

Local

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 13, 1969

A seven yard pass from quarterback Dick Sheehy to Mike Bennett and a 15 yard pass from Sheehy to Greg Hammond spelled a 13-6 victory for the Baker Bulldogs over the Prineville Cowboys at the Baker Senior High School football field Friday night.

25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald September 13, 1994

A team of five Wallowa-Whitman National Forest employees will inspect parts of the forest that burned this summer and recommend ways to restore them.

10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald September 14, 2009

You can now set your watch by the Baker County Courthouse clock, or just rely on the gentle reminder of the Westminster Chimes that ring every 15 minutes — a quarter-hour strike.

The clock hasn't worked for more than 20 years, and even before that the sound wasn't too easy on the ears due to deteriorated parts.

ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald September 14, 2018

The first fatal attack by a cougar on a person in Oregon has prompted a flurry of publicity about Oregon's biggest felines, but the cats have been in the news pretty often in Baker County over the years.

Officials from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) are trying to track the cougar they believe killed Diana Bober, a Portland woman hiking in the Mount Hood National Forest.

Although there have been no confirmed cases of a cougar attacking a person in Baker County, cougars have been seen — and in a few cases been killed — near homes over the past 20 years.

"We're going to have conflicts, whether that involves livestock or pets or human safety threats," said Brian Ratliff, district wildlife biologist at ODFW's Baker City office. "I don't think that's ever going to go away."

Ratliff pointed out that cougars have killed people in the neighboring states of Washington and California within the past 15 years.

OREGON LOTTERY

- MEGABUCKS, Sept. 11**
1 — 2 — 8 — 17 — 24 — 33
Next jackpot: \$1.4 million
- POWERBALL, Sept. 11**
6 — 17 — 24 — 53 — 57 PB 3
Next jackpot: \$60 million
- WIN FOR LIFE, Sept. 11**
14 — 21 — 33 — 51
- PICK 4, Sept. 12**
• 1 p.m.: 1 — 4 — 0 — 9
• 4 p.m.: 6 — 2 — 6 — 5
• 7 p.m.: 8 — 9 — 1 — 5
• 10 p.m.: 1 — 8 — 4 — 5
- LUCKY LINES, Sept. 12**
1-5-12-13-20-24-25-31
Next jackpot: \$10,000

SENIOR MENUS

- **MONDAY:** Pork filet mignon , parslied red potatoes, mixed vegetables, bread, fruit cup, cookies
- **TUESDAY:** Breaded chicken strips,potatoes and gravy, succotash, roll, gelatin with fruit, peach crisp

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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Pilot killed in crash northwest of A. Lakes

The (La Grande) Observer

An aircraft that went off radar Sunday and was reported missing Tuesday was located Wednesday afternoon in the Blue Mountains northwest of Anthony Lakes, and the pilot, who was alone, was killed in the crash, according to the Union County Sheriff's Office.

The aircraft was found near where it went off radar close to Limber Jim

Ridge, according to UCSO Capt. Craig Ward.

Ward said the aircraft, which was traveling from Kennewick, Washington, to Ontario, "apparently got off course."

Near the crash site, "the aircraft began a rapid descent" from its altitude of 6,600 feet. Ward said Limber Jim Ridge is at an elevation of about 6,100 feet.

"Something happened," Ward said,

adding that the Federal Aviation Administration will begin an investigation into what caused the crash.

As of press time, the pilot had not yet been identified.

According to a preliminary accident report from the FAA, the plane was a 1968 PA-32-300 fixed-wing single-engine Piper aircraft registered to David Koppen of Fruitland, Idaho.

LAWSUIT

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Nilsson claims the county and Ash violated his rights under the Second and Fourth amendments while serving a search warrant in August 2017 at the Baker City home where Nilsson and his wife, Upekala, live.

Nilsson also claims that Sheriff's Deputy Gabe Maldonado violated his Second Amendment rights during the Aug. 1 incident at the lime plant when he searched Nilsson for a handgun for which Nilsson had a concealed carry permit.

