

Local

BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

FRIDAY, JAN. 3

■ **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, JAN. 6

■ **Haines Fire Protection District Board:** 7 p.m. at the Haines Library.

TUESDAY, JAN. 7

■ **Local Community Advisory Council (LCAC):** 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., at the Community Connection meeting room, 2810 Cedar St.; lunch will be provided.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 8

■ **Baker School Board:** Work session, 5 p.m., Council Chambers in Baker City Hall, 1655 First St.

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

FRIDAY, JAN. 10

■ **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.

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO

from the Democrat-Herald
January 3, 1970

A new Stinker gasoline station opened in Baker last Saturday at the Baker Motel on Highway 30.

25 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald
January 3, 1995

An Idaho man was listed in critical condition this morning in a Boise hospital with injuries sustained in a freak accident on Interstate 84 near Huntington on New Year's Day.

Daniel James Stewart, 18, of Idaho Falls, Idaho, received multiple head injuries when the 1988 Ford Bronco II he was driving was struck by a wheel and tire that flew off a fifth-wheel trailer traveling the opposite direction.

10 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald
January 4, 2010

Four Baker players scored in double figures Saturday as the Bulldogs handed Burns a 73-66 loss in a non-league boys basketball game at Baker.

Derek Blankenship led Baker with 23 points. Dekker Smith added 16, Jesse Brown 11 and Ty Everson 11.

ONE YEAR AGO

from the Baker City Herald
January 4, 2019

For the first time in more than 16 years, Baker City's historic Churchill School is being used by people other than the owners.

What has changed?

New owners and months worth of repairs.

About seven months have passed since Brian and Corrine Vegter bought Churchill, and the school on Broadway Street between 16th and 17th streets has been used to host a number of community events dating back to early August.

The Baker School District closed Churchill in 2002 and sold the building in 2006 to Jim and Pamela Van Duyn.

The Van Duyns sold the property in May 2018 to the Vegters for \$205,000.

Brian Vegter said it will likely take hundreds of thousands of dollars, and at least five years of renovations, to make all areas of the 93-year-old building usable.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, Jan. 1

1 — 2 — 26 — 32 — 44 — 45
Next jackpot: \$8.2 million

POWERBALL, Jan. 1

49 — 53 — 57 — 59 — 62 PB 26
Next jackpot: \$237 million

MEGA MILLIONS, Dec. 31

30 — 44 — 49 — 53 — 56 Mega 11
Next jackpot: \$60 million

WIN FOR LIFE, Jan. 1

10 — 53 — 66 — 76

PICK 4, Jan. 2

• 1 p.m.: 7 — 4 — 2 — 2
• 4 p.m.: 0 — 7 — 1 — 6
• 7 p.m.: 2 — 1 — 3 — 6
• 10 p.m.: 5 — 2 — 9 — 8

LUCKY LINES, Jan. 2

1-8-9-15-18-22-28-31
Next jackpot: \$47,000

SENIOR MENUS

■ **MONDAY:** Beef tips over fettuccine, broccoli-blend vegetables, bread, fruit cup, lemon bars

■ **TUESDAY:** Breaded chicken strips, potatoes and gravy, corn, bread, carrot-raisin 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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NORM

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Today, the Henshaws have their own presentation at the Interpretive Center — Meet and Greet with a Horse Called Norm.

The program is designed to educate visitors about the BLM's wild horse adoption program.

The Henshaws and Norm also participate in the Wild Horse and Burro Day event that Calvin started at the Interpretive Center.

The couple have also dressed in authentic cavalry costumes for the pet parade at the Center.

Larisa Bogardus, public affairs officer for the BLM's Vale District, recently wrote a story for the BLM Daily publication about Debbie and Norm being recognized for their more than 250 hours of volunteer service at the Interpretive Center.

Debbie was interested in learning more about Norm's lineage, so she sent in some of his hair for DNA testing. She learned that his origin is typical of horses used by U.S. cavalry in the Murderers Creek area. She suspects Norm's descendants are cavalry horses released or lost in the remote area west of John Day and south of the John Day River.

