

Local

BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

THURSDAY, NOV. 21

- **Baker Rural Fire Protection District Board:** 5:30 p.m. at the Pochontas Fire Station.
- **Baker School Board:** 5:30 p.m., Council Chambers at City Hall, 1655 First St.

FRIDAY, NOV. 22

- **Baker Community Orchestra:** 7 p.m., Baker High School Auditorium, 2500 E St.; free admission; everyone welcome.
- **Baker City Golf Board:** 8 a.m., Conference Room upstairs at City Hall, 1655 First St.

TUESDAY, NOV. 26

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

THURSDAY, NOV. 28

- **Thanksgiving Day.**

FRIDAY, NOV. 29

- **National Oregon Trail Interpretive Center Family Fun Day:** 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the center 5 miles east of Baker City just off Highway 86; the event includes pioneer games, tall tales from the Oregon Trail and a selfie station; for \$3 per person, make your choice of three seasonal crafts to take home; hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily through Nov. 30.

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald November 21, 1969

ONTARIO — The Huntington Locomotives jolted the Weston Tigers with nine touchdowns and five conversions for a 64-20 win in the B-8 state semifinals here Friday afternoon.

25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald November 21, 1994

The seven home lots that comprise Baker City's subdivision should be ready for sale soon.

The Baker City Council will hear an update at its meeting Tuesday on the Quail Ridge Subdivision.

10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald November 20, 2009

An Oregon state wildlife biologist videotaped a pack of at least 10 gray wolves last week on Forest Service land in Wallowa County east of Joseph.

ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald November 21, 2018

Carly Annable, who received the second most votes in the Baker City Council election Nov. 6 and was in line to serve a four-year term, has taken a job in Western Oregon and will not serve as a city councilor.

Baker County Clerk Cindy Carpenter said Monday that Annable, 28, had contacted the clerk's office. Annable has accepted a job in Independence, near Salem.

The Baker City charter requires that councilors live within the city limits.

Annable's move likely will have two effects on results from the election, during which city voters chose four of the seven councilors.

First, because Annable was not sworn in as a councilor (the city charter states that newly elected councilors begin their terms at the first meeting in January following the election), the fifth-place finisher in the election likely will replace her.

Based on unofficial results, that would be Doni Bruland, 53, who had 958 votes.

The sixth-place candidate is Daryl DeMoss, 43, who received 951 votes.

The second effect has to do with which of the four newly elected councilors will serve a two-year, rather than a four-year, term.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, Nov. 18

3 — 17 — 20 — 25 — 30 — 46
Next jackpot: \$6.3 million

MEGA MILLIONS, Nov. 19

22 — 33 — 44 — 47 — 66 Mega 22
Next jackpot: \$208 million

WIN FOR LIFE, Nov. 18

6 — 12 — 30 — 39

PICK 4, Nov. 19

• 1 p.m.: 1 — 2 — 1 — 4
• 4 p.m.: 9 — 9 — 1 — 8
• 7 p.m.: 1 — 0 — 0 — 4
• 10 p.m.: 4 — 6 — 2 — 2

LUCKY LINES, Nov. 19

1-8-9-14-17-22-25-30
Next jackpot: \$17,000

SENIOR MENUS

- **THURSDAY:** Roasted turkey, stuffing and gravy, cranberry sauce, green beans, roll, broccoli-bacon salad, dessert
- **FRIDAY:** Barbecue ribs, macaroni and cheese, mixed vegetables, roll, coleslaw, cheesecake

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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DEQ fines Huntington couple \$48,700

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The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality has fined a Huntington couple a total of \$48,700 for burning an abandoned house one of them owned in Huntington without properly dealing with housing materials that contained asbestos.

The state agency on Oct. 16 fined Tracy Jean McCue, who owned the home at 145 Jefferson St., \$22,450.

The same day the DEQ fined Travis Young \$26,250.

Both fines involved the same Feb. 24, 2019, incident in which Young burned the partially collapsed home at 145 Jefferson St.

