

Local

BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

THURSDAY, OCT. 7

■ **Baker County Transient Lodging Tax Committee:** 9 a.m. at the Courthouse, 1995 Third St., special meeting to review the two proposals for operating a visitors center in Baker City.

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald October 2, 1971

In the biggest upset of the young season for eight-man football, the Burnt River Bulls stunned loop co-favorite, Cove, 38-12 Friday at Unity in a non-conference tilt.

25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald October 2, 1996

Some Baker City residents had discolored water flow from their faucets — and several had no water at all for about seven hours — after workers installing a fiber optic cable accidentally punched a hole in a 12-inch water pipe Tuesday morning.

The pipe runs under the railroad tracks at D Street.

10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald October 3, 2011

A federal program that has helped to prevent significant cuts in Baker County's road department budget over the past decade ended Friday.

But Fred Warner Jr., chairman of the Baker County Board of Commissioners, said this morning that he's optimistic that even if Congress fails to revive the "county payments" program, that a similar, but older, federal law will make up the difference.

ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald October 3, 2020

Jesse Brown is used to wrestling with several hundred pounds of uncooperative steer, but it turns out that sitting still and watching his cellphone can be even more stressful.

And cellphones, as you've probably noticed, lack horns. The date was Sept. 26.

Brown, who grew up and lives in Baker City, had wrestled the last steer of the last rodeo of a long season in which he drove more than 40,000 miles and visited several states for the first time.

He was in Stephenville, Texas.

Whether Brown, 28, would achieve his ultimate goal of qualifying for the Super Bowl of rodeo — the National Finals — depended on what other steer wrestlers were doing thousands of miles away.

Specifically, whether they were earning money.

The top 15 steer wrestlers qualify for the National Finals.

With two rodeos to go, Brown was in 16th place, \$500 out of 15th.

The previous two days he had competed at Rapid City, South Dakota. He won the second round and claimed \$2,010.

That boosted Brown's season earnings to \$39,494.60.

More important, he hoped it was enough to vault him into 15th place.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, Sept. 29

6 — 8 — 12 — 13 — 30 — 36

Next jackpot: \$3.8 million

POWERBALL, Sept. 29

2 — 7 — 11 — 17 — 32 PB 11

Next jackpot: \$620 million

MEGA MILLIONS, Sept. 28

18 — 30 — 43 — 68 — 69 Mega 22

Next jackpot: \$34 million

WIN FOR LIFE, Sept. 29

19 — 23 — 41 — 51

PICK 4, Sept. 30

• 1 p.m.: 5 — 4 — 9 — 9

• 4 p.m.: 5 — 6 — 8 — 5

• 7 p.m.: 0 — 0 — 4 — 0

• 10 p.m.: 7 — 4 — 9 — 5

LUCKY LINES, Sept. 30

3-8-9-13-17-23-28-30

Next jackpot: \$15,000

SENIOR MENUS

- **MONDAY:** Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn, cottage cheese with fruit, cookies
- **TUESDAY:** Meatloaf, mashed potatoes with gravy, rolls, mixed vegetables, pasta salad, pudding
- **WEDNESDAY:** Roast beef sandwiches, vegetable beef soup, chips, broccoli and bacon salad, apple crisp
- **THURSDAY:** Chicken ala king, rice, rolls, carrots, macaroni salad, ice cream
- **FRIDAY:** Pork roast, red potatoes, rolls, mixed vegetables, carrot-raisin salad, cheesecake

Public luncheon at the Senior Center, 2810 Cedar St., from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; \$5 donation (60 and older), \$7.50 for those under 60.

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Bi-Mart sells pharmacies to Walgreens

Future of pharmacy at Baker City store uncertain

The (La Grande) Observer

LA GRANDE — Bi-Mart announced Thursday, Sept. 30, that Walgreens will acquire Bi-Mart's pharmacy business, including "pharmacy patient prescription files and related pharmacy inventory of 56 Bi-Mart pharmacies located across Oregon, Idaho and Washington."

"This decision, while difficult, is strategically important as we move to strengthen our solid financial position and expand our plans for future growth in the Northwest," Rich Truett, Bi-Mart president and CEO, said.

Current Bi-Mart pharmacy staff members will be offered an opportunity to join Walgreens.

"We look forward to welcoming Bi-Mart patients to Walgreens pharmacy services, as well as providing employment opportunities to Bi-Mart pharmacy associ-

ates in available positions throughout our stores where they can continue to meet the needs of their patients," Walgreens regional Vice President Rob Ewing said.

