

Local

BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 2

- **Baker City Farmers Market:** 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., Downtown at the Court Avenue Plaza.
- **Baker City Tree Board:** 5:30 p.m., Conference Room at City Hall, 1655 First St.

FRIDAY, OCT. 4

- **Baker City Golf Board:** 8 a.m., conference room upstairs at City Hall, 1655 First St.
- **Live Music by Keith Taylor:** Ragtime piano, 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., Crossroads, 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.

TUESDAY, OCT. 8

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

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 16

- **Baker County Board of Commissioners:** 9 a.m., Courthouse, 1995 Third St.

TUESDAY, OCT. 22

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

MONDAY, OCT. 21

- **Baker School Board:** 6 p.m., City Hall, Council chambers.

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald October 3, 1969

HUNTINGTON — It was another runaway for the Huntington Locomotives here Friday afternoon when they smothered the Harper Hornets 86-18.

25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald October 3, 1994

The 2,420-acre Reed fire, about 15 miles north of Prairie City, destroyed four buildings between Stalter Mine and Sunrise Butte before firefighters contained the blaze Thursday.

Fire bosses thought they had saved the several structures near the Stalter and other mines, but after searching the area they found the burned buildings.

10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald October 2, 2009

Ash Grove Cement Co. said that starting in mid-December it will temporarily lay off more than half the workers at its Durkee plant in Baker County.

The Durkee factory is one of nine Ash Grove plants where workers are being laid off due to adverse economic conditions affecting the U.S. cement industry, according to Scott Matter, a spokesman for Ash Grove Cement Co., headquartered in Overland Park, Kan.

ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald October 3, 2018

Northeastern Oregon suffered from the smoke this summer but it pretty much missed out on the fire.

This corner of the state, the site of more than a dozen major blazes over the past few decades, was something of an eye in the fiery storm that engulfed much of the West.

While fires were scorching tens of thousands of acres elsewhere in Oregon, and in the neighboring states of Idaho, Washington and California, Northeastern Oregon's drought-desiccated forests and rangelands burned only in a figurative sense as an August heatwave broke temperature records.

Although the situation is a bit more complicated, local fire managers say the explanation for the comparatively quiet 2018 fire season can be distilled to a single factor.

Lightning.

Or rather, a lack of lightning.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, Sept. 30

1 — 17 — 18 — 27 — 35 — 48
Next jackpot: \$3 million

MEGA MILLIONS, Oct. 1

10 — 17 — 39 — 42 — 59 Mega 3
Next jackpot: \$50 million

WIN FOR LIFE, Sept. 30

11 — 17 — 61 — 68

PICK 4, Oct. 1

• 1 p.m.: 6 — 3 — 1 — 5
• 4 p.m.: 1 — 3 — 9 — 8
• 7 p.m.: 6 — 2 — 7 — 2
• 10 p.m.: 7 — 3 — 5 — 1

LUCKY LINES, Oct. 1

3-6-12-14-20-23-27-29
Next jackpot: \$29,000

SENIOR MENUS

- **THURSDAY:** Beef tacos, Spanish rice, refried beans, fruit cup, spice cake
- **FRIDAY:** Barbecued ribs, scalloped potatoes, mixed vegetables, roll, carrot-raisin salad, apple 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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PLAY

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Macy attended several local events this winter urging residents to cast online votes for Baker City in a contest sponsored by Moda insurance and the Portland Trail Blazers.

Baker City won that competition in a landslide and received \$37,740 through the Moda Assist program for the playground, Bornstedt said.

Macy said the state grant will allow the city to build a larger playground, with more pieces of equipment, than would have been possible otherwise.

"As the parents of a child who uses a wheelchair we're constantly looking for places where our son can play, and there aren't that many," she said.

Macy believes the new playground will not only benefit local children and families, but also lure travelers on Interstate 84 to stop in Baker City.

In addition to the state grant and the Moda Assist award, the city has received these donations for the all-inclusive playground, Bornstedt said:

- \$20,000 from the Sunderland Foundation

- \$10,000 from the city

- \$2,000 from the Sunridge Inn

- \$2,000 from the Super 8 motel

- \$1,000 from Motel 6

- \$416 from a fundraiser

- \$363 from an Albertsons fundraiser

- \$238 from a fundraiser

- by Brian and Corrine Vegter, owners of Churchill School

Bornstedt said the city has also applied for a \$25,000



Jayson Jacoby/Baker City Herald

Baker City officials plan to build a playground next spring at Geiser-Pollman Park that's accessible to children of all abilities. The playground will be south of the structure installed in 2014. The city plans to remove the three metal-lattice domes (two are visible in the photo), the tall metal swing structures and the structure at the far right (red arrow).

grant from the Leo Adler Foundation.

This fall city officials will be working on a detailed plan for the new playground.

On Oct. 10 a subcommittee of the city's Parks and Recreation Advisory Board will meet with a playground consultant, Bornstedt said.

Later the city will schedule a public open house where residents, and in particular parents of children who would benefit from the new playground, can look at possible pieces of equipment and give their opinions about the ones they'd most like to see installed.

Examples include swings that are accessible to all children, and merry-go-rounds and other equipment that children in wheelchairs can use.