Norm's heritage, in order of predominance, includes Morgan horse, Criollo and Missouri fox trotter.

Debbie suspected the latter because Norm is so light on his feet.

Debbie said she will continue to work with Norm in hopes of having him ready to participate in parades.

"I really want to get Norm ready for parades," she said. "We tried it once for the Christmas parade a few years ago. Walked him into town, had him all decked out in lights and everything. But it was just too much stimulation for him."

To prepare him for such situations Debbie is introducing Norm to "all kinds of



Photo by Larisa Bogardus

Norm and owner Debbie Henshaw have dressed in late 19th century cavalry style, adding a living history element to their programs at the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center and inspiring questions about equine history in the Northwest.

strange situations."

Norm is gentle with Debbie and with young visitors at the Interpretive Center.

She takes treats for little kids to give Norm, and he waits until he finds his treat with his lips before taking the morsel, whereas some horses might inadvertently bite a child's thumb.

"He's extremely gentle that way," Debbie said.

Norm wasn't always so open with his affection.

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Debbie said when she and her husband adopted Norm, they could pretend to touch him and he would twitch. He also didn't like having his face touched.

But when Debbie found out he liked peppermints, she would say "Norm, may I have a kiss" and touch her chin. If he made the slightest movement toward her, she would give him a mint and made him move closer and closer until she could pet his face.

"I tell people at the Interpretive Center if they want a kiss, just do that — Norm, may I have a kiss please and he'll give a kiss," Debbie said.

According to a Facebook story Debbie wrote, Norm lived for two years at the BLM's wild horse corrals near Burns.

"He was extremely terrified when he came out of the corrals," she said. "He could clear a six-foot fence from a standstill. He still can, but he chooses not to."

A friend of Debbie's, Lise Yervasi, had taken Norm out of the corrals to enter him into the Extreme Mustang Makeover of 2014, an adoption event put on by the Mustang Heritage Foundation.

Yervasi asked Debbie and

Calvin to help in his training and gentling before the competition.

Debbie said Norm was initially adopted by a woman in Nampa, Idaho.

"Two months later, her situation changed and she needed to rehome him, so we went over and picked him up and brought him home," Debbie said.

She continues working with Norm to help him feel secure with her, so he knows if he is with her, he is perfectly safe.

Debbie said she usually tries to take Norm to the Interpretive Center two times a month and sometimes for a special event, such as the Wild Horse Day in June.

Norm meets a lot of people and excited kids at the Center.

"They're pretty amazed when I tell them that they just touched a wild horse," Debbie said.

Due to safety issues, the children cannot ride Norm, but they can pet and give him treats.

"Norm loves children, but does not like children on his back because they squeal and make funny noises. But he has always really reached out to the children," Debbie said.

NEWS OF RECORD

DEATHS

Ronald Hinkle: 70, of Richland, died Jan. 2, 2020, at Milton-Freewater Health & Rehab Center. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Online condolences can be made at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com

Jan. 18, at 2 p.m. at the Pine Baptist Church in Halfway. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Online condolences can be made at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com

POLICE LOG

Baker City Police Arrests, citations
VIOLATION OF RESTRAINING ORDER: Jerad Paul Patton, 34, of 1751 Church St., 9:27 p.m. Wednesday, at his home; jailed and later released.
PROBATION VIOLATION (detainer): Garrett Eli Lovell, 23, of Baker City, 11:29 a.m. Thursday, at 12th and B Streets; jailed.

Baker County Sheriff's Office Arrests, citations
FOURTH-DEGREE DOMESTIC ASSAULT: Kenzie Sherman, 19, of 3520 Kirkway Drive, 6:43 p.m. Wednesday, at her home; jailed and later released.

FUNERAL PENDING

James Harrison: Traditional funeral will be Saturday, Jan. 11, at 11 a.m. at the Richland Christian Church. Pastor Shawn Thatcher will officiate. Friends are invited to join the family for a potluck reception after the service at the Eagle Valley Grange (corner of Moody and Main streets in Richland). Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Online condolences can be made at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com
Wayne Wilson: Memorial service will take place Saturday,