

# Local

## BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

**MONDAY, AUG. 20**

■ **Baker County Red Cross Volunteers:** 6 p.m., in the Red Cross Office at Baker City Hall, 1655 First St.

**TUESDAY, AUG. 21**

■ **Elkhorn Community Preparedness:** 5:30 p.m. social hour, 6:30 p.m. meeting; at the Sunridge Inn Restaurant, 1 Sunridge Lane.

**FRIDAY, AUG. 24**

■ **Live Music by Keith Taylor:** Ragtime piano, 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., Crossroads Carnegie Art Center, 2020 Auburn Ave.; no charge; continues most Fridays.

**TUESDAY, AUG. 28**

■ **Baker City Council:** 7 p.m., City Hall, 1655 First St.

**WEDNESDAY, AUG. 29**

■ **Baker City Farmers Market:** 3 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., at the Fairgrounds, 2600 East St.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 5**

■ **Baker County Board of Commissioners:** 9 a.m., Courthouse, 1995 Third St.

■ **Baker City Farmers Market:** 3 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., at the Fairgrounds, 2600 East St.

**FRIDAY, SEPT. 7**

■ **First Friday Art Shows:** Baker City art galleries are open late to showcase the month's new artwork.

## TURNING BACK THE PAGES

**50 YEARS AGO**  
**from the Democrat-Herald**  
**August 20, 1968**

Baker insurance man Loren Cain was named chairman of the Baker County Red Cross chapter during the regular meeting of that group held last night.

**25 YEARS AGO**  
**from the Baker City Herald**  
**August 20, 1993**

A year-old plan to repair the leaky roof at the Baker County Education Service District building was put on hold again Thursday night.

The ESD board received just one bid for the project, which is estimated at \$80,000 by the district's engineering firm, Atwood Hinzman and Jones Inc. of Boise.

**10 YEARS AGO**  
**from the Baker City Herald**  
**August 20, 2008**

A black bear picked the wrong place to cross Interstate 84 Tuesday night.

But then there might not exist the right place, considering the freeway through Baker County lacks "bears, next 5 miles" signs.

**ONE YEAR AGO**  
**from the Baker City Herald**  
**August 21, 2017**

Some people simply relaxed in their own front yards in Baker City.

Others, hundreds or thousands of miles from home, claimed a section of sidewalk in town, or a patch of pasture out in the country, or the gravel shoulder on a mountain highway.

But for a few minutes this morning, most every pair of eyes gazed at the same spot where the sky, blue as it almost always is around here on a late August day, gradually faded to black.

A total solar eclipse is an exceedingly rare phenomenon, and it's unusual nature, and the relatively narrow path inside which the moon completely blocked the sun, made for an extraordinary day in Baker County, most of which is inside that path of totality.

As the sky went dark about 10:24 a.m., there was scattered applause in downtown Baker City, and a few pops from fireworks.

## OREGON LOTTERY

**MEGABUCKS, Aug. 18**  
11 — 15 — 17 — 25 — 29 — 33  
Next jackpot: \$5.9 million  
**POWERBALL, Aug. 18**  
24 — 34 — 52 — 61 — 67 PB 16  
Next jackpot: \$60 million  
**WIN FOR LIFE, Aug. 18**  
8 — 26 — 33 — 37

**PICK 4, Aug. 19**  
• 1 p.m.: 7 — 3 — 9 — 1  
• 4 p.m.: 4 — 9 — 9 — 7  
• 7 p.m.: 4 — 2 — 9 — 8  
• 10 p.m.: 9 — 7 — 5 — 1

**LUCKY LINES, Aug. 19**  
2-5-9-13-18-24-28-29  
Next jackpot: \$23,000

## SENIOR MENUS

- **TUESDAY:** Meatloaf, potatoes and gravy, mixed veggies, cornbread, carrot-raisin salad, brownie
- **WEDNESDAY:** Chicken-broccoli Alfredo over fettuccine, cauliflower, garlic breadsticks, fruit cup, bread pudding

Public luncheon at the Senior Center, 2810 Cedar St., 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; \$4.50 donation (60 and older), \$6.75 for those under 60.

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# Thomas pleads guilty to DUI charge

By Chris Collins  
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Baker City Councilor James Clinton Thomas pleaded guilty to driving under the influence of intoxicants today in Baker County Circuit Court.

Judge Greg Baxter sentenced Thomas to a year's informal probation and ordered him to serve 48 hours in the Baker County Jail.

Thomas, 57, of 1675 East



James Thomas

St., was escorted by a deputy to the jail immediately after the hearing to begin serving his sentence.

