

LEO

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Adler was born June 21, 1895. This year would be his 126th birthday.

A celebration is planned for 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Adler House Museum, which was Adler's long-time home before his death in 1993 at age 98.

Visitors can enjoy cake and ice cream with the Baker City Fire Department. Face painting and activities will be available for kids. Birthday gifts are

welcome in the form of an unwrapped, unused toy to be donated to CASA.

In the museum, a proclamation is displayed on Adler's desk. In 1998, the

mayor of Baker City proclaimed June 21 of that year to be Leo Adler Day, to "encourage all residents to pause and reflect upon the ideal of service above self,

demonstrated by Mr. Adler in his lifetime."

For more information, contact the museum at 541-523-9308 or by email, museum@bakercounty.org.

BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

MONDAY, JUNE 21

■ **Baker City Airport Commission:** 5:30 p.m. at City Hall, 1655 First St. Agenda items include an update on the seal coat project for Runway 13-31, and a discussion of the airport master plan.

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO
from the Democrat-Herald
June 19, 1971

John Hesketh, Baker County extension agent since 1954, will become extension agent and chairman of the Umatilla County extension staff Aug. 1, it was learned today.

Hesketh will replace Fred Hagelstein, who has been appointed extension area supervisor for 11 counties in the Mid-Columbia and Northeastern Oregon areas.

25 YEARS AGO
from the Baker City Herald
June 19, 1996

A Baker County Republican Central Committee straw vote Tuesday called for Rep. Wes Cooley to withdraw his reelection bid. Twenty-nine members voted for Cooley to step down, two voted no, and one abstained.

10 YEARS AGO
from the Baker City Herald
June 20, 2011

Sleeping Beauty lives in Baker City. In fact, she's been hibernating at 2436 Church St. for more than a century.

Sleeping Beauty's real name is the Virtue House, and after years of decay and dirt, one of the city's grandest old homes is almost completely restored.

"She was an old lady, now she is a princess again," said Mike Maartense, who along with his wife, Annabelle, bought the house in 2002.

ONE YEAR AGO
from the Baker City Herald
June 20, 2020

Thirteen people were detained by police Wednesday morning at what officers describe as "a known high crime activity home" in an east Baker City neighborhood.

The operation, conducted by members of the Baker County Narcotics Enforcement Team (BCNET), took place at 2339 East St., said Baker City Police Lt. Ty DUBY.

The BCNET includes officers from the Baker City Police Department and Baker County Sheriff's Office. The team is supported by the Baker County District Attorney's Office and Oregon State Police, DUBY said.

The home had been owned by James Coe until March 15, 2020, when U.S. Bank took ownership of the 864-square-foot house and property for \$15,201, according to Baker County Assessor's Office records. Coe has continued to live at the address.

DUBY characterized the property as "a flop house," which is known to welcome transients, many of whom have been involved in criminal activity.

He said these people were found at Coe's house Wednesday: James Reedy, Margaret Lacey, Emily Speelman, Chuck Briney, Alexander Harold Wise, Brandon Radle, Trevor Heath, Chad Cox, Eliannah Banister, Jeffery Heller, Christopher Griffith, Mariam "Evee" Collard and Haden Buck.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, June 16

13 - 23 - 26 - 31 - 46 - 48

Next jackpot: \$4.2 million

POWERBALL, June 16

19 - 29 - 34 - 44 - 50 PB 25

Next jackpot: \$52 million

MEGA MILLIONS, June 15

18 - 22 - 27 - 38 - 52 Mega 11

Next jackpot: \$30 million

WIN FOR LIFE, June 16

27 - 52 - 58 - 75

PICK 4, June 17

• 1 p.m.: 5 - 1 - 7 - 3

• 4 p.m.: 2 - 8 - 3 - 0

• 7 p.m.: 8 - 5 - 1 - 7

• 10 p.m.: 4 - 9 - 5 - 0

LUCKY LINES, June 17

1-7-10-15-20-22-25-31

Next jackpot: \$65,000

SENIOR MENUS

- **MONDAY:** Chicken and broccoli fettuccine, carrots, rolls, three-bean salad, brownies
- **TUESDAY:** Herb-baked chicken breasts with gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, rolls, fruit cup, lemon squares
- **WEDNESDAY:** Beef tips with mushrooms and gravy over fettuccine, rolls, capri vegetables, coleslaw, pudding
- **THURSDAY:** Hot turkey sandwich, stuffing, carrots, cottage cheese and fruit, ice cream
- **FRIDAY:** Baked cod, clam chowder, vegetables, rolls, pea-and-onion salad, apple crisp

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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WITTY

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"I'd be willing to work two more years for sure in this capacity if the board is willing to have that occur," Witty said.

