

Local

BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 23

■ **Baker City Farmers Market:** 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., downtown at the Court Avenue Plaza; last market of the season.

FRIDAY, NOV. 1

■ **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, NOV. 4

■ **Haines Fire Protection District Board:** 6 p.m. at the Haines Library. (New time begins this month.)

TUESDAY, NOV. 5

■ **Local Community Advisory Council in coordination with the Eastern Oregon Coordinated Care Organization (which serves Oregon Health Plan members in the region):** Community meeting, noon to 2 p.m. at the Oregon Trail Electric Co-op Building at 4005 23rd St. in Baker City.

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO
from the **Democrat-Herald**
October 24, 1969

HAINES — Telephone subscribers here are up in arms over an improvement, resulting in possible higher charges.

25 YEARS AGO
from the **Baker City Herald**
October 24, 1994

Kenneth Lockwood, who spent his entire working career with KBKR radio station, including 33 years as owner, died Oct. 23, 1994, at St. Elizabeth Health Services. He was 71.

10 YEARS AGO
from the **Baker City Herald**
October 23, 2009

Matea Huggins isn't even a teenager yet but already she's the star of a hunting tale that would enchant listeners at any Oregon campfire. It's even true, this story. On Sunday Matea, who's 12, pulled off a feat that fewer than 100 hunters in the state, almost all of them at least twice her ago, can boast about. Matea bagged a mountain goat.

ONE YEAR AGO
from the **Baker City Herald**
October 24, 2018

One of Baker County's unique attractions will soon close for the season in advance of winter's deep snows, but plans are afoot to open more of the Sumpter Dredge to visitors in the future. There is no timeline, but the long-term goal is to allow visitors to tour sections of the upper two stories of the hulking gold-mining machine, said Garrett Groth, ranger at the Sumpter Valley Dredge State Heritage Area. That could include the third-floor winch room, where a worker controlled many of the functions of the 1,240-ton behemoth. Groth said he hopes the park will have up to \$250,000 available for work inside the dredge, although the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department might need to divert some of that money to other park properties in Harney County. Any project inside the dredge, which operated from 1935 until 1954, is challenging because of potential conflicts between modern safety standards for stairs and other facilities, and the need to preserve the historic nature of the machine, Groth said.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, Oct. 21
4 – 17 – 18 – 41 – 43 – 47
Next jackpot: \$4.8 million

MEGA MILLIONS, Oct. 22
5 – 11 – 14 – 23 – 25 Mega 10
Next jackpot: \$93 million

WIN FOR LIFE, Oct. 21
2 – 3 – 74 – 77

PICK 4, Oct. 22
• 1 p.m.: 5 – 4 – 9 – 4
• 4 p.m.: 1 – 6 – 7 – 2
• 7 p.m.: 1 – 6 – 8 – 1
• 10 p.m.: 2 – 4 – 1 – 0

LUCKY LINES, Oct. 22
1-7-10-15-19-21-27-32
Next jackpot: \$27,000

SENIOR MENUS

■ **THURSDAY:** Hearty beef stew, broccoli-blend vegetables, cornbread, applesauce, cinnamon roll

■ **FRIDAY:** Baked ham, sweet potato, peas, roll, green salad, cake

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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SCHOOLS

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Committee member Martin Arritola, who led the Board through a slide presentation of the recommendations Monday, said the group agreed to recommend the Board ask voters to approve a 10-year bond, that would include \$1.4 million interest.

The \$7.5 million bond would boost property taxes within the school district by 66 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value over the 10-year term.

Arritola said under the plan, the owner of a home with the district's median assessed value of \$108,320 would pay an additional \$71.49 per year to pay for the school improvements.

Arritola said he and some of the other committee members had wanted to go with a five-year bond repayment schedule, but that would have increased the cost per \$1,000 of assessed value to a level approaching the \$1.97 per thousand that voters turned down in November 2018.

That bond measure, which also would have had a 30-year repayment, was defeated by a vote of 4,725 to 2,185

“Due to feedback from the community and a lot of lower income, fixed-income residents — to be able to sell this bond — we wanted a dollar



S. John Collins / Baker City Herald file photo

Baker High School would be remodeled to accommodate seventh- and eighth-graders if voters approve a bond measure in May 2020.

per thousand assessed value to be as low as we could get it,” Arritola said.

Another committee member, retired Dr. Robert McKim, said he also favored a five-year repayment term on the bond.

“The people who vote for it are going to get the opportunity to pay it off instead of their kids,” he said. “I can accept this, but I was trying to make it over a shorter period of time.”

Committee member Travis Cook said the length of the bond repayment was the only area in which the committee members disagreed. Members finally reached consensus on the 10-year plan in their effort to try to convince voters to approve the measure.