Thomas, who represented himself in court this morning, also was fined a mandatory \$2,000 for having a blood-alcohol content (BAC) higher than .15. Deputy District Attorney Michael Spaulding told the judge that Thomas' BAC was .21 when he was arrested about 11:30 a.m. June 19 in the parking lot of the Baker City Police Department. Thomas told officers he wanted to offer congratula-

tions to Dustin Newman, the city's new police chief. He also must pay a \$250 DUII conviction fee, Baxter said.

Thomas' driver's license also will be suspended for one year. Baxter said he may apply with the Department of Motor Vehicles for a hard-ship permit after 90 days to allow him to drive back and forth to work. He will be required to install an interlock device on his vehicle that is designed to prevent an intoxicated driver from starting the vehicle.

Thomas also must

complete drug and alcohol treatment and he will not be allowed to enter bars or taverns during his probation term.

Thomas also will be required to complete a Victim Impact Panel as part of his conviction. The next session is scheduled for Sept. 12 at the Courthouse, Baxter said.

Thomas was not eligible for a diversion program because he had completed one in Baker County about 10 years earlier for driving under the influence of intoxicants.

## LIGHTNING

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The smoke had slashed visibility to two to five miles this morning, Crippen said, rendering the fire lookouts who are stationed on several peaks around the region ineffectual.

Crippen was scheduled to take off about 8 a.m. from the Baker City Airport on a surveillance flight to search for fires that haven't been reported.

He was especially concerned about Baker City's watershed, as lighting detectors pinpointed many downstrikes in the 10,000-acre area on the east slopes of the Elkhorn Mountains from which the city obtains most of its drinking water.

Crippen said ground-based firefighters are also patrolling the watershed area,

which is about 10 miles west of Baker City.

Both city and Forest Service officials have been meeting over the past year or so to discuss ways to reduce the fire risk in the watershed, including thinning crowded forests.

Both Crippen and Steve Meyer, wildland fire supervisor at the Oregon Department of Forestry's Baker City office, said they were surprised that Thursday's lightning storm didn't ignite more blazes, and that the fires that were started didn't grow quickly.

Computer models that predict the rate of fire spread have been running near all-time highs for much of the summer.

Although the Blue Mountain Inter-agency Dispatch Center in La Grande reported 36 new fires around the region,

most were controlled at less than one acre.

"I'm a little surprised, but I'm not complaining by any means," Crippen said.

He and Meyer attributed the relatively tranquil situation to rain, which was heavy in places, that accompanied the lightning both Thursday and this morning.

"We did get a decent amount of rain in places, but as dry as the fuels are I'm surprised we didn't get more fire starts from the last couple of lightning storms," Meyer said.

He said firefighting agencies have had enough crews available to respond quickly to all the new fires, which has also helped prevent the blazes from growing rapidly.

## TIMBER

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But Warness points out that the Forest Service did not meet the timber production targets listed in the previous forest plans, which were approved in 1990.

"It's hard to say how this plan is going to affect us without seeing it implemented," Warness said.

Over the past several years the three national forests

have harvested an annual average of about 101 million board-feet of timber.

The new plans project an annual harvest of 205 million board-feet, an increase of 104 percent.

"If they were able to commit and meet those numbers, that would definitely supply Boise Cascade with some certainty regarding our operations here in Northeast Oregon," Warness said.

The Wallowa-Whitman

produces roughly 27 million board-feet of timber per year, said Tom Montoya, forest supervisor. To determine the timber output benchmarks for the forest plan, the Forest Service looks at what management areas are suitable for timber production. Most of the timber comes from areas designated as "general forest," Montoya said.

Boise Cascade imports 33 percent of its wood from outside Northeastern Oregon. In

some cases the company has to haul logs from up to 250 miles away.

"If the Forest Service here in Northeast Oregon ramped up to those numbers, that would give us more opportunity to bring the source of supply closer to home," Warness said.

The company has not determined if they will file an objection to the new forest plans, Warness said.

## SUBSTATION

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"We continuously monitor our electric distribution system to ensure that we are able to meet the power needs of our members and plan for future growth," said Les Penning, OTEC general manager and chief executive officer. "Installing

a new transformer and doubling the load capacity at the Hughes Lane substation will ensure that we continue to provide reliable power to our current and future members."

The capital budget project is expected to cost approximately \$500,000. Work started today and should be finished by Aug. 31. Jobs said there should be no

interruption of power due to the upgrade work.

"Upgrading the Hughes Lane substation transformer was already scheduled on our work plan to be replaced in a few years due to age, but it was moved up toward the end of 2017 as a strategic priority after receiving feedback from many of our community leaders," Penning said.

## OBITUARIES

### Susan Blair

Baker City, 1947-2018

Susan KayE Blair, 71, of Baker City, died peacefully at her home on July 24, 2018.

There will be a Celebration of Life at 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, and a potluck at 5 p.m. at the Idle Hour Tavern, 2805 Broadway St.

