

Traffic stop leads to drug, weapons charges

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Three people were arrested on a variety of drug and weapons charges early Sunday in Baker City after an Oregon State Police trooper stopped their car because the front passenger was not wearing a seat belt.

According to a report from

Trooper Dakota Keys, he stopped the vehicle about 1:16 a.m. at Elm and Estes streets.

The front passenger, Jefferson Eli Cole Sharp, 26, of La Grande, had two arrest warrants, for second-degree theft in Baker County Justice Court, and for probation violation from Union County Circuit Court.

Keys wrote in his report that Sharp also “verbally provided false information.”

While searching Sharp, Keys found two unlawfully concealed handguns, more than two grams of methamphetamine, in excess of the amount that constitutes



Sharp

a violation rather than a crime under a new state law, and “suspected fentanyl,” a painkiller.

Keys wrote that the rear passenger, Taylor Gordon Morris, 29, of La Grande, consented to a search, which yielded a weapon that Morris, a convicted felon, is not allowed to have, and a criminal amount of methamphetamine.

Keys searched the vehicle

and found a semi-automatic rifle, a Taser, a criminal amount of heroin and “additional items of drug paraphernalia.”

The driver, Francisco Garcia Torres, 38, of Boardman, who’s also a convicted felon, was arrested on charges of illegal possession of a firearm



Torres

and another weapon, and possession of one gram or more of heroin.

Morris was cited and released.

Torres and Sharp were both taken to the Baker County Jail.

Officers from the Baker City Police and the Baker County Sheriff’s Office assisted in the arrests, Keys wrote in his report.

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO

from the Democrat-Herald
April 19, 1971

Who says girls cannot run, jump and throw? No one who saw the three-way girls track meet at Baker High School Friday would doubt that they can. The Baker High squad won the full-fledged 13-event meet with 60 points.

25 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald
April 19, 1996

A wayward bird was responsible for a power outage that affected more than 1,000 customers in Northeast Baker City and the Keating area early this morning.

The bird got stuck in a power line west of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center at 12:15 a.m., causing a fire that destroyed a crossarm.

10 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald
April 20, 2011

Baker City Councilors aren’t willing to consider a substantial sewer rate increase to pay for wastewater treatment upgrades — at least for now.

The proposed increase hasn’t been determined, but will be best described as “modest,” City Manager Mike Kee and Finance Director Jeanie Dexter said during a special Council work session Tuesday evening.

ONE YEAR AGO

from the Baker City Herald
April 21, 2020

Baker County officials will ask Gov. Kate Brown to consider easing business closures and restrictions that have severely hampered the local economy during the coronavirus pandemic.

“We’ve been working all weekend on recovery plans, and our hope is to get it out by the middle of the week,” Baker County Commissioner Mark Bennett said Monday morning.

Baker County joined with several other counties, all east of the Cascades, in sending a letter to Brown on April 13 noting that “our citizens and businesses have followed your Executive Orders and guidelines” and that “every business in these areas is considered ‘essential’ to us.”

The next day the governor had a press conference during which she said that reopening businesses would happen “gradually, carefully and incrementally.” Brown did not give a timeline.

The governor issued an executive order March 17 that banned indoor dining at restaurants, and closed bars.

The other counties whose commissioners signed the April 13 letter are Deschutes, Grant, Harney, Jefferson, Klamath, Lake, Union, Wallowa and Wasco. The letter, on the stationery of the Eastern Oregon Counties Association, suggested a target date of May 1 for reopening businesses.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, April 17

23 — 26 — 35 — 38 — 41 — 45

Next jackpot: \$1.6 million

POWERBALL, April 17

10 — 21 — 26 — 41 — 49 PB 25

Next jackpot: \$90 million

MEGA MILLIONS, April 16

17 — 27 — 28 — 50 — 55 Mega 25

Next jackpot: \$257 million

WIN FOR LIFE, April 17

3 — 24 — 65 — 66

PICK 4, April 18

• 1 p.m.: 3 — 4 — 5 — 2

• 4 p.m.: 0 — 4 — 9 — 1

• 7 p.m.: 1 — 6 — 6 — 7

• 10 p.m.: 6 — 0 — 1 — 9

LUCKY LINES, April 18

3-6-9-16-18-21-26-29

Next jackpot: \$23,000

SENIOR MENUS

- **WEDNESDAY:** Ham and cheese sandwiches, turkey noodle soup, green salad, apple crisp
- **THURSDAY:** Baked ham, sweet potatoes, mixed vegetables, rolls, pea and onion salad, cookies
- **FRIDAY:** Spaghetti, garlic bread sticks, green salad, green beans, tapioca
- **MONDAY (April 26):** Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes with country gravy, rolls, corn, beet-and-onion salad, ice cream
- **TUESDAY (April 27):** Boneless chicken breast, stuffing, rolls, mixed vegetables, cottage cheese salad, bread pudding

Public luncheon at the Senior Center, 2810 Cedar St., from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; \$4.50 donation (60 and older), \$6.75 for those under 60. Meals must be picked up; no dining on site.

