

Local & State

BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

MONDAY, SEPT. 9

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

FRIDAY, SEPT. 13

■ **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.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 17

■ **Elkhorn Community Preparedness:** 5:30 p.m. supper; 6:30 p.m. meeting; at the Sunridge Inn Restaurant, 1 Sunridge Lane.

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald September 9, 1969

The newly constructed three-story Federal Building, located on Dewey Street, south of the post office building, will present a busy scene this weekend when several federal government agencies transfer to the new site.

25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald September 9, 1994

Firefighters hope the weather transforms from enemy to ally today at the Twin Lakes fire 12 miles northeast of Halfway.

Southwest winds as high as 25 miles per hour Thursday pushed flames past fire lines on the blaze's north and west side. The fire, which was started by lightning Aug. 28, grew to about 19,000 acres.

10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald September 9, 2009

Principal Ben Potter credits a change in philosophy with boosting enrollment at Harvest Christian Academy, which reached a high of 88 students as the new school year began Aug. 24.

In his third year as principal, math teacher, counselor, diagnostician and other duties as assigned, the 32-year-old Potter speaks with pride about the school's aim to provide a safe environment for its students while letting them progress at their own pace.

ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald September 10, 2018

On Friday, Baker County Commission Chairman candidates Bill Harvey and Bruce Nichols participated in a two-hour debate during a meeting of the Eastern Oregon Mining Association at Baker City Hall.

Both Harvey and Nichols are current Baker County Commissioners.

Harvey was elected in 2014 to a four-year term as chairman.

Nichols was elected in 2016 to a four-year term.

The pair advanced to the Nov. 6 election from the May primary, in which they were the top two candidates in a three-person race with Mike Downing.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, Sept. 7

12 - 13 - 16 - 35 - 36 - 45

Next jackpot: \$1 million

POWERBALL, Sept. 7

11 - 20 - 41 - 42 - 56 PB 6

Next jackpot: \$50 million

MEGA MILLIONS, Sept. 6

4 - 11 - 13 - 19 - 31 Mega 4

Next jackpot: \$154 million

WIN FOR LIFE, Sept. 7

13 - 24 - 38 - 54

PICK 4, Sept. 8

• 1 p.m.: 8 - 7 - 4 - 9

• 4 p.m.: 4 - 9 - 1 - 4

• 7 p.m.: 0 - 7 - 4 - 7

• 10 p.m.: 8 - 0 - 2 - 2

LUCKY LINES, Sept. 8

2-6-12-14-18-24-27-30

Next jackpot: \$14,000

SENIOR MENUS

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

■ **WEDNESDAY:** Chicken cordon bleu, baked potato, carrots, bread, green salad, ice cream

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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COMPANY IS ENDING SALES OF SOME TYPES OF AMMUNITION

Umatilla County critics push back on Walmart's new gun policies

By Alex Castle
East Oregonian

UMATILLA COUNTY — Last week Walmart CEO Doug McMillon announced the retailer is discontinuing the sale of ammunition that can be used in assault weapons and discouraging its customers from openly carrying firearms in its stores moving forward.

Written in a memo addressed to the corporation's associates, the announcement came exactly one month after 22 people were killed and 26 were injured in a racist shooting at its store in El Paso, Texas.

"It's clear to us that the status quo is unacceptable," McMillon wrote in bold, continuing later in the memo to call for legislation from Congress requiring background checks on firearms sales.

With Oregon as an open carry state, the announcement has drawn criticism from local gun rights advocates and members of the Republican Party in Umatilla County while Walmart locations in Pendleton and Hermiston implement the new policy.

"The root of violence is mental health. State and local governments have not done enough to help those that are in mental health crisis," the Umatilla County Republican Party Chair, Suni Danforth, wrote in a statement on Thursday. "Walmart's actions do nothing to stop gun violence. They have penalized,



Ben Lonergan / EO Media Group

Shoppers come and go from the Walmart in Pendleton last week. Walmart recently announced changes to its store policy regarding firearms and ammunition sales.

and will lose, those customers who shoot competitively and for recreation in various shooting activities."

Specifically, Walmart will no longer sell "short-barrel ammunition, such as the .223 caliber and the 5.56 caliber," or handguns and their ammunition, in any of its stores.

Until Tuesday, Walmart only sold handguns at its

Alaska locations.

