

# Local

## BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

### FRIDAY, NOV. 8

■ **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; continues most Fridays.

### MONDAY, NOV. 11

■ **National Oregon Trail Interpretive Center Free- Fee Days:** Free admission in honor of Veterans Day; hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily through Nov. 30.

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

### TUESDAY, NOV. 12

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

### WEDNESDAY, NOV. 13

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

### MONDAY, NOV. 18

■ **Baker County Library District Board:** 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., library's Riverside meeting room, 2400 Resort St.; regular meeting rescheduled from second Monday of the month.

### TUESDAY, NOV. 19

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

## TURNING BACK THE PAGES

### 50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald November 7, 1969

The newly remodeled and expanded Shangrila Room of the Royal Cafe is now unofficially open to the public. The grand opening is scheduled for Monday.

### 25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald November 7, 1994

Hunters fought waist-deep snow in some parts of Baker County to score a 4.4-percent success rate during the opening weekend of the second bull elk hunting season.

### 10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald November 6, 2009

A 12-percent budget cut possible if Oregon voters reject two tax hike measures in January could result in clients seeking drug and alcohol treatment being turned away from New Directions Northwest in Baker City.

### ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald November 7, 2018

Incumbent Bill Harvey earned another four-year term as Baker County Commission chairman, and voters by a wide margin rejected a \$48 million school construction bond for the Baker School District in Tuesday's election.

Harvey defeated challenger Bruce Nichols, who is also a commissioner, 4,142 votes (53.1 percent) to 3,626 (46.5 percent), according to unofficial results from the Baker County Clerk's office.

Harvey won by a much larger margin than in the May primary, when he received 45 percent of the votes compared with Nichols' 43 percent.

A third candidate, Mike Downing, received 11 percent of the votes in the primary.

"I just want to thank all the citizens of Baker County that went through the process and I like the process, I appreciate it and it is the way our country is built on," Harvey said Tuesday night. "I look forward to serving for another four years."

The school district bond measure, which would have paid to build a new elementary school for grades 1-6, remodel Baker High School to accommodate seventh- and eighth-graders, and make energy and safety improvements at other schools, failed by a more than 2-to-1 margin.

## OREGON LOTTERY

**MEGABUCKS, Nov. 4**  
8 — 22 — 26 — 29 — 36 — 40  
Next jackpot: \$5.7 million

**MEGA MILLIONS, Nov. 5**  
2 — 9 — 24 — 49 — 54  
Next jackpot: \$145 million

**WIN FOR LIFE, Nov. 4**  
14 — 17 — 55 — 58

**PICK 4, Nov. 5**  
• 1 p.m.: 4 — 3 — 9 — 2  
• 4 p.m.: 0 — 9 — 5 — 3  
• 7 p.m.: 2 — 3 — 5 — 2  
• 10 p.m.: 0 — 4 — 6 — 1

**LUCKY LINES, Nov. 5**  
3-7-11-16-18-22-27-29  
Next jackpot: \$11,000

## SENIOR MENUS

- **THURSDAY:** Chicken broccoli Alfredo over fettuccine, carrots, bread, fruit ambrosia, bread pudding
- **FRIDAY:** Ham and beans, broccoli-blend vegetables, cornbread, green salad, pea-and-onion salad, cookies

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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## BOULDERS

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The boulders, Owen said, "look a lot better than orange safety cones."

Twenty boulders replaced safety cones on Windmill Road to prevent truck drivers from driving over the curb.

Workers then chose other places where the boulders could serve a similar purpose. Four boulders have replaced

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— **Michelle Owen, Baker City Public Works director**

concrete blocks on the east end of the Court Avenue Plaza, where the street is closed to traffic.

Owen said the boulders are effective but smaller than the

blocks, making the bronze Salt Lick statue more visible.

"I think it just balances that area out and makes it easier to see the sculpture," Owen said.

Around ten boulders replaced concrete Jersey barriers at the Sam-O Skate Park parking area.

"That tied in really nicely because we had also used a couple of boulders in each of the dog parks," Owen said. Public Works employees

Justin Plumbtree and Brian Johnson selected the boulders from the Goodrich Creek site.

