, following a brief illness.

There will be a graveside memorial service conducted by Coles Tribute Center in Baker City in the spring of 2020.

Guy was born on Nov. 10, 1939, at Tehachapi, California, to Lillian Louise Ray and George Henry McCoy. After moving to Keating with his family, he attended Keating Grade School and graduated from Baker High School in 1957.

His classmates remember him as a funny and talented man who loved music. He worked at Basche-Sage Hardware Store and eventually went to work for the City of Baker, spending 35-plus years maintaining the water system.

In 1957 he joined the Oregon Army

National Guard and served his country as an officer in Company F. He retired from the Guard in 1983 and from the City in the late 1990s and spent his retirement in Baker; Richland, Washington; and Emmett, Idaho.

Guy loved the outdoors. Growing up in Keating provided plenty of opportunities for hunting and fishing. He enjoyed hunting with his brother, Ray, and with numerous friends. Some of his fondest memories and funniest stories involved deer or elk hunting.

He was fascinated by blackpowder rifles, which he used when he portrayed a mountain man or Oregon Trail immigrant at many venues. He also enjoyed camping and was a campground volunteer at Phillips Lake, outside of Baker.

He was an amateur photographer and an avid lover of music. He performed in choir and theatre productions during high school and throughout his life.

One of his fondest memories was singing with Baker's Dozen, a vocal group that he helped to create and direct. He also performed in community theatre,

highlighted by his portrayal of Tevye in "Fiddler on the Roof."

Guy was preceded in death by his father, George; his brother, Ray; his mother, Lillian; and his sister, Elva.

Survivors include his wife, Susan (Francis) McCoy, and her children, Jennifer Holm, and her husband, Jason, and Jeff Aldrich and his wife, Amy; his first wife, Gail, and their children, Robert McCoy and his wife, Amy, Kathy Krob and her husband, Jeff, and Carol Porter. He had numerous grandchildren — Matt, Melissa, Jacob, Kelly, Lilly, Liam, Alexis, Karly, Sarah, Joel, Nathan, Helena, Sophia, Jason Jr., Emily, Jessica, and Brianna — and many close friends.

The Potter Funeral Chapel of Emmett is in charge of cremation and memorial arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions to the Orpheum Theater in care of Aletha Bonebrake, 2347 Campbell St., Baker City, OR 97814 or Redeemer Lutheran Church, 520 Thayer Drive, Richland, Washington, 99352.

NEWS OF RECORD

DEATHS

Arlene Fulton: 92, of Baker City, died Sept. 3, 2019, at her home. Her memorial service will be Saturday, Sept. 14, at 1 p.m. at Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave. Following the service, friends are invited to join the family for a reception at Coles Tribute Center, 1950 Place St. Memorial contributions can be made to Heart 'N Home Hospice or Best Friends of Baker through Gray's West & Co., 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814. To light a candle in memory of Arlene, or to leave a condolence for her family, go to www.grayswest.com

FUNERALS PENDING

Kasey Wright: A Celebration

of life will take place Saturday, Sept. 7, at 4 p.m. at the Skyline Event Center in Idaho Falls, Idaho. For those who would like to make a memorial donation in honor of Kasey, the family asks that those donations be directed to Kasey's 11-year-old son, Juke, as an account will be set up for him for education, clothing and miscellaneous needs (checks may be made to his grandma, Gayle Peters) 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

Loren C. Barnett: His family will have a celebration of his life

on Sunday, Sept. 15, at 1 p.m. at Bill Barnett's residence, 6095 Grace St. in Baker City. To light a candle in Loren's memory, or to leave a condolence for his family, go to www.grayswestco.com

Sharlene Ann (Neumann, Valeen, Montgomery) Cole: Her memorial service will be Monday, Sept. 23, at 11 a.m. at the McEwen Fellowship Church near Sumpter. Donations in her honor should be directed to Heart 'N Home Hospice or the McEwen Fellowship 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

POLICE LOG

Baker City Police Arrests, citations
FOURTH-DEGREE ASSAULT (Baker County Circuit Court warrant): Morgan Louise Davis, 30, of 2610 Fourth St., 6:17 p.m. Thursday, at her home; jailed.

Oregon State Police Arrests, citations
UNLAWFUL/UNSAFE LANE CHANGE: Nasario Manuel Barajas, 34, of The Dalles, 1 p.m.

Sunday, on Interstate 84 at the milepost 306 westbound exit; cited and released. The citation was issued after investigation of a two-vehicle crash. Police said Barajas had parked his Toyota Rav on the right shoulder of the highway and when he began to merge back onto the road, he failed to see a passing Ford F250 pickup truck driven by Laura-Lee Wade-Mattson. Police said Barajas' vehicle struck the pickup in the right rear. Barajas' vehicle was disabled in the collision and came to a rest upright partially blocking the westbound travel lane. There were no injuries.

FAILURE TO REGISTER AS A SEX OFFENDER: Darin Ray Stone, 36, of Baker City, 3:12 p.m. Tuesday, in the 2400 block of 10th Street; cited and released.

FAILURE TO REGISTER AS A SEX OFFENDER: Brent Alexander Breshears, 28, of La Grande, 3:32 p.m. Tuesday, at the Baker County Jail where he is being held on other charges.

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF INTOXICANTS: Dante Kai Mora, 28, of Pasco, Washington, 5:28 p.m. Wednesday, on Interstate 84 at Baker City; jailed and later granted a conditional release.

