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The threshold for meth is 2 grams, and for fentanyl it is 5 grams.

For people who have less than those amounts of the drugs the offense is now treated as a violation, similar to a traffic infraction. People can either pay a \$100 fine or avoid the fine by seeking a health assessment at a drug treatment facility.

Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid that's 50 to 100 times more potent than heroin. It's also easier to manufacture and cheaper, and carries a higher risk of overdose, according to police and doctors. Fentanyl is sometimes added to counterfeit prescription opioid pills, and people who take it might not be aware that they're ingesting fentanyl.

Officials blame fentanyl for contributing to Oregon's 41% increase in overdose deaths in 2021, according to the National Center for Health Statistics.

The Baker County incident started about 11:50 a.m. when Oregon State Police Trooper Dakotah Keys responded to a report from a citizen about two teenagers hitchhiking on the freeway near Farewell Bend.

Keys ended up talking with the two occupants in a 2005 Honda near Milepost 347 eastbound.

The driver, Kuropatkin, admitted he had inhaled fentanyl and consented to a search of the vehicle, according to Keys' report.

Keys found both fentanyl, less than 5 grams, and meth, less than 2 grams.

Keys cited Kuropatkin for two violations at 1:20 p.m. on June 3.

The other person in the car, Kayla Sporn, 34, of Weiser, Idaho, had an outstanding warrant from the Malheur County Circuit Court for failure to appear.

Sporn was taken to the Malheur County Jail in Vale.

According to Keys' report, Kuropatkin said his 11-year-old son was walking eastbound on the freeway shoulder with Marchand to get fuel at Farewell Bend.

Keys found the pair near Milepost 352, walking west. Marchand consented to a search, and Keys wrote in his report that he found fentanyl and meth, both in violation amounts.

Club

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Marianne Stone also pushed Kassandra McCarter, who Baxter said is Bender's friend and tried to intervene.

Several minutes after the fight started, Donald Mawhinney, 43, punched Bender several times in the stomach, according to Baxter's affidavit.

Bender faces the most serious charge — recklessly endan-

gering another person, a Class A misdemeanor. That's based on his throwing the beer bottle, Baxter said.

All the other charges are Class B misdemeanors.

- Daniel Stone, second-degree disorderly conduct, harassment, attempted fourth-degree assault.

- Marianne Stone, second-degree disorderly conduct, harassment.

- Gavin Stone, second-degree disorderly conduct.



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From left, Baker High School Class of 2022 valedictorians Phoebe Wise, Sarah Plummer, Emma Baeth and Caitlin Lien, and salutatorian Megan Hurley, during commencement on June 4, 2022.

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— Caitlin Lien, valedictorian, Baker High School Class of 2022

Grads

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Caitlin Lien

Lien talked about watching her sister, Carson, graduate four years ago.

Caitlin said that she was inspired by the valedictorian's speech that year.

"From that moment I decided I would dedicate myself to my education to earn the same honor when I would graduate in 2022," she said.

"Well, it is now 2022 and looking back I realize how difficult it was to achieve this honor, how much effort I put into achieving this moment. The tears and the frustration will never be forgotten but my achievement of standing up here today is proof that I saw what I wanted and I worked every day to achieve it.

"So to any incoming freshman in the stands you are capable of achieving anything you put your mind to," Lien said. "Now is the time to figure who you are so the best advice I can give you is slow down, smell the roses, take a breath, and find joy in all the little moments because those moments will be the ones you remember in 10 years from now."

Sarah Plummer

Plummer thanked the "teachers, coaches, and mentors who inspired me, and especially to my most committed supporters: my family."

"Graduation is the successful end of a journey filled with amazing memories," Plummer said. "Whether it was the catchy 'Start strong, be strong, stay strong, finish strong' wording painted on the walls or the celebratory walk our class took around the elementary schools yesterday, it is clear that we have been striving to reach some sort of ending.

"As graduation drew closer, I realized that all this talk about endings didn't show the full picture. As we celebrated each milestone, while there were the emotions of a chapter drawing to an end, there was an overpowering sentiment of excitement. Even as we celebrated the closing of the past four years, each of us looked ahead with anticipation.

"The success we celebrate today is not a finish line that we have reached, but the beginning of a life we cannot yet

imagine. We are not only being recognized for the accomplishments we have attained, but, more importantly, the ability we have to determine our futures."

Plummer described the seniors' visit on Friday, June 3 to schools throughout the district, where, clad in their caps and gowns, they were greeted by the younger students.