Ultimately the goal is to build a playground where all

kids, regardless of their abilities, can play "side by side," Bornstedt said.

"It brings together children of different abilities and allows them to play together and interact," she said.

Although city officials haven't decided what the new playground will include, the location is set.

The all-inclusive playground will be south of the existing playground that was built in May 2014, a project for which the city also received a state grant.

Bornstedt said the wood chips will be removed because they're not compatible with wheelchairs and walkers, and she hopes to replace that with the spongy surfacing that was installed as part of the 2014 project.

And although she concedes this part of the project will bother some people, Bornst-

edt said the tall metal swing structure will be removed.

The swings are about a century old and do not meet current playground safety standards, she said.

Workers will also remove the three metal-lattice play domes and a structure that includes two short slides.

The taller single slide is outside the "footprint" of the all-inclusive playground and it might stay, Bornstedt said.

The fate of the three play structures between the swings and the 2014 playground isn't certain, she said. She'd like to remove those structures, which are about 25 years old, and reinstall them elsewhere in the city. Bornstedt said she will be talking with a playground installer about the feasibility of doing that.

The city's tentative goal is to build the all-inclusive playground in May 2020.

OBITUARIES

Mary Basche

Baker City, 1924-2019

Mary Basche, 95, of Baker City, died Sept. 28, 2019, at her home at Meadowbrook Place.

There will be a celebration of her life from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 5, at Meadowbrook Place, 4000 Cedar St. in Baker City.

Mary was born on April 19, 1924, at Portland to Lyman and Mary Irving Patton. She attended school at Jefferson, Oregon; Coos River, and Baker City. She graduated in 1942 from Baker High School.

Mary attended the University of Oregon in Eugene. She was a member of the Chi Omega Sorority.

She married Paul Campbell Basche on April 28, 1948. She was strong in her faith to God.

Mary was a member of PEO Sisterhood. Her previous occupations consisted of dental assistant, the telephone company and working for Leo Adler. She volunteered at St. Elizabeth Hospital, helping to organize the Candy Strippers. Mary also volunteered at the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center and Heritage Museum.

Survivors include Betsy Irving Wilson and her husband, Mike, of Baker City; Suzanne Mary McCrone of Springfield; and her sister, Mildred Grilley of Pendleton. She had six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul Campbell Basche; her sister, Francis Louise Patton; and her beloved daughter, Nancy Harlow Basche.



Mary Basche

Mary and her special friends traveled around the world. She adored her family, had lots of friends, and enjoyed life so much. Until her final moment, she had a joyful spirit and zest for life. She loved music, dancing, and loved to flirt with men. "Yahoo!"

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Heart 'N Home Hospice through Coles Tribute Center, 1950 Place St., Baker City, OR 97814.

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

Ruth Collard

Baker City, 1935-2019

Ruth Elaine Collard, 84, of Baker City, died Sept. 25, 2019, at St. Alphonsus Medical Center in Boise.

Her funeral will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 4, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2625 Hughes Lane in Baker City. Interment will be afterward at Mount Hope Cemetery.

Elaine was born on June 2, 1935, at Malad City, Idaho, to Thorold and Ruth Helen Peabody. She was the second of two children in the family.

She was always very close to her older brother, Jake, during their growing years being only 13 months younger. Because of her father's type of employment, the family moved many times in the states of Idaho, Utah, Washington and Oregon.

While residing in Oregon she met and married Leslie Norman Crum in 1953 and they had four wonderful children: Marcy Lynn, Chris Alan, Tracy Wayne

and Susan Marie. When that marriage ended in 1966 she raised her children alone for the next 14 years.

She supported her family by working for the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest at Baker City in the Supervisor's Office, in the Management Services Section.

While working there she met Ernie Collard. They were married in 1980 and had 39 of the best years of their lives. Ernie had three children by a previous marriage, two sons and a daughter, Eugene Scott, Bryan Kenneth and Mariam Kristine.

Survivors include her husband, Ernie of Baker City; daughter, Marcy Horning and her husband, Kelly, of Peoria, Arizona; her son, Tracy Crum, and his wife, Cris, of Alpine, Oregon, and her daughter, Susan Crum, of Glendale, Arizona; her step-children, Scott Collard and his wife, Rene, of Lexington, North Carolina, Bryan Collard and his wife, Mary, of Baker City and Kristy Miner of Big Sandy, Tennessee; and 18 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her brother, Jake Peabody.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her son, Chris; and her granddaughter, Maycee.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Welfare Fund through Coles Tribute Center, 1950 Place St., Baker City, OR 97814.

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



Ruth Collard

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Best Friends of Baker Saturday Market

Open EVERY Saturday 8 AM - 2 PM
ARE YOU READY FOR WINTER?
WE ARE!

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(first left after Broadway turns into 10th)

We accept debit, credit, cash & checks!

Donations accepted Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays 9-1

(All proceeds benefit the animals of Baker County)



Thank You

Bob Petrik and family would like to extend our deepest gratitude to all of our friends and family for the outpouring of love and support following the loss of our beloved Linda Kay Petrik. All of the cards, phone calls, food, and memorial contributions were very much appreciated during this difficult time and will remain a special memory. Special thanks to Pastor Lennie Spooner, the staff, and the ladies at the Church of the Nazarene for their assistance during the service and reception.