Don Leber, vice president of marketing and advertising for Bi-Mart, said the transition has been discussed for quite some time.

"It's been worked on for several months," he said. "We started this process 2-4 years ago with other locations when we transferred (the pharmacies of) 20 stores to see if we could make them more profitable."

Most prescription information will be transferred to nearby stores, according to a press release from the two companies. In areas that do not have a Walgreens nearby, however, Walgreens will operate existing pharmacies in Bi-Mart locations under the Walgreens brand.

It's not yet known if that will be the case in four Northeastern Oregon Bi-Mart locations in Baker City, Hermiston,

Pendleton and La Grande. The Walgreens locations nearest to Northeastern Oregon are in Tri-Cities, Washington, or Ontario.

A list of which Bi-Mart locations would house a Walgreens pharmacy was not available, said Phil Caruso with Walgreens media relations, noting that the deal is subject to customary closing conditions.

Caruso did say that once the transfer is complete, new patients will have access to "all the benefits of Walgreens," including health screenings, immunizations, omnichannel support that includes access to pharmacists, and "adherence-boosting programs" through a mobile device such as daily pill reminders and refill by scan.

Patients who are having their prescriptions transferred will be notified by mail, and "both companies will work together to help ensure a smooth transition for pharmacy patients," the release stated.

The file transfer should be complete by January 2022.

Noxious weed of the week

By JEFFREY PETTINGILL

Red orach (*Atriplex rosea*), also called tumbling saltweed, is an invader from Eurasia. It likely came to the U.S. in the ballast of ships. This plant is in the same family as Kochia and Russian thistle. Similarly, it has a deep taproot. The leaves are silver to green appearance, and sometimes they will turn red (generally in the fall). The leaves can appear oval, but generally they are triangular in shape, with wavy margins. They are mealy and scruffy and aligned along hairless stems. The plant can grow up to 4½ feet in height and can be found in disturbed sites, old farm sites, and along roads. It has small flowers that grow in clusters on the tips of the stems.

The attack

This invader has really grown in numbers this year due to the dry, hot weather. It is very efficient at robbing the soil of valuable nutrients and moisture. As its alternate name states, tumbling saltweed,



Rich Old/Contributed Photo

Red orach can grow as tall as 4 1/2 feet.

it breaks off and tumbles to disperse its seeds, just like its close relatives, Russian thistle and Kochia. Although edible early in the year, the plant can be toxic to livestock if consumed in large numbers.

The defense

As this is an annual plant, mechanical control can be effective. Disking the sites early and often will control the plant. Getting some of the root out with a shovel is also effective when there are just a few plants. Once you have determined mechanical control is not worthy, use herbicides such as 2,4-D with Dicamba (Weedmaster or Rangestar, 64 ounces per acre) or use Floroxypyr (Vista or Starane, 16 ounces per acre).

These products control most annual broadleaf plants. As with Kochia and Russian thistle if you wait until they are very mature (flowering) you are better off with a mower to mulch them up and try a better plan next year. Consult a weed professional for proper identification or contact our office and we will come to your place and determine the next step of invasive weed management.

Jeffrey Pettingill, supervisor of the Baker County Weed District, can be reached at 541-523-0618 or 541-519-0204.

OBITUARY

Cleo Shepherd

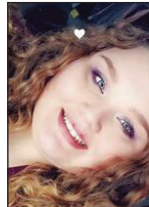
Huntington, 2001-2021

Cleo Claire Rae Shepherd, 20, died Sept. 20, 2021, at Saint Alphonsus Medical Center in Boise.

Her funeral will be Saturday, Oct. 2 at 1 p.m. MDT at the First Christian Church in Payette, Idaho, with interment immediately following at Riverside Cemetery in Payette. Services are under the direction of Shaffer-Jensen Memory Chapel.

Cleo shot into the world on July 6, 2001. She was the most gorgeous laven-der-eyed baby that the staff at Providence Medical Center in Kansas City, Kansas, had ever seen! Her being the first-born child of Summer Glover and Matthew Shepherd ensured that she was doted on and adored. Her parents couldn't keep their beautiful baby away from all her family in Eastern Oregon and Western Idaho, so they soon moved to Fruitland, Idaho. Soon afterward their family grew when her younger brother, Micah, was born in 2004.