Board chairman Chris Hawkins and board member Andrew Bryan were absent.

Board member Kevin Cassidy, whose term ends June 30, recused himself, noting that two new board members — Travis Cook and Jessica Dougherty — will start their terms on July 1.

"I guess this is a weird situation for me, Mark, just because I would say, regard-

less of who the people are and everything, one of the most important things a board can do is hire a superintendent, that's their only employee and relationship," Cassidy told Witty during Thursday's meeting. "And of course having two new members coming forward, I feel like I need to recuse myself from a decision of a board that is going to adopt that relationship."

Board member Julie Huntington made a motion to accept Witty's proposal that he will retire through PERS on July 1, but remain as superintendent for the remaining two years on his current contract, with the terms of

the contract to be negotiated with the board when Cook and Dougherty join. Witty's current annual salary is \$149,738.

Board member Katie Lamb, whose term ends June 30, joined Huntington in approving the motion.

Witty said that if he stays on as superintendent it would give the board, with its two new members, ample time to find his replacement.

"It's really critical to find that next leader," Witty said. "I've always felt like quality leadership is one of the fundamental aspects of a quality transition. And making sure that we do a good job, the

board is in a good position to be able to transition this leadership position effectively."

Also during Thursday's meeting, Buell Gonzales Jr. told board members that classes at elementary schools this fall will start 10 to 15 minutes later than this year. Middle school and high school start times won't change.

"Close to 50% of our elementary students either walk or bike to school or are dropped off by a parent," Gonzales said. "A later start time means that students who do not take the bus would get more sleep in the morning before school starts."

GRADUATES

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"There were a lot of late nights," she said with a smile.

Entering the medical field

Hawkins completed his high school credits in three years. This past year he earned college credits and a certificate in diesel mechanics.

His long-term goal is to be a radiology technician, but he saw a benefit in learning mechanics.

"I wanted to get a trade," he said. "I wanted to know mechanics better — it's a skill I want to learn. I've always been interested in cars, mechanics and electronics. I've always loved tinkering."

Hawkins said a radiology technician job has many opportunities.

"There's always going to be jobs there," he said. "And it's a job where I can go out and help people. I like the thought of it."

As an Eagle Cap graduate, Hawkins said his next step is to take a heavy equipment course at Baker Technical Institute.

He is, based on his history of classes, always willing to try something new. To that end, he took robotics, culinary arts, and welding while in high school.

"I was horrible at first, but I learned a lot. I'm good now," Hawkins said of welding.

He encourages everyone to try something new — even if it's difficult.

"Classes I've learned the most from, and enjoyed the most, are ones I didn't get good grades in," he said.

Although he doesn't want to pursue a career in culinary arts after taking that class, he said it did offer a chance to help out, such as cooking meat for Brooklyn Primary's taco feed fundraiser.

"You don't have to do big things to help

"Not everyone resonates with the normal high school thing. It's great to have options."

— Caleb Hawkins, Eagle Cap Innovative High School graduate

people out," he said.

Political aspirations

Bedolla was born in Mexico, and moved to Eastern Oregon with her family when she was 5.

She came to Baker City in seventh grade. After middle school, though, she said she felt anxious about the number of classes and students at Baker High.

That's why she chose to attend Eagle Cap.

Rather than finish high school early, Bedolla earned college credits by taking AP classes.

This fall she'll attend the University of San Francisco.

"It's not too far away from home, but far enough to have new experiences in a new city," she said.

She plans to major in political science and possibly minor in peace and justice studies.

"My end goal is to be a politician," she said.

She's also interested in being an immigration lawyer.

Why Eagle Cap was a great option

Both graduates had their favorite subjects while attending Eagle Cap.

"I did really like French," Bedolla said.

"I really liked personal finance. I learned a ton," Hawkins said.

Bedolla agrees.

"I took every single business class I could," she said.

Both graduates said their parents were a big part of their education.