"It was just a way to be resourceful with some materials that we already had," Owen said.

The city brought in similar boulders several years ago to line the Leo Adler Memorial Parkway section near Wade Williams Elks Memorial Park to protect walkers from vehicular traffic.

## ATTACK

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"As soon as the dog saw us he attacked," Spencer said. "There was no stopping him."

And she had no opportunity to even try.

"The dog ripped the leash and my dog out of my hand," Spencer said.

The dog's owner, Branden Baltzell, 24, of Lakewood, Washington, and his friend did their best to separate the two dogs, she said. Baltzell was over the top of his dog trying to pull him off Gizmo, and his friend was pulling the dog's jaws apart to get him to loosen his grip on her dog.

The schnauzer had no chance to even try to fight if he'd have wanted to, Spencer said.

The larger dog bit through Gizmo's left shoulder, and then grabbed him by the throat, belly and neck.

"It was horrific," Spencer said. "I turned away when the dog grabbed Gizmo by the belly."

She said the dog owner's friend was bitten in the abdomen and on the arm in trying to wrestle the pit bull, which she estimated to weigh about 100 pounds, away from her 18-pound schnauzer.

Neighbors from across the street helped Spencer tend to her dog. She used the man's phone to dial 9-1-1 to summon police and the woman drove her home so she could get Gizmo to the veterinarian's office, she said.

Dr. Matt Kerns at the Baker Animal Clinic treated Gizmo Sunday afternoon to make him comfortable and then operated on him Monday morning. The dog was

stitched up and was able to go home Monday night accompanied by prescriptions for pain medication and a two-week supply of antibiotics.

Baker City Police officers who responded — Sgt. Mike Reagan and John Parsons — initially told Spencer that there was no enforcement action that could be taken against the dog's owner because he lives in Washington. Spencer could, however, consider filing a civil suit against the dog owner, they said.

Spencer couldn't believe that the responsibility for any resolution to the harm another's person's dog had done to her family pet fell solely to her.

"I was on a city street in the city limits with my dog on a leash and my dog was attacked," she said. "I think it is a public safety issue."

She took her concerns to Police Chief Ray Duman Monday morning and though he offered to do what he could, he didn't give her much more hope for a good resolution than what she'd received from the officers.

She said Duman advised her to speak to the City Council about developing a revised ordinance to address how to handle cases involving dogs that are brought into the community as visitors and then return to their homes even though complaints have been made about them for actions that happen in Baker City.

Duman, who has been in the role of chief since July 1, said Tuesday that upon taking a second look at the ordinance he believes it can be used to address Spencer's concerns after all.

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— **Karen Spencer**

"We will be going forward on the criteria of the ordinance," he said.

Duman noted that the ordinance addresses as "prohibited conduct" any dog that bites a person, or domestic animal or livestock, and that all such conduct will be investigated by police.

"So that's what we're going to do," Duman said.

The City's dangerous dog ordinance was adopted by the City Council shortly after 5-year-old Jordan Ryan was mauled to death by a pit bull on Sept. 27, 2013.

Paula Sawyer has served as the hearing officer to consider complaints against dogs alleged to be dangerous since the ordinance was established in 2014. Sawyer makes rulings based on requirements outlined in the ordinance.

The City Council amended the ordinance in 2017 to allow the hearing officer more flexibility with sanctions, which are designed to hold the dog owner accountable and to protect the public. The ordinance also was amended to allow the hearing officer or the municipal judge the authority to order that a dog identified as "vicious" be euthanized.

Duman said a public hearing to consider Spencer's complaint has tentatively been scheduled for Monday, Nov. 18, at 8:30 a.m. in the police department's conference room

at 1768 Auburn Ave.

Baltzell will be notified of the investigation and the hearing, and he will be given the opportunity to tell his side of the story, Duman said.

"If the hearing officer finds that the dog is dangerous, there's a huge liability risk for him to bring that dog back into this community," Duman said.

"We're trying to make this right," he said. "What happened to (Karen Spencer) shouldn't have happened. It's things like this that make change — hopefully for the better," Duman said.

Spencer said today that she was very happy with Duman's decision to proceed with an investigation and to take the issue before the hearing officer.

