

# Local

## BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

### MONDAY, OCT. 11

■ **Haines Fire Protection District board of directors:** 7 p.m. at the main fire station, 816 Cole St. in Haines. Government grants, mandates and website development are on the agenda. All residents within the district are welcome to attend. COVID-19 safety protocols will be in effect.

### WEDNESDAY, OCT. 20

■ **Baker City Planning Commission:** 6 p.m. at City Hall, 1655 First St. Public hearing to consider an application from Bruce Smith for a conditional use permit to convert the New Beginnings Fellowship Pentecostal Church of God, at 1820 Estes St., into a dwelling.

## TURNING BACK THE PAGES

### 50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald October 9, 1971

In spite of an inspired performance by North Powder's accurate-throwing Bob Searles, the Burnt River Bulls trampled the host Badgers 40-26 Friday with a grinding ground attack.

### 25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald October 9, 1996

A public hearing has been scheduled Nov. 1 to discuss a proposed siting of a medium security prison facility near Baker City.

Baker County has adopted a resolution and applied for consideration by the Oregon Department of Corrections in siting a 1,500-bed medium security prison in Baker County, potentially employing 500 to 550 people.

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

Baker City officials are reaching out to residents before deciding on a parking design along Resort Street when it's upgraded during the next couple of years.

Both proposed designs would narrow the street from 60 feet to 52 feet to accommodate wider sidewalks and various amenities.

### ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald October 10, 2020

A \$147,203 federal grant will help Baker Technical Institute provide improved distance education training to students interested in pursuing health care careers in remote areas of the region in the months ahead.

John Huffman, state director of the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development, announced the award Wednesday in a press release.

"With the vast geographic distances in this part of the state, it is not always feasible for rural residents to travel to attend classes," Huffman stated. "This investment will give those who want to begin a career in health care the ability to access classes remotely, increasing the job opportunities available to them."

Doug Dalton, BTL president, said the organization applied for the grant funding prior to in-person classes being shut down because of the COVID-19 pandemic last spring.

"Now distance learning is in the spotlight ... throughout the world, really," he said.

## OREGON LOTTERY

**MEGABUCKS, Oct. 6**  
2-10-20-39-45-47  
Next jackpot: \$4.1 million

**POWERBALL, Oct. 6**  
1-17-52-58-64-PB 1  
Next jackpot: \$31 million

**MEGA MILLIONS, Oct. 5**  
7-11-18-30-36-Mega 4  
Next jackpot: \$60 million

**WIN FOR LIFE, Oct. 6**  
12-17-43-63

**PICK 4, Oct. 7**  
• 1 p.m.: 0-8-8-7  
• 4 p.m.: 7-3-4-2  
• 7 p.m.: 5-6-6-5  
• 10 p.m.: 8-8-9-9  
**LUCKY LINES, Oct. 7**  
2-7-12-16-20-24-27-29  
Next jackpot: \$22,000

## SENIOR MENUS

- **MONDAY:** Orange-glazed chicken strips, rice pilaf, biscuits, mixed vegetables, coleslaw, pudding
- **TUESDAY:** Spaghetti, green beans, garlic breadsticks, green salad, brownies
- **WEDNESDAY:** Chicken fried chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, biscuits, corn, cinnamon rolls
- **THURSDAY:** Pot roast, baby red potatoes, carrots, pea-and-onion salad, cookies
- **FRIDAY:** Baked ham, scalloped potatoes, mixed vegetables, rolls, macaroni salad, apple crisp

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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# N. Powder delays decision on new mayor

By DICK MASON

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**NORTH POWDER** — The North Powder City Council will not decide on how it will select a new mayor at least until November.

The city council decided via consensus on Monday, Oct. 4, to wait until at least its next meeting, set for Nov. 1, to decide which approach it will take regarding the selection of a new mayor. The council is seeking a successor to Mike Wisdom, who resigned as mayor on Monday, Sept. 13, after serving the position for almost three years. Wisdom stepped down because he did not believe he was on the same page as members of the council in terms of what direction the city should be taking.

North Powder City Recorder Beth Wendt said the city council has two options with regard to finding a successor for Wisdom — elect a council member to serve as mayor or invite North Pow-

der residents to apply for the position. Should the latter option be pursued, the city council would appoint an applicant to serve as mayor after interviewing all of the candidates.

The city, in its monthly newsletter distributed last week, asked community members who are interested in serving as mayor to send a letter to the city. The city is also seeking people interested in serving on the city council if a vacancy is created by promoting a councilor to mayor. To date, nobody from outside the council has expressed an interest in serving as mayor or in filling a possible council vacancy, Wendt said.

She said the city will try throughout October to stir up interest in the mayor vacancy and the possible council opening. To be eligible to serve as mayor or as a city councilor, one has to be a registered voter and to have lived in North Powder for at least a year.

Mike Morse, North Powder's mayor

pro tem, is now taking on added responsibilities as the city's acting mayor. Morse is the city council's president and has served as a city councilor for at least a dozen years. He has lived in North Powder for 20 years and is a retired chef.