In a statement emailed to the Herald on Thursday, Nilsson and his wife wrote:

"We believe that our rights to privacy and peace of mind were violated by Sheriff Ash and Baker County. Having waited as long as legally possible for a better resolution, we perceive a civil complaint as the only appropriate course of action. We will therefore present the matter to a Federal jury and let the people decide."

Ash said this morning that Nilsson is "making false and inaccurate accusations" in the lawsuit.

Ash said an attorney is representing himself and the county.

In the lawsuit, Nilsson writes that he "has experienced 2 years of emotional distress, inability to create, imagine, work, or simply be happy, due to stress and anxiety."

He also contends that he is "regularly followed and intimidated by local police, and treated like a criminal by the community," and that he has "required treatment for depression resulting from sustained negative bias against him."

In the lawsuit Nilsson cites as examples an editorial in the Baker City Herald from January 2018 that called for him to resign as a city councilor, and an effort during the spring of 2018 to recall him from office that failed because the petitioner, a Baker City resident, didn't gather enough signatures to put the matter on the ballot.

Nilsson, who was appointed to fill a vacancy on the City Council in February 2014, declined to run for a full term in the 2018 election..

"Mr. Nilsson's life, his relationships with his community, his family, and with author-

ity, sustained permanent damage," the lawsuit reads.

"He will never again believe in privacy, or experience the comfort of feeling truly secure."

Nilsson, who served on the Baker City Public Arts Commission as well as the City Council in 2017, said he and a friend, Ashley E. Schroder of Portland, had ridden on his motorcycle to the lime plant to view and photograph painting that had been done on the property, which is owned by Baker County and is posted with no trespassing signs.

In the lawsuit Nilsson writes that he was negotiating with the artist, who goes by the moniker Thrashbird, to procure public art for Baker City.

Maldonado cited Nilsson for trespassing with a firearm and criminal mischief, and Schroder was charged with trespassing.

In November 2017 Nilsson pleaded guilty to one count of third-degree criminal mischief, a Class C misdemeanor, for spray-painting graffiti at the lime plant. The charge of criminal trespass while in possession of a firearm was dismissed in a plea agree-

ment with the district's attorney's office.

In the lawsuit Nilsson wrote that he pleaded guilty "despite deep doubts... hoping to assuage the anxiety of his wife and put the ordeal in the past."

In January 2018 Nilsson filed tort claim notices, a precursor to a lawsuit, saying he intended to sue both Baker County and the Baker City Police Department and employees of both agencies.

Nilsson's complaint, both in 2018 and reiterated in the lawsuit, stems both from the incident at the lime plant and the subsequent search by police of his home at 307 Hillcrest Drive that took place on Aug. 9, 2017.

In the lawsuit Nilsson contends that the search was in retaliation for his decision to complain to Sheriff Ash, on Aug. 2, 2017, about the way he was treated by Maldonado and then-Lt. Jef Van Arsdall.

Nilsson contends in the lawsuit that during the search officers went through old journals and writings "that had no bearing on the events" at the lime plant.

"Also examined were sensitive medical records," Nilsson claims in the lawsuit.

OBITUARY

Dusty Rode

Formerly of Baker City, 1951-2019

Raymond (Dusty) Russell Rode, 67, of La Grande, died Sept. 6, 2019.

His memorial service will take place Saturday, Oct. 19 at 11 a.m. at the Harvest Church, 3720 Birch St. in Baker City. A barbecue lunch in his honor will be served following the service.

Dusty was born on Oct. 1, 1951, at Baker City to Russell and Amy (Asla) Rode. He graduated from Baker High School in 1970, then attended Treasure Valley Community College.

Dusty married Joann Harris on Nov. 27, 1996, and was her loving, steadfast friend, helpmate and husband for 23 years. He took her to a car show in his red 1967 Ford Mustang Fastback on their first date.