She said she will go before the City Council when it meets Nov. 12 to talk about adding language to the dangerous dog ordinance that would address complaints against visiting animals. She said she would like to see a requirement that a hold be placed on out-of-town dogs that are alleged to be dangerous, rather than letting them leave town before the matter is settled.

"I'd be happy to sit on a committee that looks at specific language to address what we went through," she said. "The outcome I want is to not allow that to happen."

Gizmo is recovering, but Spencer says she won't be taking him or her small Italian greyhound, Bullet, on any more walks. And although she has walked daily herself in the past, she hasn't taken a stroll since Gizmo was attacked.

## NEWS OF RECORD

### DEATHS

**William 'Bill' Thompson:** 87, of Richland, died Nov. 4, 2019, at his home with his wife and family at his side. There will be a memorial service with military honors at 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 14, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Halfway. Friends are invited to join the family afterward for a luncheon at the church. Tam's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made at [www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com)

### FUNERALS PENDING

**Willard 'Butch' Hubert:** A celebration of his life, Saturday,

Nov. 9, 2 p.m. at the Baker City Eagles Lodge, 2935 H St.

**Jodell Hensen:** There will be a celebration of her life from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 10, at the Baker City Eagles Lodge, 2935 H St. To light a candle in memory of Jodell, or to leave a condolence for the family, go to [www.grayswestco.com](http://www.grayswestco.com)

**Liz Peyron:** A celebration of her life will take place Saturday, Nov. 16, at 11 a.m. at the Baker City Christian Church, 675 Highway 7. Friends are invited to join the family immediately following for lunch, a time to mingle and share stories. Online condolences can be made at [www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com)

### POLICE LOG

**Baker City Police Arrests, citations**  
PROBATION VIOLATION (Warrant): Michael Scott Tugman, 31, of Baker City, 11:28 a.m. Tuesday, at Valley Avenue and Resort Street; jailed.

ASSAULT IV DOMESTIC: Mark William Brinton, 66, of Vale, 1:45 p.m. Tuesday, in the 800 block of Elm Street; jailed and later granted a conditional release.

CRIMINAL TRESPASSING I: Sean Michael Dethloff, 21, of Baker City, 5:15 p.m. Friday, in the 2300 block of Mitchell Street; police said Dethloff entered a residence through a bedroom window and then hid in the garage where he was taken into custody; jailed and later released.

ASSAULT IV: Lucey Marie Foersterling, 20, of 304 Fourth St., 4:07 p.m. Friday, at her home; police said Foersterling assaulted Mariah Aldrich, also of that address; jailed and later released.

PROBATION VIOLATION (Baker County Warrant): Victoria Jean Mclean, 36, of 2715 Second St., 12:01 p.m. Monday, in the 600 block of Campbell Street; jailed and later released.

### Baker County Sheriff's Office

**Arrests, citations**  
STRANGULATION, ASSAULT IV, HARASSMENT and DISORDERLY CONDUCT: Jimmie Lee Hall Jr., 46, of 575 Oak St., 5:33 p.m. Tuesday, at the Sheriff's Office; cited and released.

### Baker County Parole and Probation

**Arrests, citations**  
UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF METHAMPHETAMINE and POST-PRISON SUPERVISION VIOLATION: Henry Kooos, 41, of 2650 17th St., 4:45 p.m. Friday at the Parole and Probation Office at 3320 K St.; jailed.

### Oregon State Police

**Arrests, citations**  
FAILURE TO YIELD BEFORE ENTERING THE HIGHWAY: Frank Emerson Lassen, 65, of Roseburg, 6:14 p.m. Monday, on Highway 7 at McEwen; cited and released; police said Lassen drove his Acura sedan onto the highway into the path of a Chevrolet Suburban driven by Samantha Gene Clinkenbeard, 23, of Pendleton.



**Week of October 28th**

**Don Guyer**  
Missed 3, beat tiebreaker  
Wins \$25

**Doug Schimke**  
Missed 3, beat tiebreaker  
Wins \$15

**Linda Koplein**  
Missed 3, missed tiebreaker  
Wins \$10

**Tie-Breaker:**  
**New England 20 @ Baltimore 37**

## Best Friends of Baker Saturday Market

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