

Local

BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25

■ **Free Thanksgiving dinner:** 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Calvary Baptist Church, Third and Broadway streets in Baker City. Everyone is welcome.

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald November 22, 1971

A neutral coin was the only thing that fell in the Arlington Honkers' favor at Huntington Saturday as the Locomotives decisively plucked their visitors 48-0 in high-stepping to their fourth straight state final.

25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald November 22, 1996

Don't be surprised if you see a few more light-green pickup trucks and sport-utility vehicles in Baker City today. The U.S. Forest Service sold 109 vehicles (and a tractor and two snowplow blades) at a public oral auction Thursday at the Baker County Fairgrounds.

The final tally wasn't available this morning, but Chuck Mawhinney, fleet manager for the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest, estimated the four-hour auction brought in about half a million dollars.

10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald November 23, 2011

The Wallowa-Whitman's original goal of mid-October is more than a month gone, but forest officials say the highly anticipated Travel Management Plan will be released to the public "soon."

"Soon is the key word," Matt Burks, a spokesman for the Wallowa-Whitman, said this morning.

ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald November 24, 2020

Tom Clement thinks it's only reasonable that people walking a riverside path ought to be able to actually see the river.

This hardly seems an issue worth worrying about on a sunny but seasonably chilly late November morning as Clement strolls a section of the Leo Adler Memorial Parkway just north of Campbell Street.

The views of the Powder River are unobstructed.

A skim of ice has begun to form in the slack water near shore, reflecting temperatures that have dipped into the teens on recent mornings.

Leaves, recently shed by the willows and the cottonwoods that jut from the river banks, waft along in the gentle current.

But as he walks the paved path that honors Leo Adler, the great Baker County philanthropist who died in 1993, Clement recalls a day, not so long ago, when the Powder here was a river more easily heard than seen.

Since August, Clement, 75, has spearheaded a volunteer campaign to rejuvenate this section of the Adler Parkway.

The job isn't finished.

But Clement is pleased with the changes that have been wrought in the past few months.

"This was an absolute jungle," Clement says, gesturing to an area between the Parkway and the Powder.

Today the section is dominated by a recently pruned willow tree, the ground softened by a layer of its damp leaves.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, Nov. 20
3 — 8 — 20 — 23 — 32 — 36
Next jackpot: \$6 million

POWERBALL, Nov. 20
40 — 43 — 48 — 58 — 59 PB 19
Next jackpot: \$213 million

MEGA MILLIONS, Nov. 19
5 — 23 — 52 — 53 — 59 Mega 18
Next jackpot: \$83 million

WIN FOR LIFE, Nov. 20
16 — 20 — 21 — 70

PICK 4, Nov. 21
• 1 p.m.: 1 — 0 — 5 — 2
• 4 p.m.: 4 — 2 — 8 — 5
• 7 p.m.: 8 — 6 — 2 — 9
• 10 p.m.: 5 — 0 — 7 — 8
LUCKY LINES, Nov. 21
2-8-12-15-20-24-28-32
Next jackpot: \$24,000

SENIOR MENUS

- **WEDNESDAY:** Spaghetti, garlic breadsticks, broccoli, green salad, birthday cake
- **THURSDAY, FRIDAY:** Closed both days
- **MONDAY (Nov. 29):** Hot beef sandwiches, mashed potatoes with gravy, mixed vegetables, carrot-raisin salad, pudding
- **TUESDAY (Nov. 30):** Fettuccine Bolognese, garlic bread, carrots, fruit cup, cookies

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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North Powder's new mayor old hand at public service

By **DICK MASON**

The (La Grande) Observer

NORTH POWDER — North Powder Mayor John Frieboes is new to the North Powder City Council but not to public service.

Frieboes, who was voted mayor by the city council on Monday, Nov. 1, was the chief of the North Powder Fire Department for eight years starting in the late 1980s through much of the 1990s. He took the department's reins after serving as a volunteer firefighter for the department for two years.

The new mayor headed the fire department during the time North Powder became part of Union County's 911 emergency dispatch system. Frieboes said the 911 system has greatly sped up and simplified the process of alerting first responders of emergencies.