McCue said she was both surprised by the fine, and upset because although she and Young have been a couple for 19 years, they were fined separately.

Anzie St. Clair, who works for the DEQ, said it's not certain whether or not the

agency would have issued a single penalty, rather than two, had the couple been married.

St. Clair noted that the complaints allege separate actions — that McCue, as the legal owner of the home, asked Young to burn the structure, and that he actually did the burning.

McCue said she and Young hope to meet with DEQ officials in December to discuss the situation.

McCue said they will decide after that meeting whether to appeal the fines.

She doesn't dispute the basic elements of the DEQ's complaints.

McCue said the roof of her house at 145 Jefferson collapsed under the weight of the unusually deep snow early in 2017.

McCue said she had the power disconnected to the home, but over the next two years people had broken into and vandalized the structure.

"It was very unsafe," said McCue, who worried that a child might be hurt while trespassing.

She said a Huntington official told Young that something needed to be done about the house.

McCue said she asked Young to burn it.

Only later did she learn that a resident had reported the incident to DEQ.

According to the complaints against both McCue and Young, the home's cement board siding "contained 25% of chrysotile asbestos by weight."

Burning that siding, according to the complaint, "releases asbestos fibers into the air which, when uncontrolled can settle out including onto nearby surfaces."

The DEQ also alleges that from the day the house was burned, Feb. 24, 2019, until about April 15, 2019, burned debris, including partially burned siding, "was present

uncovered at the site of the (home)."

McCue said that once she learned about the DEQ's concerns, she hired a licensed asbestos abatement contractor to remove debris from the property.

"We've already spent close to (\$8,000) on this project," she said.

The DEQ complaints against both McCue and Young note that on May 15 and 16, the licensed contractor did that work.

McCue said she believed that burning the home was the most expedient way to eliminate the hazard the partially collapsed home presented.

She said she didn't realize that state law required her to hire someone to survey the property for asbestos, and to notify the DEQ at least 10 days before burning the building.

"Hindsight is 20/20," McCue said.

SCHOOLS

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The bond would be repaid in 10 years. The cost to taxpayers would be about 66 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value, Superintendent Mark Witty stated in a press release. That would mean the owner of a home assessed at \$108,320 (the median price of a home in Baker County) would pay \$71.49 per year to support the levy, Witty said.

Money raised by the bond measure would be combined with a \$4 million state matching grant and \$5 million from the Baker School District for a total of \$16.5 million.

Witty said the District's contribution would include \$3 million to be contributed from Student Success Act funds, approved last spring by the Oregon Legislature, and \$2 mil-

lion from the District's capital projects fund.

The committee agreed on the scaled-back proposal after reviewing information the District collected from surveys and public meetings after a proposed \$48 million plan was decisively rejected in the November 2018 election. Those responding to questions about the last plan's failure said any new bond should be smaller, and include a shorter payback term as well as remodeling existing buildings as opposed to new construction.

In other business, the Board will:

- Honor Promise Students of the Month: Lance Kerns of Haines Elementary School and Lilly Gately of Baker Middle School.

- Hear a presentation from Haley Hueckman of New Directions Northwest on the Challenge Day program aimed

at improving school climate.

- Hear a presentation by Greg Mitchell, Baker High School principal, on the applied mathematics program in use at BHS.

- Consider personnel reports including the hiring of Alan Glover, who has resigned as District maintenance worker. The Board is scheduled to approve his hiring as head groundskeeper, a confidential/managerial position in the District Maintenance Department.

Classified new hires are Zeila Baez, a paraprofessional at South Baker Intermediate and Eموke Marvin, Brooklyn Primary secretary.

Extra-duty resignations include Cliff Demastus, BHS JV basketball coach; Jeff Anderson, BHS JV2 basketball coach; Chelsea Hurliman, BHS varsity volleyball coach; and Candice Hoskins-Patton, BMS intramu-

ral basketball and track coach.

Amy Younger is an extra-duty new hire, who will coach the BHS JV2 girls basketball team.

- Consider the first reading of all district policies regarding board governance, administration, facilities and negotiations.