"The students told us a lot of things. I heard 'good job!' and 'congratulations!' more times than I can count, but the message that I found most touching was just a small sign held quietly by one of the students. As we celebrate our successful commencement into the next chapter of our lives, I will leave you with that sign's simple message: Good luck!"

Phoebe Wise

"I've lived in Baker City for most of my life," Wise said. "As I'm standing here, looking at this sea of purple robes, I see friends I was too young to remember meeting, many I met in middle school, some of which became my best friends in high school, and even a few

that I met in the past year. I see friends I made in FBLA, or mock trial, soccer, tennis, swimming, and leadership. I see artists and athletes and scholars. But what I really see is a room full of people who not only can do something amazing, but who will. I know this sounds corny, but I really mean it when I say I've always seen our class as full of people with the potential to do great things in the future."

Wise talked about how she has changed over the past several years, becoming more confident in herself.

"When I met most of you in seventh grade I was a very different person than I am now. I was extremely shy and quiet, I really preferred to stand on the outskirts of a conversation and listen rather than speak, even when I was with my friends. At the same time, I started to join clubs and get more involved in the school. Over time, I started to try new things, which eventually included some public speaking. Now, being the shy person I was, you can

probably guess that that was a bit outside of my comfort zone. But, slowly, and I'm not sure about the science behind this but hey, it worked, I started to gain confidence in myself and my ability to speak to others. Eventually, this confidence carried over to my day-to-day life and I started talking to new people and making friends who, now, I don't know what I would do without. In the end, I've become an overall better version of myself than I really ever thought was possible, all because I kept making the choice to step outside of my comfort zone.

"As we go on to this next chapter of our lives I want you to remember that I see the potential in all of you, and I want to encourage you to step outside of your comfort zone and try new things until you, and the rest of the world, can see it too."

Emma Baeth

Baeth talked about the many unexpected challenges she and her classmates had to deal with during their four years at BHS.

"In the famous words of Forrest Gump, 'Life is like a box of chocolates, you never know what you're going to get.' And boy was that true for the class of 2022: our box of chocolate included a global pandemic, seven different principals, the life of online school, and yes, our single pep night win.

"That being said, if I had to choose one characteristic to represent our class, it would undoubtedly be perseverance. Every single one of us was forced to persevere to get to this very spot, to overcome our own set of unique challenges, and now, here we are, wearing these purple gowns. And for that, we all should be proud. You see, very few graduates have dealt with the challenges we have faced and overcame.

"We rose. We stood up. We chose to care and support each other. When a friend couldn't stand up on their own, you reached out, took their hand, and lifted them up. These experiences, however testing they may have been, have made us stronger, braver, and ready to take on anything the world throws at us."

Following speeches and the awarding of diplomas, the Class of 2022 took their cue from Flanagan and threw their mortarboards high in the air to the booms of confetti cannons and the cheering of loved ones.

Barbara Ann Sorensen

February 27, 1934 – May 13, 2022

Barbara, of Sun City West, AZ, passed away on May 13, 2022, at the age of 88. She was born February 27, 1934, in Gove, Kansas, to parents Chris and Naomi Wyckoff.

Barbara is survived by her loving husband of 40 years, Gary, her three children and two stepchildren: Ron Edwards Jr., Francine Edwards, Brenda (Leonard) Hanson, Serena (Larry) Sorensen and Gary (Alicia) Sorensen Jr. Barbara is also survived by nine grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, brother J.B. Wyckoff and many loving relatives and friends.

A memorial service will be held in Wallowa, OR, this summer and a celebration of life will be held in Sun City West, AZ. In the fall. Dates to be determined.



Wade Arthur Dahlen

September 10, 1939 - September 23, 2021

Wade Arthur Dahlen passed away on September 23, 2021 with his family by his side. A small gathering for Mass of Christian Burial was held. Interment will be held at Rock Creek Cemetery on June 25, 2022, at 10:00am. A luncheon will follow for family and friends at the Dahlen home.

Wade grew up in Robbinsdale, Minnesota and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Forest Resource Management from the University of Minnesota. He met the love of his life, Betty, at the University and they married on October 13, 1962. They began life at Blue Mountain Ranger District of the Malheur National Forest. After service in the military, he returned to the Prairie City Ranger District as Forester and in 1966 was transferred to the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest, Baker District as Post Sale Forester.

In 1969, he became an independent Sales Agent for Baker City Realty for Lyle Leager and in 1978, he and Dave Still opened D & S Realty, Inc. as Brokers. In 1982, he went to Pioneer Federal Savings & Loan Association as an Outside Sales Representative. He held various positions, from Loan Officer to working in the Data Processing and Computer Technical Services for the Bank until retiring in 2007.