He worked hard all of his life starting at 16 driving truck for Baker Valley Pack, a family owned slaughterhouse. He worked at Eastern Oregon Meat, Baker Redi Mix, managed Tasty Bake, was terminal manager for Eastern Oregon Fast Freight and retired from FedEx Freight. His talents were many from carpentry to restoring classic cars.

He loved cars and owned seven, his



Dusty Rode

favorite being his 1986 GMC Eagle. He was teased that he was the fleet manager and when his family needed vehicle repair, tires, or a topnotch wash and wax job, he was happy to do it.

Dusty volunteered for the Neighbor to Neighbor food bank for 10 years. He faithfully committed his time with enthusiasm for helping people and was acknowledged by the community for his good work.

Dusty loved football and watched every Super Bowl ever played. He grew up visiting the family cabin on the Snake River swimming, water skiing, dirt bike riding, and recreating with his entire family. He lived to barbecue and had mastered the art to perfection. He loved taking drives in the mountains, picking mushrooms, and getting firewood. He spent 17 summers visiting and helping Joann on fire lookouts, tirelessly supporting her. Watching the sun set on a lookout was one of his favorite things to do.

Dusty was a good man. He was consistent in his love, kind, intelligent, very funny, giving, helpful and loved his family with all of his big heart. He loved and cherished his friends and had many. His love for and faith in God was solid. His mighty prayers every single day for his family will be missed. He

will be missed beyond measure.

Dusty had a very special love for his dear friend, Tuggy, a chihuahua pug mix. He adored and laughed at that dog daily. Those two would get in the Eagle and take a valley cruise and walk on a regular basis.

Survivors include his daughters, Dawn (Tim) Bailey and their children, Drew, Claire and Sara; Dana Stone and her children, Blake, Beau and Rocco; his brother, Roger (Mary Jo) Rode; his cousins Gary (Diane) and Don Mires; Joann, her daughter, Ashli Ainsworth and her children, Kaylei Jo and Trace; her daughter, Carol Anna (Jake) Fagan and their daughter, Tanalee; his nephew, Scott, and his children, Misty, Mindy and Raquel; his nieces, Ronda and Renee (Tom), and their son, Tommy; his brother-in-law, Hugh Harris; his sisters-in-law, Kathy (Wade) Saunders and Mary Weir; Joann's cousin and his close friend, Fred Stewart; plus many other extended family members and important friends; and Tug, his beloved dog.

Dusty was preceded in death by his parents and his in-laws, Hank and Carol Harris.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com

NEWS OF RECORD

FUNERALS PENDING

Arlene Fulton: Her memorial service will be Saturday, Sept. 14, at 1 p.m. at Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave. Friends are invited to join the family for a reception afterward at ColesTribute 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

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

Kasey Wright: Candlelighting ceremony Sunday, Sept. 15 at 7:30 p.m. in front of the Dry Creek Bakery on Main Street in Halfway. Please bring an umbrella (in case of rain), a flashlight and memories of Kasey. The event will be livestreamed at www.hellscanyonchamber.com, click on live webcam. Online condolences can be made at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.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

SECOND-DEGREE BURGLARY, THIRD-DEGREE THEFT, CRIMINAL TRESPASSING: Sherrie Irene Richardson, 59, 3211 13th St., 3:54 p.m. Thursday in the 1200 block of Campbell Street; jailed.

OUT-OF-COUNTY WARRANT: Jessica Marie Martinez, 29, Dayton, Oregon, 2:14 p.m. Wednesday in the 3600 block of Midway Drive; jailed.

Adoptable Pet Of The Week

Mags

I'm Mags, a small senior Chihuahua looking for a home! I'm the perfect lap dog, house trained and do well with other dogs of all sizes. It's unknown how I feel about cats or children. I'm shy but very sweet and I'm not a barker.

Contact Best Friends of Baker at 541-519-7387 (no texting, please)

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