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Susan McCleary

Richland, 1950-2021

Susan Lynn (Sue) McCleary, 71, of Richland, died April 9, 2021, after a valiant battle with cancer.

Her graveside service will take place Saturday, April 24 at 11 a.m. at the Richland Cemetery followed by a celebration of her life and potluck.

Sue was born on Jan. 3, 1950, near the beach in Torrance, California, with her parents and two younger brothers. She was a surfer girl and the singer in a band with her girlfriends.

Right after graduating from South High School Torrance, in 1968, she moved to Kailua, Hawaii, where she worked for Qantas Airlines and enjoyed traveling the world. She met Frank McCleary on the beach in Maui and they were married in Honolulu in 1973. They were drawn to Richland when they had first visited Frank’s sister, Bette Doshier, who lived there. Frank loved the country life and dreamed of building his own house and having a big garden and orchard. With some convincing, Sue left her family in Hawaii and her job in the airlines so she could raise her kids in the country. When she was pregnant with her daughter Katie she began a job as a substitute mail carrier. Sue continued her career at the Post Office and became known as Richland’s cheerful mail carrier for 37 years until she retired in 2019.

Sue embraced the country



Susan McCleary

life in Richland, joining the garden and quilting clubs, choirs, and dance groups. She served as a Sunday School teacher, a cooking instructor for 4-H, and served in many ways at the Nazarene Church. She won many ribbons at the Baker County Fair in Halfway for her produce, art, and baked goods. Her sweet peaches at the farmers markets were always a hit and quick to sell out first.

She treasured picnics, hiking, surfing, snorkeling, swimming, traveling, making music and dancing with her husband to live music. She loved her friends, family and most of all, her grandkids, cherishing every moment with them.

Sue is survived by her husband of 46 years, Frank McCleary; her son, Sean, and his wife, Bryn McCleary of Portland; her daughter, Katie and her husband, Brent Caulley of McKenzie Bridge, Oregon; five grandchildren, Katelynn, Brook, Adrian, Quinn and Beckett; her brothers, Mark and his wife, Laurie Youngs, of Gresham, and Bill and his wife, JoJo Youngs, of Kailua, Hawaii; and her aunt, Barbara (Hardwick) Bradford of Alexandria, Louisiana.

Sue was preceded in death by her parents, Ed and Joan (Hardwick) Youngs.

For those who would like to make a memorial donation in honor of Sue the family suggests Hilary Bonn’s Benevolence Fund through Tami’s Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services, P.O. Box 543, Halfway, OR 97834. Online condolences can be made at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

NEWS OF RECORD

DEATHS

Tessa Myrlea Williams: 81, of Baker City, died April 13, 2021, at Grande Ronde Hospital in La Grande. Arrangements are under the direction of Gray’s West & Co. Pioneer Chapel. To leave an online condolence for Tessa’s family, go to www.grayswestco.com.

FUNERALS PENDING

Karen M. Rudolph: Graveside services Friday, April 23 at 11 a.m. at Mount Hope Cemetery. Coles Tribute Center is in charge of arrangements. To light a candle in memory of Karen, go to www.colestributecenter.com.

Arlene Mae Schoorl: There will be a public celebration of Arlene’s life, with a potluck, on Saturday, April 24, from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Unity Community Hall. To offer online condolences, go to www.grayswestco.com.

Ron Mayo: Graveside service with military honors, May 1 at 1 p.m. at the Pine Haven Cemetery in Halfway. Friends are invited to join the family for a reception immediately following at the VFW Hall. Donations in Ron’s memory can be made to the VFW Post 7847 through Tami’s Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services, P.O. Box 543, Halfway, OR 97834. Online condolences can be made at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

POLICE LOG

Baker City Police Arrests, citations
FAILURE TO APPEAR (Baker County Circuit Court warrant): Chuck Wayne Briney, 28, Baker City, 11:49 a.m. Sunday, April 18 at Main and Church streets; cited and released.
FAILURE TO APPEAR (Baker County Circuit Court warrant): Michael Myers-Gabiola, 29, Baker City, 9:05 a.m. Saturday, April 17 at Birch and Court streets; cited and released.
CONTEMPT OF COURT (Baker County Justice Court warrants): John Marsik Guthrie, 49, Baker City, 5:54 p.m. Friday, April 16

in the 1100 block of Washington Avenue; cited and released.