- Consider approving an adult meal price increase from \$1.70 to \$2.60 for breakfasts and from \$3.10 to \$3.90 for lunches.

- Hear reports on a letter of intent and executive summary for a new international school program from Tom Joseph, director of specific secondary programs, and a report on a new school information system from Geno Bates, South Baker principal.

- Approve listing two pianos from the BHS music department as surplus.

OBITUARY

Raymond Jones Sr.

Huntington, 1933-2019

Raymond Dale Jones Sr., 86, of Huntington, died Nov. 15, 2019, at his home.

His funeral is scheduled at 9 a.m. PST, Friday, Nov. 22, at the Huntington Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Hall. Vault interment will take place afterward at the International Order of Odd Fellows (IOOF) Cemetery in Huntington.

Raymond was born on March 16, 1933, at Wilson, Oklahoma, to David Samuel Jones and Ethel Etta Evans Jones. He married Lavena Churchwell on Oct. 24, 1949, at Portallas, New Mexico.

The couple moved to Huntington 26 years ago.

Survivors include his four children:



Raymond Jones

Shirley Nixon, Raymond Jones Jr., LaVera Jones and Wayne Jones; three brothers, David Jones, Coy Jones and Riley Jones; five grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and two brothers, Billy and Clinton Jones.

Condolences may be sent to the family at Haren-Wood.com

NEWS OF RECORD

DEATHS

Lewis Felix Warren: 91, of Baker City, died Nov. 16, 2019. Interment will take place at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 23, at Mount Hope Cemetery in Baker City. Afterward there will be a funeral, also on Saturday, Nov. 23, beginning at 12:30 p.m. at the Baker City Christian Church, 675 Highway 7 in Baker City. There will be a reception at the church after the

service. Memorial contributions in honor of Lewis may be made to Missions of Hope International through Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814. To light a candle for Lewis or to leave a condolence for his family, go to www.grayswestco.com

John M. Fouts: 71, of Baker City, died Nov. 13, 2019, at his residence at Settler's Park Assis-

ed Living Community. Arrangements are under the direction of Gray's West & Co. To light a candle in memory of John, or to leave a condolence for his family, go to www.grayswestco.com

Donald Massey: 61, of Portland, died Nov. 15, 2019, at his home. There will be a celebration of his life in July 2020. Memorial contributions may be made to the Haines United Methodist Church through Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814. To light a candle in memory of Donald or to leave a condolence for the family, go to www.grayswestco.com

FUNERAL PENDING

Violett May Caviness: Her graveside memorial service will take place Friday, Nov. 22, at 1:30 p.m. at Mount Hope Cemetery. Pastor Tim Fisher of Elkhorn Baptist Church will officiate. After

the service, friends are invited to join the family for a celebration of her life at the Baker City Eagles Lodge, 2935 H St. To light a candle in memory of Violet, or to leave a condolence for her family, go to www.grayswestco.com

POLICE LOG

Baker City Police Crime reports

FIRST-DEGREE CRIMINAL MISCHIEF: In the 2600 block of Baker Street, 12:08 p.m. Monday; Elcine Hutton, 76, of Baker City, reported tires on her vehicle were slashed.

FIRST-DEGREE CRIMINAL MISCHIEF and THIRD-DEGREE THEFT: In the 1900 block of Clark Street; Kathleen Mitchell, 89, of Baker City, reported Friday that a vandal cut and removed 10-feet of ether net cable and the shears used to cut it from her property; police said the total value of the loss was estimated at \$55.



Week of November 11th

Terry Schlaich
Missed 1
Wins \$25

John Heriza
Missed 1, Beat Tiebreaker
Wins \$15

Doug Schimke
Missed 1, Missed Tiebreaker
Wins \$10

Tie-Breaker:
Navy 20 @ Notre Dame 52

Best Friends of Baker Saturday Market

Open EVERY Saturday 8 AM - 2 PM
DONATE BAGS OF UNOPENED PET FOOD AND GET 10% OFF!

2950 Church St, Baker City (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)