As proposed, the commit-

tee's recommendations for use of the bond measure and other revenue include:

Baker High School

- Remodel to include Grades 7-12. The high school, which was built to accommodate 830 students, houses only about 450 now.
- Safety and security upgrades, including secure entry addition
- Dedicated commons area for Grades 7-8
- Modernize existing locker rooms
- Grades 7-8 locker room addition
- Remodel science classrooms for Grades 7-8 use

Helen M. Stack Building, which formerly served Grades 7-8

Board buys parking lot

By Chris Collins
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The Baker School Board Monday night agreed to spend \$60,000 to purchase a vacant lot near Brooklyn School to expand parking.

The lot, at 1353 Washington Ave., is owned by David Wright of Baker City. Its real market value is listed as \$49,160, according to Baker County Assessor's Office records.

The lot has room for about 28 parking spaces once it is brought up to city requirements, Superintendent Mark Witty said.

“We are trying to get more parking,” he told the Board, which considered the purchase in executive (closed to the public) session prior to the open meeting. “I know the community would definitely appreciate

that.

“I personally think parking is a major consideration for us both at Brooklyn and South Baker,” Witty said.

Director Kevin Cassidy said he recalls the challenges when he was a student at Brooklyn at a time when the school housed Grades 1-6. Now, with an enrollment of about 430 students, nearing the numbers at Baker High School, additional parking definitely is needed, he said.

“I'm hopeful that even though there's concern about (the District) buying property that's not being utilized in the moment ... I think it's a great opportunity,” Cassidy said.

Director Julie Huntington spoke in support of “anything we can do to add to the safety of getting kids transferred.”

OBITUARY

Berniece Osborn

Baker City, 1920-2019

Berniece Osborn, 99, of Baker City, died Oct. 18, 2019, at her home.

A celebration of Bernice's life will take place during the senior meal at the Community Connection Senior Center, 2810 Cedar St., on Thursday, Oct. 24 from

11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wear your favorite hat in honor of Berniece if you'd like.



Berniece Osborn

Lua Berniece Osborn was born on Aug. 27, 1920, at Prosser, Nebraska. She married C.D. Goodman and had seven children. On Jan. 12, 1971, Berniece married John L. Osborn. Berniece lived in Baker City for 65 years and for many years she worked for Safeway.

Her favorite color was red. She loved to get out and garden; she enjoyed roses, cactus and anything that bloomed. Berniece liked to watch Oregon and Oklahoma football and her favorite baseball team was the Se-

attle Mariners.

Berniece belonged to the Elks with her husband, John. She loved to dance whether it be at the Elks, the Senior Center or any place that had music. She loved playing pinochle with all her lady friends. Favorite phrases to her seven children included “Do it right the first time and you will never have to do it over again,” “Can't never did a thing,” “If you can't say anything nice, don't say anything at all.” Berniece loved traveling with family, spending time in her cabin on Olive Creek, reading and crocheting many doilies and afghans.

Berniece was very proud of her large family. She loved getting phone calls and texting with family. She had a joyful personality and a “love of life.” Known as the “Hat Lady,” she kept everyone guessing which hat she was going to wear.

A unique moment in Berniece's life was when she served John F. Kennedy at the Pastime Bar/Restaurant before he became president. She had no clue who he was

until he was elected.

Berniece is survived by her daughters, Eddy D. Beck, Lua Berniece Bird (Tom), Glynda M. Anderson (Bill) and Shielah Reeder; her sons, Chuck Goodman (Beth) and Don Goodman (Diana); her daughter-in-law, Carolyn; grandchildren and great-grandchildren, too numerous to count and she loved every one of them; one brother, Robert (Patty); and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Homer and Violet Goble; her husband of 26 years, John Osborn; the husband of her children, C.D. Goodman; her sons, George Goodman and Dennis Goodman; and five brothers.

For those who would like to make a donation in memory of Berniece, the family suggests the Community Connection Senior Center 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

Week of October 14

John Beam
Missed 4, beat tiebreaker
Wins \$25

Monty White
Missed 4, missed tiebreaker
Wins \$15

John Heriza
Missed 5
Wins \$10

Tie-Breaker:
Southern OR 31 @ Eastern OR 25

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New Hope for Eastern Oregon Animals Fundraising Banquet

Saturday, October 26th
Community Connection
2810 Cedar Street, Baker City

Spaghetti Dinner at 6 PM, followed by Auction
Tickets \$15 adults, \$12 youth age 12 & under

Tickets available at Betty's Books
Proceeds benefit Powder Pals Dog & Feral Cat Spay/Neuter Programs

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