Wade had many interests during his lifetime and warned Betty that he might retire several times. He enjoyed all aspects of living in Baker.

The mountains and great people made it a wonderful place to raise children. He was a fixer and enjoyed working in his shop. He supported his children in their school activities, attending sporting events and theater performances at high school and college levels. He loved trips to the Oregon Coast and going to the Hawaiian Islands. He was grateful to reconnect with college friends and through the years, they enjoyed telling stories about camping and skiing on

their yearly trips.

Wade had an infectious smile and was always willing to lend a hand. He thoroughly loved spending time with family and his grandchildren. He was light hearted with a great sense of humor. He was thoughtful of others and always willing to put their needs ahead of his own. He was meticulous in his work, firm in his beliefs, and committed to helping his community.

Wade was a lifetime member of the Catholic Church and made many lifelong relationships over the years. He belonged to the Knights of Columbus and helped in their many activities including the East West Shrine Game. He held many offices including Grand Knight. Wade supported Betty in bringing awareness to Cancer Research through their involvement with Relay for Life and made projects for the silent auction and annually donated over a \$1,000 in return can deposits.

Wade served on many community boards including: Lions International as 3rd Vice President and Treasurer, St. Elizabeth Nursing Home Board of Trustees for 6 years and chairman of the Board for the last 3 years, Secretary/Treasurer for the Baker County Home Builders Association and City of Baker Planning Commission from 1972-1975.

Wade is survived by his wife Betty and children: Lisa (Mark) Ward of Baker City, OR., Tom (Melissa) of Boise, ID., Eric (Desa) of Bonners Ferry, ID., Amanda (Quinn) Anderson of Baker City, OR., brothers; Bruce, Keith, Mark, Paul and sister Diane. Wade has 17 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents, Charlotte and Marlyn. He was deeply loved.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society through Coles Tribute Center, 1950 Place Street, Baker City, Oregon 97814.



Abel Coronado

August 4, 1953 - May 21, 2022

Abel Coronado passed away unexpectedly at the age of 68 on May 21, 2022, at Saint Alphonsus Medical Center, Baker City, Oregon. He was born on August 4, 1953, in Walla Walla, Washington, to Lucio H. and Ramona Coronado. He grew up in Walla Walla with his five siblings and numerous cousins, sharing many happy times.

He attended Davis Elementary School, John Sager Middle School, Garrison Junior High School and Walla Walla High School, graduating in 1972. He enjoyed track in middle school and loved baseball. Abel attended Walla Walla Community College. He was employed for many years by Hatfield's Department Store in Moses Lake, Bend, Walla Walla, and Pendleton before opening his own store, Abe's Clothing and Footware, in Pendleton, Oregon. After closing his store, Abel worked as a Correctional Officer for EOICI in Pendleton, Oregon, and for Powder River Correctional Facility in Baker City, Oregon, until his retirement.

Abel married his childhood sweetheart, Kathy Knopf, later divorcing after years of marriage. Abel and Kathy had three sons, Tom, Jason and Justin. Abel was a loving and supportive father and his love for his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren was immeasurable. Abel married Sandy Perkins of Baker City, Oregon, and later divorced.

Abel loved music, dancing, and spending time with his family and friends. He made connections with everyone he met, loved all people, and loved life! He was the heart of our family, and his smile

and laughter will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Abel was predeceased in death by his parents, Lucio H. and Ramona Coronado.

He is survived by his sons and their spouses, Tom and Claudia Stephenson, Jason and Wendy Coronado, Justin and Dawna Coronado; grandchildren, Jessika (John) Salinas, Kylie (Dylan) Long, Issac Coronado, Issa Stephenson, Roberto Vela, Alex Coronado, Tayler Kiesau, and Blake Kiesau, Jaxon (Brooklyn) Coronado and Jordan Coronado; great-grandchildren, Jayden Salinas, Blakely Salinas, Deklyn Salinas, and Emerson Long; siblings, Genaro Coronado, Irma (Frank) Leonetti, Rebecca Cruz, Ricardo Coronado and Diana (Ron) Coronado Wheeler; aunts, Luz Cabrales and Ina Coronado; uncle, Luis Coronado, and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Burial services will be held on Tuesday, June 14, 2022, at 12:30 p.m. at Mountain View Cemetery, 2120 S. 2nd Ave, Walla Walla, WA with a celebration of life gathering immediately following at College Place Lions Club.

Memorial contributions in Abel's memory may be made to the Pendleton Little League or the Baker City Little League through Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814.

To leave an online condolence for the Abel's family, please visit www.grayswestco.com.