For each of these items, McMillon stated in the memo that stores will sell through the inventory they are already committed to and sales will cease after. Moving forward, its inventory will be dedicated to its hunting and sport customers with primarily long barrel deer rifles, shotguns and the accompanying am-

munition for both.

While Walmart will continue selling firearms and ammunition specifically geared toward those customers in Danforth's statement, her comment supports other critics who say Walmart is going to lose their business altogether anyway.

"I think Walmart is making a big mistake," said HollyJo Beers. "We're just gonna go to only ma and pop stores for everything now."

Beers is the county vice-leader of Oregon III%, which is a state militia movement focused on protecting the Second Amendment, and said she open and concealed carries frequently and has done so "many times" at Walmart locations before.

According to Delia Garcia, Walmart's senior director of communications, if Beers or other customers were to enter the store openly carrying a firearm, management will address them respectfully and ask that they return it to their vehicle or conceal it.

"The goal is to take a non-confrontational approach and treat them with respect," Garcia said, emphasizing the policy's purpose is to create a safe environment for everyone. In the memo, McMillon noted recent incidents at Walmart locations where customers have openly carried guns, which led to evacuations and calls to local enforcement after scaring other people.

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OBITUARY

Arlene Fulton

Baker City, 1927-2019

Arlene M. (Dern) Fulton, 92, of Baker City, died peacefully at her home on Sept. 3, 2019.

Her memorial service will take place Saturday, Sept. 14 at 1 p.m. at Gray's West & Company Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave. Darl Hagey will officiate. Following the service, the family will host a reception at Coles Tribute Center, 1950 Place St.

Arlene was born on Jan. 7, 1927, at Reedsport. She was the first child born to John R. and Irene (Rapp) Dern. While still a small child, the family moved to Baker, where Arlene completed grades 1 through 12, graduating in 1944.

In 1946, Arlene married Robert J. "Bob" Fulton and together they raised three daughters. Bob preceded Arlene in death, passing away in March of 1985.

The majority of Arlene's life was spent living in Baker City where she was a homemaker, mother, grandmother and part-time employee at the S&H Green Stamp store.

Arlene's fondest memories include growing up around the Dern and Rapp families who were her close relatives. She could tell many stories about the Pendleton Round-Up and



Arlene Fulton

the big family gatherings at this annual event. As time went by and her children moved away, Arlene and Bob spent time traveling to visit their children and grandchildren in various states. She was a deeply loved family member, mother and grandmother.

Survivors include three daughters, Annette Hagey (Darl) of Baker City, Suzie Cherry (Dave) of Baker City and Joyce Mallory (Bruce) of Gresham; her brother-in-law, Bill Fulton of Baker City; her sister-in-law, Lena Samson of Dodge Center, Minnesota; six grandchildren: Shane Hagey, Jayson Hagey, Kurtis Cherry, Brandy Cherry, Maranda Wagner and Stacy Mallory; her

great-grandchildren: Logan, Connor, Rachel, Kimberly, Jayden, Brandon, Sklyer, Makayla, Ellie, Lilia, Jackson, Amara and Rylee; and her great-great-grandchild, Eleana.

Arlene was preceded in death by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Dern; her sister, Mrs. Delores Kissire; and her spouse, Robert J. Fulton.

Memorial contributions can be made to Heart 'N Home Hospice or Best Friends of Baker through Gray's West & Company, 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.grayswestco.com

NEWS OF RECORD

FUNERALS PENDING

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
PROBATION VIOLATION, three counts (Baker County Circuit Court warrants): Cory Dennis Deshirlia, 42, of Huntington, 1:11 p.m. Friday, at the Courthouse; jailed.

OBTAINING CONTENTS OF COMMUNICATION: Rachel Lee Horn, 35, of 940 Elm St., 1:31 p.m. Friday, at her home; cited and released.

FOURTH-DEGREE ASSAULT: Gresham Degree, 30, of 211 Bridge St., Room 171, 8:43 p.m. Friday, in the 700 block of Campbell Street; cited and released.

Baker County Sheriff's Office

FAILURE TO APPEAR (Payette County, Idaho, warrant): Jeremy Richard Henage, 43, of New Plymouth, Idaho, 7:55 p.m. Saturday, at Farewell Bend State Park; jailed.

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