He said he is enjoying serving as acting mayor because it puts him in a better position to help the people of North Powder.

"I love the people of North Powder, they are all friendly and hard working," Morse said.

He said he is interested in becoming a candidate for mayor. Morse said that as mayor he would work hard to make sure that the city continues to be run correctly.

"I would try to keep the city moving forward," Morse said.

Vicki Townsend, a member of the North Powder City Council, has also expressed an interest in serving as mayor, Wendt said.



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The historic building housing Betty's Books, designed by Stephanie Spaugh, was displayed as part of the Gingerbread Tour in downtown Baker City in December 2020.



Lisa Britton/Baker City Herald, File

Ison House Bed and Breakfast, designed by Twila Lavery, John Coop and Kelly Carlson, was one of the entrants in CASA of Eastern Oregon's Gingerbread Tour in December 2020.

## AWARDS

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And local artisans responded with 16 entries that went beyond the basic gingerbread house design that comes in a prepackaged kit.

Several entrants replicated historic homes and other buildings in Baker City. Another featured Anthony Lakes Ski Area.

The constructions were displayed in downtown businesses during December. The gingerbread tour was in conjunction with a scavenger hunt that brought people to downtown businesses for the holiday shopping season.

"Our Main Street programs work tirelessly to

support local businesses and to improve how downtowns look, feel, and function," said Sheri Stuart, state coordinator for Oregon Main Street. "But they also bring these districts to life through events and activities that build community and connect people to a part of their history and heritage. The Gingerbread Tour in Baker City is a wonderful example of this. It was a way to safely bring people together for a shared experience that united community."

"None of this could have been accomplished without so many people coming together," said Mary Collard, CASA executive director.

As of now, the tour of homes is postponed until 2022, but the gingerbread tour

will happen again in 2021.

"We will have another gingerbread tour with the 'Santa's Village' theme and can't wait to get designers signed up to show their creativity," Collard said.

Also returning are the porch decorating contest and children's gingerbread house display. Check the CASA of Eastern Oregon Facebook page for updates, or visit [www.casaeo.org](http://www.casaeo.org).

### Tom Novak

Novak, a longtime Baker City resident, was one of six volunteers statewide honored during the Excellence on Main awards.

Novak helped start the Baker City Blooms program to establish hanging flower pots

on the light poles of five blocks on Main Street. He secured the funding and designed the brackets that are built by a local welder.

He has worked on other seasonal beautification efforts like a downtown scarecrow display contest, signage for Central Park, a walking map brochure for the African animal sidewalk art sculptures placed throughout the downtown district, and annual downtown clean up, among many other activities.

Novak was quick to share the recognition.

"I accept it on behalf of my fellow design committee volunteers," he said on Friday morning, Oct. 8. "I was just one member of a crew of volunteers."

## NEWS OF RECORD

### DEATHS

**Grace Gulick:** 89, a longtime resident of Halfway, died Oct. 6, 2021, at her home, surrounded by family. Her graveside service will take place Saturday, Oct. 16 at 11 a.m. at Pine Haven Cemetery 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](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com).

**Roscoe Curry:** 90, of Halfway, died Oct. 7, 2021, at Sunset Estates in Ontario with his family by his side. A memorial service with military honors will take place Saturday, Oct. 31 at 2 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints 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](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com).

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**Mary Brunson Raabe:** 81, died Oct. 5, 2021, at Saint Alphonsus Medical Center in Baker City. No services are planned at this time. Updates to that will be posted when Mary's family is ready to hold a celebration of her life. To light a candle in memory of Mary or to offer her family online condolences, go to [www.grayswestco.com](http://www.grayswestco.com).

### FUNERALS PENDING

**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](http://www.grayswestco.com).

**Homer Boutwell:** Memorial service with military honors, Saturday, Oct. 16 at 2 p.m. at Pine Valley Presbyterian Church. Interment will follow at Pine Haven Cemetery. Online condolences can be made at [www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com).

**Raymond Howerton:** Celebration of life with military honors, Friday, Oct. 22 at 3 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Club, 2005 Valley Ave. in Baker City. Please attend for food, drinks, a good time and story sharing. Online condolences can be made at [www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com).

### POLICE LOG

**Baker City Police Arrests, citations**  
FIRST-DEGREE BURGLARY, FIRST-DEGREE THEFT: Pearl Naomi Adair, 41, Baker City, 11:06 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 6 in the 1000 block of Elm Street; jailed.

FAILURE TO APPEAR (Baker County Circuit Court warrant): Brandon Robert Radle, 33, Baker City, 9:26 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 6

at Second Street and Washington Avenue; cited and released.

**VIOLATION OF RESTRAINING ORDER:** Austin Lakota Reese, 26, Baker City, 12:41 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 6 in the 2700 block of Cedar Street; jailed.

### Baker County Sheriff's Office Arrests, citations

**OFFENSIVE LITTERING:** Jarod Roland Taylor, 39, Walla Walla, Washington, 9:09 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 6 on Chandler Lane; cited and released.

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