FAILURE TO APPEAR (Baker County Circuit Court warrant): Austin Mikel Coble, 25, Baker City, 2:26 p.m. Friday, April 16 in the 2300 block of Third Street; jailed.

Baker County Sheriff’s Office

Arrests, citations
FOURTH-DEGREE ASSAULT (Domestic), ASSAULT ON A PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER, INTERFERING WITH A PEACE OFFICER, HARASSMENT: William Cody Crews, 46, Huntington, 8:49 p.m. Saturday, April 17 on Malheur Line Road; jailed.
DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF INTOXICANTS: David Addam Anthony Lee, 25, Gresham, 4:39 p.m. Saturday, April 17 on Highway 30 at Hughes Lane.

Oregon State Police

Arrests, citations
DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF INTOXICANTS, RECKLESS DRIVING: Walter Cevelin, 47, Brooker, Florida, 1:33 a.m. Monday, April 19 on Interstate 84, Milepost 315 westbound; cited and released.
DRIVING WHILE LICENSE IS SUSPENDED: Frank Nathan McNair, 41, Baker City, 6:13 a.m. Saturday, April 17 at Second Street and Dewey Avenue; cited and released.
GIVING FALSE INFORMATION TO POLICE (Baker County Justice Court warrant): Austin Lakota Reese, 25, Portland, 11:19 p.m. Friday, April 16 at Third and Campbell streets; cited and released.
USE OF AN INVALID DRIVER’S LICENSE, FAILURE TO RETURN SUSPENDED LICENSE: Felicia Lee Ellis, 34, Portland, 7:30 a.m., Thursday, April 15, on Interstate 84, Milepost 292 westbound; cited and released.

David Osman

Halfway, 1946-2021

David George Osman, 74, of Halfway, died April 9, 2021 at his home.

A traditional funeral service took place on April 17 at the Pine Valley Presbyterian Church, followed by a graveside service provided by the local VFW, with military honors, at the Pine Haven Cemetery in Halfway.

David G. Osman was born on May 2, 1946, in Pennsylvania to George and Dorothy Osman. He was raised in Hatboro, Pennsylvania, and graduated from Horsham High School. Dave developed a strong work ethic early on in life. At just 16 years old he earned his Eagle Scout badge, one of his proudest achievements. He was also an accomplished athlete in track, baseball and ice hockey.

After high school, Dave attended Utah State University where he earned a bachelor’s degree in Forestry. Following in his father’s footsteps, Dave served in the Army during Vietnam, becoming a third-generation veteran. He served two tours of duty and was honorably discharged.

Dave then moved to Halfway. In 1998 he married Linn Bowerman. Linn had three sons, Mack, James and Joshua. Dave and Linn built many happy memories together. Dave loved being a grandparent and enjoyed the time he had with all of his grandchildren.

Dave worked for more than 50 years in forestry and timber management as an independent contractor. He had a passion for the out-

doors that he shared with his family. Dave held many fond memories of using a pack team with his close friends and colleagues in both work and leisure through the Hells Canyon country. Another of Dave’s proudest accomplishments was the construction of his home, which he built with timber harvested off of his own land. This was a dream come true for Dave.

Dave loved his dogs, spending countless hours with them cruising timber. He also enjoyed mechanics (when it was on his muscle cars), fishing, hunting and drag racing. He was an officer in the VFW Post 7847 and an elder in the Pine Valley Presbyterian Church. He cherished his time in the outdoors, his memories working alongside his close friends and family and his wife.

Dave was a man of goals and obtaining them. He was proudest of his service to the country and his long career as a timber cruiser.

Dave is survived by his wife, Linn Osman; his children, Mack and Angie, James, Joshua and Hailey; his grandchildren, Alan, Arron, J.W. Cameron, Kylee, Colten and David; his sister, Donna; his nephews, Solomon and Christian; and many friends.

Dave was preceded in death by his parents.

For those who would like to make a memorial donation in honor of Dave the family suggests either the Presbyterian Church; VFW Post 7847; VFW Ladies Auxiliary; or the Pine Valley Fire Department through Tami’s Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services, P.O. Box 543, Halfway, OR 97834. Online condolences can be made at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

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