Susan was born on May 7, 1947.

Susie loved many things, especially her family, shuffleboard, crocheting, puzzles, sewing, and all her friends at the Idle Hour.

She was preceded in death by her parents, La Vaughn and Ilean Dennis; her father, Joe Simmons; and little sister, Nicki Jo Simmons.

Survivors include her daughter, Kimberly KayE Daniels of McCall, Idaho, and her two grandchildren, Justyn Boyer and Carlee Daniels, and three great-grandchildren; her daughter, Tina and Jeremy Stauffer of Baker City and grandson, Andy Hughes Stauffer and Aryn Osborn.

She will be put to rest with the love of her life, Daddy Dave.

The family requests memorial contributions to Meals on Wheels and



Susan Blair

Hospice.

### Marcus Brown

Richland, 2002-2018

Marcus Alejandro Brown, 15, of Richland, and formerly of Portland, died Aug. 13, 2018, at his home.

A celebration of his life will be take place at a later date, with the time and place to be announced.

Marcus was born on Sept. 11, 2002, at Portland to Alex Flores and Desiree Brown. He lived in Estacada, Portland and Richland. Marcus attended school at Centennial Park in Portland and Pine-Eagle Charter School in Halfway.

Marcus was raised on country music, which he continued to love as a teenager. He especially enjoyed spending time at his grandma Lucille's farm in Richland where he tended to ranch chores and down home country living. He liked to play basketball, whittle wood and to watch romance movies or cartoons with his sisters. His favorite television show was "Supernatural" and he always looked forward to watching it with his grandmother Roxanna. His favorite color was blue and he had fun



Marcus Brown

playing his old record player.

Marcus had a natural talent when it came to cooking. His specialties included baking cookies, making egg sandwiches or eggs with bacon bits mixed in, French toast and anything with cheese. His little sister Lilly, age 7, said that the cookies he made were awesome! He will be remembered as a boy with a huge heart. He cared so much for other people.

Marcus is survived by his mother, Desiree Brown, and his stepfather, Rey Sierra; his father, Alex Flores; his sisters, Jasmine and Liliana Brown; his grandparents, Lucille and Roger Burk, Roxanna and Dennis Brown, and Carlos Flores; and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Maria Cauich, his great-grandmother, Margret Allen; his uncles, Brian Little and Paul Ortiz; and his cousins, Teagan Henderson, Jeremy Thompson and little Rodney.

Those who would like to make a donation in memory of Marcus may do so to help defray service expenses through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home and Cremation Services, P.O. Box 543, Halfway, OR 97834. The family would like memories and pictures to be shared at [www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com)

## NEWS OF RECORD

### DEATHS

**Perry 'P.T.' Yowell:** 98, a former Richland resident, died Aug. 11, 2018, at Gulfport, Mississippi. A graveside service with military honors will be scheduled later at Pine Haven Cemetery in Halfway. Online condolences may be made at [www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com)

### FUNERAL PENDING

**Roy Barnes:** Celebration of Life, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 18, at Community Connection, 2810 Cedar St. Memorial contributions may be made in

Roy's name to the Bingen Fire Department, Bingen City Park or Eagles Grand Aerie Parkinson's Research. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.gardnerfh.com](http://www.gardnerfh.com)

### POLICE LOG

**Baker City Police**  
BURLARY II, AGGRAVATED THEFT I, UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE and CRIMINAL CONSPIRACY: Kayle Dawn Johnson, 24, of Nampa, Idaho, 3:58 p.m. Sunday, in the 200 block of Bridge Street; jailed.  
DETAINER (Baker County

Parole and Probation): Darren Lee Turner, 41, of 2719 Second St., 2:39 p.m. Sunday, at his home; jailed.

CRIMINAL TRESPASS I: Kristi Ann Moudy-Koos, 41, of 2650 17th St., 10:44 a.m. Friday at his home; jailed.

### Baker County Sheriff's Office

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF INTOXICANTS and RECKLESS DRIVING: Jacob Paul Kanalz, 29, of 2261 Fourth St., 5:16 p.m. Friday, on Adams Road at Pocahontas Road; cited and released.

IDAHO FUGITIVE WARRANT: Heather Eve Limbaugh, 44, of 2127 Seventh St., Apartment 2, 9 a.m. Thursday, on Union Creek Road; jailed.

OUT-OF-COUNTY WARRANT: Eric Lee Cavyell, 27, OF 3320 K St., 2:05 p.m. Thursday, at the Sheriff's Office; cited and released.

PROBATION VIOLATION (Baker County Circuit Court warrant): Paul Adam Heller, 47, address unknown, 2:20 p.m. Thursday, at the Baker County Jail where he is being held on other charges.