He said that before there was a 911 system in North Powder, people had to dial a number that went to the North Powder Fire Department or a North Powder motel connected to the city's emergency communication system.

"The motel was part of the system because it was always open," Frieboes said.

The North Powder resident was also fire chief while the rural city's first responder system was being created. Emergency medical personnel who volunteer as first responders provide patient care before ambulances from the La Grande, La Grande Rural or Baker City

fire departments arrive. Frieboes said the first responder system is successfully helping patients receive critical emergency care more quickly than before.

Frieboes said that although he helped with the development of the first responder and the local 911 systems, his role was minor.

"Many other people did more than I did," he said.

It is fitting that Frieboes is a former North Powder fire chief since as mayor he is now helping the city plan a move into the old fire department building he once worked in. The city is preparing to relocate its library and city hall at the former fire station at 340 E St.

The moves are needed, Frieboes said, because North Powder's city hall and its library are in buildings that are many decades old and are deteriorating. He said the former fire station is in an excellent location for city hall and the library.

"It is solid and centrally located," Frieboes said.

The building is available because the city recently built a larger fire station, which opened earlier this year.

Frieboes, as mayor, also said he wants to help North Powder move forward in its effort to upgrade its wastewater system. He said the city is in the process of obtaining grants to fund the upgrade, which would help it better meet Department of Environmental Quality standards.

The North Powder City Council elected Frieboes as mayor after he applied for the position. He did so after Mike Wisdom, who had served as mayor for two years and eight months, stepped down. Wisdom said he resigned because he and the council did not see eye to eye on some issues.

Frieboes, who will serve the final 14 months of Wisdom's unexpired term, was the only person who applied for the mayoral opening and was hired after being interviewed by the city council.

Mike Morse, president of the North Powder City Council, believes Frieboes will do well as mayor.

"I feel good. He is well qualified and familiar with North Powder," Morse said.

During the approximately six-week period between the time Wisdom resigned on Sept. 13 and Frieboes was named mayor, Morse handled North Powder's mayoral responsibilities. As council president, he was required by the city's charter to take on the role of interim mayor.

Frieboes served as maintenance director for the North Powder School District for 43 years before retiring in July. Lance Dixon, superintendent of the North Powder School District, said Frieboes has the potential to shine as mayor because of his honesty, integrity, work ethic and concern for North Powder.

"John has the best interest of the city at heart," Dixon said.

OBITUARIES

'Dale' Nebeker

Formerly of Baker City, 1939-2021

John "Dale" Nebeker, 82, formerly of Baker City, went to heaven on Nov. 17, 2021.

A graveside funeral will take place in the spring.

Dale was born in on Nov. 8, 1939, in Baker to Merna and Edwin Nebeker and was raised there until joining the Navy. Upon returning from the Navy he married Bertha Moore and they had five children.

Dale had many interests. He joined the Jaycees in his younger years and performed in melodramas as the hero. You would always find him sharing a joke with his friends. His grandchildren have found memories taking trips with him singing to the radio.

His career span varied from a barber to law enforcement as police officer and then onto a parole and probation officer. But his true desire was to barber because he enjoyed working around people.

One of his greatest career achievements was capturing two escaped convicts from the Utah State Prison by himself. He was working for the Burley, Idaho, city police department at the time of their escape.

He would later divorce and remarried his high school sweetheart, Daralee Long. They shared many

adventures through the years traveling in their motorhome. They took cruises and saw places that neither of them had never been before.

The greatest joy in Dale's life was his five children; there wasn't anything he wouldn't do for them. He was proud of all of their accomplishments and was always sharing them with other people he knew.

Dale is survived by his children: Lynda Reynolds of La Pine, Debra James of Casa Grande, Arizona, Shauna Phillips of Peoria, Arizona, Shawn Nebeker of Casa Grande, and Merna Bennett of Caldwell, Idaho; his brother, Bryson DeVear Nebeker of Overland Park, Missouri; and many grand children and great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in his by his parents, Merna and Edwin Nebeker; his sisters, Betty Nebeker and Lee Navarro; his nephews, Bill and Danny Best; and his granddaughter, Jennifer Brown.