Cleo was a joyous small child who loved playing momma to her many baby dolls. She was very outgoing, loved to pose, sing, and dance for her "audiences."



Cleo Shepherd

She ruled the roost and it was her way or the highway. In 2005, her parents' journey took different paths which led to the birth of her brother, Gavin, to Matthew and Rebekkah Shepherd in 2006.

Cleo lived with her mother and her brother Micah for several years until Summer remarried in 2012. Cleo gained a stepfather in Paul Carr Sr. and a step-sister in Ashley Carr.

Due to Cleo's shyness most of the world never got to hear her angelic singing voice. If you ever wonder what the angels' heavenly choir sounds like, it is the sound of Cleo, aka our C.C. singing in perfect harmony for the Lord.

The last six months of Cleo's life she truly blossomed. She worked at a daycare as a head toddler teacher, bought her own car, was making friends and having a social life, saving up money for her gastric surgery she had been approved for, was making plans to start nursing school and specialize in pediatric oncology as soon as she was healed from her surgery. The passing of a close family friend's daughter, Alanna Schiffhauer, to neuroblastoma truly touched Cleo's heart and set the direction of what she wanted to accomplish in life; children were her passion.

Cleo fell ill with COVID-19 around Sept. 9 while taking care of her babies at

the daycare she worked at. She fought hard at home, but the illness overtook her extremely fast. She was taken by ambulance to Saint Alphonsus in Ontario on Sept. 12. On Sept. 16 she was transferred per her family's request to Saint Alphonsus in Boise. On Sept. 20 they allowed her family to Zoom her, even though she was in a coma her family all got to tell her goodbye. Her mother stroked her head and gave her one last kiss as she left this world to join Jesus just as she had come into it ... during a full harvest moon wasting no time.

Cleo is survived by her mother, Summer (Glover) Carr; her father, Matthew Shepherd; her stepfather, Paul Carr Sr.; her stepmother, Rebekkah Shepherd; her brothers, Riley Cavanaugh, Micah and Gavin Shepherd, and Paul Carr II; her sisters, Mallory and Amberly Carr; her stepsister, Ashely Carr; her stepbrother, Bradley (Kassie) McClure; her nieces, Khloee and Sadie McClure; her grandparents, Mary Ann Rambo (Bruce McK-inney), Linda Evans Wentworth (Gary Wentworth); her great-grandmother, Myrna Evans; her grandmother, Susan Josephson; her grandfather, Larry J. Muessig; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

Condolences may be made to Cleo's family at www.shafferjensen.com.

NEWS OF RECORD

DEATHS

Charlene Moffit: 92, a long-time Baker City resident, died Sept. 29, 2021, in Springfield, Oregon. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Online condolences can be made at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

Martha L. Keener: 70, of Baker City, died Sept. 28, 2021, at her home. Services are under the direction of Coles Tribute Center, 1950 Place St., Baker City, OR. To light a candle in memory of Martha, go to www.coletributecenter.com.

FUNERALS PENDING

Dave Romine Sr. and Dave Romine Jr.: Memorial service will be Saturday, Oct. 9 at 2 p.m. the Pine Valley Presbyterian 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.

Dale Gene Koontz: Celebration of his life, Saturday, Oct. 9 at 3 p.m. at Coles Tribute

Center, 1950 Place St. To leave an online condolence for Dale's family, go to www.grayswestco.com.

POLICE LOG

Baker City Police Arrests, citations
FAILURE TO APPEAR (Union County warrant): Megan Rebecca Beam, 24, Baker City, 9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 29 in the 3100 block of Grandview Drive; cited and released.

SECOND-DEGREE CRIMINAL TRESPASSING, SECOND-DEGREE ATTEMPTED TRESPASSING: Aubrey Scott Fryman, 35, Baker City, 7:53 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 29 in the 400 block of Foothill Drive; cited and released.

SECOND-DEGREE CRIMINAL TRESPASSING: Jason John Gregory Efrid, 34, Baker City, 7:53 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 29 in the 400 block of Foothill Drive; cited and released.

Oregon State Police Arrests, citations
DRIVING WHILE SUSPENDED, DRIVING WHILE UNINSURED: Justin Marshall Robinson, 36, 6:49 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 29 at Birch and G streets;

cited and released.
FAILURE TO REGISTER AS A SEX OFFENDER (annual report and change of address: Robert

Michael Goodwin, 33, Baker City, 1:12 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 28 in the 2400 block of Windmill Road; cited and released.

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