Eagle Cap Innovative High School 2021 Graduates

- Evelyn Bedolla
- James Daniel Burgess
- Luke Ethan Chastain
- Katrina Leane Fast
- Hank Erin Foersterling
- Joshua Fulfer
- Kyle Ray Handyside
- Caleb Hawkins
- Vanessa Lynn McClarin
- Maxwell Joshua Rohner
- Kayla Springer
- Aaron Brooks Sullivan

"It's good to have someone say 'go do it,'" Hawkins said.

"The encouragement is good," Bedolla added.

For these two, a high school that differed from the traditional style is exactly what they needed.

"Not everyone resonates with the normal high school thing," Hawkins said. "It's great to have options."

Although the last year had its challenges with COVID-19 restrictions, Hawkins points out the positive side — such as the rise of working remotely and increase in technology use.

Life, he said, is largely what you make of it.

"You have to look at where you're lucky enough to land, and capitalize on it," he said. "There are plenty of opportunities."

OBITUARIES

John Neault

Formerly of Baker City, 1929-2021

John V. Neault, 94, a former Baker City resident, died of natural causes on June 13, 2021.

His remains will travel back to his hometown of Baker City and reside next to his father at Mount Hope Cemetery. His graveside service will be Aug. 27.

The Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center in Dallas, Oregon, is in charge of arrangements.

John was born on May 5, 1927, at Baker City, the fourth of five children born to "Posey" Napoleon Neault and Edith El-

sie (Powell) Neault. He was the last living of all five siblings.

John loved to travel and see the country, so he was a truck driver for many years, owning his own truck. After retiring he enjoyed going to auctions and tinkering on equipment and hauling junk. Growing up he loved fixing up old cars. He also loved dancing — that was a favorite thing to do with Agnes — and family reunions.

John was raised by his father, as his mother passed at a young age. He was loved by many and will be missed.

John had five daughters and one son: Verna M. Neault Groshong and Sharon E. Neault Herron Wattier, both of Grand Ronde, Oregon,

Both reside in Grand Ronde, Ore., Juanita Neault Smart of Springfield, Oregon, Victoria Neault Stolp of Fountain, Colorado, and Ryan Neault Mystique of Ridgefield, Washington; eight grandchildren, three boys and five girls; and one great-granddaughter, Sierra C. Herron, daughter of Mick D. Herron, of Grand Ronde.

John was preceded in death by his daughter, Janine Valerie Neault Blum, Welch Davidge, in 2012.

Robert Cartwright

Formerly of Baker City, 1946-2021

Robert A. Cartwright, 74, died June 9, 2021, at

Omaha, Nebraska.

His memorial service, with full military honors, took place Thursday, June 17 at West Center Chapel in Omaha.

Robert was born on June 19, 1946, at Baker City. He grew up at Weatherby, and attended college in Ontario.

He is survived by his wife, Carolyn; his children, Mike Cartwright and Marci Cartwright-Anderson (Jon); his grandchildren, Alex, Jane and Jill; his sister, Linda E. Smith; his brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Gary Heather (Lois), and Norm Martin (Sharon); and many nieces and nephews.



John Neault

NEWS OF RECORD

DEATHS

Eric Taylor: 55, of Halfway, died June 17, 2021, at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Online condolences can be made at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

FUNERAL PENDING

James Young: Memorial service, Saturday, June 26 at 2 p.m. at the Harvest Christian Church, 3720 Birch St. in Baker City. For those who would like to make a donation in James' honor, the family suggests either Heart'N Home Hospice or Best Friends of Baker 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
VIOLATION OF RESTRAINING ORDER: James Leroy Edison, 73, 12:06 p.m. Thursday, June 17 in the 2000 block of Seventh Street; jailed.

SECOND-DEGREE CRIMINAL MISCHIEF: Ian Matthew Clark, 43, Baker City, 4:59 a.m. Thursday, June 17 at 10th and E streets; cited and released.

Our heartfelt thanks to all our wonderful family and friends for the kindness and love they extended to help us through the passing of our dad, **Francis Williamson**. We couldn't have successfully made it through this difficult time without you.

We also want to thank Dr. Lamb for the years of wonderful care he gave our dad and the warm compassion extended by him and the emergency room staff at St. Alphonsus Medical Center at the end of dad's journey here on earth.

Sincerely,

The family of Francis A. Williamson

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