Rebecca Henry

Baker City, 1965-2021

Rebecca Marie Henry, 65, of Baker City, peacefully entered into Heaven on Oct. 31, 2021, at her home with her family by her side.

A celebration of her life took place Nov. 5 at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall in Baker City. Rebecca Henry (Springer)

was born on Dec. 21, 1955, in Prairie City to Theron Eugene Springer and Dorothy Mae (Davis) Springer. Rebecca worked for her brother, Steve Springer, who owned and operated Sho-Gun Video as the manager. She worked there from the day it opened until the day the business closed its doors.

Rebecca Marie loved fishing, mushrooming, and arts and crafts. She also loved making food and treats for her family and friends. Watching everyone eat Rebecca's famous fried chicken brought a smile to her face and everyone else's.

However, her greatest most significant accomplishments in life are her family. She had a great love for each individual in her family and was always looking out for everyone she knew and held dear to her heart. Rebecca was well known for her feistiness and great sense of humor; everyone who loved her loved her personality.

Rebecca is survived by her daughter, Tami (Gordon) Swinyer of Baker City; her

son, Joe (Renee) Long of Kurtistown, Hawaii; her brother, Jim Springer of Heppner; her grandchildren, Shelby (Alex) Palmer of Yelm, Washington, Shaylee Clair of Yelm, Shyanne Clair of Burns, and Octavia Holly of Portland; her sister-in-law, Harumi Springer of Baker City; her nephew, Rich (Brandi) Springer of Baker City; her niece, Moko (Rodney) Springer-Moone of Atlanta, and Mandy Springer of Summerville; and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father, Theron Springer; her mother, Dorothy Springer; her infant daughter, Carrie Long; and her brothers, Terry Springer and Steve Springer.

Memorial contributions can be made to the American Cancer Society through Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814. To light a candle in Rebecca's memory or to offer online condolences to her family, go to www.grayswestco.com.

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To our "extended family of Baker City," thank you for all of your love, prayers, and support. We are so blessed because of you all! Also, thank you to Windy at Gray's West & Co. for going above and beyond and to Rick Gloria for representing a fellow veteran! God is good!

The family of Troy Stewart

NEWS OF RECORD

DEATHS

Sherry Jurd: 74, of Sumpter, died unexpectedly on Nov. 19, 2021, while visiting in Portland. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Online condolences can be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

FUNERAL PENDING

Don Raupp: Traditional funeral service will take place Wednesday, Nov. 24 at 1 p.m. at the Richland Community Church (formerly Richland Methodist Church). Interment will follow at Eagle Valley Cemetery. For those who would like to make a donation in honor of Don, the family suggests the Hilary Bonn Benevolent Fund, Heart 'N Home Hospice, or the charity of your choice through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home, P.O. Box 543, Halfway, OR 97834. Online condolences can be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

POLICE LOG

Baker City Police Arrests, citations
FIRST-DEGREE CRIMINAL TRESPASSING, CONTEMPT OF COURT (Baker County Justice Court warrant): Stacy Lindstrom, 42, Baker City, 1:05 p.m. Friday,

Nov. 19 in the 2300 block of Tracy Street; cited and released.

Baker County Sheriff's Office

Arrests, citations
FAILURE TO APPEAR (Baker County Circuit Court warrants): Jeremiah Isaac Kolb, 21, Huntington, 6:11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 19 in Huntington; jailed.

Oregon State Police Arrests, citations
INITIATING A FALSE REPORT, SECOND-DEGREE THEFT (Baker County Circuit Court warrants), PROBATION VIOLATION (Union County warrant): Steven Michael McBride, 39, Baker City, 11:42 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21 on Highway 30, Milepost 48; cited and released.
CONTEMPT OF COURT (Baker County Circuit Court warrant): Cody J. Steenhard, 41, Richland, 10:51 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 21 at David Eccles Road and Highway 7; cited and released.

FAILURE TO FILE ANNUAL REPORT AS REGISTERED SEX OFFENDER: Lyle Lester Ray, 53, Durkee, 8:35 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 18 in Huntington; jailed.

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