

Local

BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

FRIDAY, DEC. 14

■ **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.

SUNDAY, DEC. 16

■ **Baker High School Performing Arts Vespers**
Celebration: 2 p.m. and 4:30 p.m., at the BHS Auditorium, 2500 E St.; free; donations will be accepted to support the performing arts programs.

TUESDAY, DEC. 18

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

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 19

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

THURSDAY, DEC. 20

■ **Baker Rural Fire Protection District Board:** 5:30 p.m. at the Pocahontas Fire Station.

TUESDAY, DEC. 25

■ **Merry Christmas**

FRIDAY, JAN. 4

■ **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 December 14, 1968

Two Western Oregon men visited here yesterday touring the County Juvenile facilities and speaking to the Combined Juvenile and Family Services Advisory Council last night.

25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald December 14, 1993

HALFWAY — Pine-Eagle schools may operate on shortened-week schedules next year.

The Pine-Eagle school board may vote in January on a schedule under which Pine-Eagle High School students would have a standard five-day week when there are no sporting events, 4 1/2 days for home games or four days during weeks with away games.

10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald December 15, 2008

A snowstorm that blew into Baker County Friday afternoon caused multiple freeway crashes that required an all-out response from emergency responders and the staff at St. Elizabeth Health Services, who treated 27 patients throughout the evening at the hospital.

ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald December 15, 2017

It all started with a dam.
It would have been an immense structure, this dam, a concrete giant taller than any building in Oregon.
A dam to rival Hoover and Grand Coulee.
Except it was never built.
But even though the High Mountain Sheep dam never rose to block the Snake River in the deepest part of Hells Canyon, the very prospect of the 670-foot-high edifice had consequences that continue to affect Northeastern Oregon half a century after the U.S. Supreme Court temporarily blocked the project.
Among those consequences was the creation of the Hells Canyon Preservation Council.
The conservation organization celebrates its 50th anniversary this year, coinciding with that landmark ruling by the nation's highest court.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, Dec. 12

1 - 7 - 11 - 14 - 27 - 39
Next jackpot: \$5.5 million

POWERBALL, Dec. 12

4 - 9 - 21 - 29 - 46 PB 26
Next jackpot: \$246 million

WIN FOR LIFE, Dec. 12

5 - 50 - 66 - 77

PICK 4, Dec. 13

• 1 p.m.: 7 - 5 - 8 - 1
• 4 p.m.: 5 - 5 - 1 - 0
• 7 p.m.: 3 - 1 - 8 - 4
• 10 p.m.: 2 - 5 - 3 - 2

LUCKY LINES, Dec. 13

1-6-11-13-18-24-27-30
Next jackpot: \$15,000

SENIOR MENUS

- **MONDAY:** Chicken broccoli Alfredo over fettuccine, peas and carrots, biscuits, green salad, brownies
- **TUESDAY:** Pork filet mignon, baked potatoes, broccoli-blend vegetables, bread, fruit cup, ice cream

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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Baker City Police chief reminds residents to lock doors, windows

'Tis the season ... for suspicious characters to begin lurking around neighborhoods looking to pilfer packages off porches and claim them for their own, says Police Chief Dustin Newman.

To help curb that prac-

tice, the Baker City Police Department is alerting community residents to keep their doors and windows locked and to secure items outside their homes the best they can.

Most thefts from vehicles

in Baker City take place in those that are left unlocked, Newman said.

"We're hoping to generate situational awareness," he added. "If you see people lurking around, give us a call. People love stealing

packages off front porches."

The department already has received numerous calls about suspicious people walking around homes and vehicles, and those calls have been appreciated, Newman said.

CHICKENPOX

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About 3 percent of Oregon school-age children have a nonmedical exemption to the chickenpox vaccination, according to a 2017 Health Division report.

The two students at South Baker had not been vaccinated against the childhood illness. One is back in school and the other will return soon, Johansen said.

The third case was reported by Brooklyn Primary School about a week ago, said the school's principal Phil Anderson.

The two elementary schools followed protocol established by the Baker County Health Department and sent out letters to parents to alert them of the situation.

About 40 letters from Alicia Hills, Baker County Health Department nursing supervisor, were sent home with Brooklyn second-graders along with a fact sheet for parents.

The letters went not only to parents of the Brooklyn child's immediate classmates, but also to those of students in

her "buddy class" for PE, Anderson said.

Chickenpox is "highly communicable" and is transmitted by coughing and person-to-person contact, Hills wrote in her letter.

She cautioned that the disease is dangerous for infants, pregnant women and anyone with a compromised immune system.

And she stated that children should stay home from school and public gatherings until the itchy rash of blisters has crusted or dried and there is no further drainage. That typically takes about five days, she said.

Prior to the outbreak of the rash, symptoms include onset of a fever and a tired feeling.

Chickenpox can be transmitted and a person is considered contagious from two days before the rash appears to five days after the rash appears, or until all blisters have crusted over, Hills said.

Once a person is exposed, illness typically appears 14 to 16 days later, but can appear in as few as 10 days and in as many as 21 days after exposure.

Hills advised parents never to use aspirin to treat the symptoms of chickenpox.

She noted that vaccination is the best way to prevent chickenpox and asked parents to consider vaccinating their children if they had not already had the illness.

The vaccine is available at the Baker County Health Department from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

"Vaccination protects your child and is one of the best tools we have to stop chickenpox from spreading and keep vulnerable persons safe," Hills stated in her letter.

More information is available by calling Hills at the Baker County Health Department, 541-523-8211.

Doctors recommend children get two doses of the chickenpox shot for best protection.

One dose is administered at 12 months through 15 months and the second dose is given between the ages of 4 and 6 years.

OBITUARIES

'Andy' Anderson

Baker City, 1941-2018

Derwin "Andy" Anderson, 77, of Baker City, died Dec. 10, 2018, at Boise.

Due to inclement weather and Andy's having so many family and friends who live out of town, there will be a celebration of life in March. The time and place will be announced.

Andy was born on Oct. 20, 1941, at Ogden, Utah. He graduated from Vale High School in Oregon in 1959.

He married Waynette Lang, and they had three children.

He later married Launi Snider. They were married for 48 years and had two children.

Andy served in the Air Force for eight years.

He worked as a car salesman and also owned a blind-cleaning business. For the past 10 years he drove a school bus for the Baker 5J School District.

He enjoyed dancing, cribbage, gold panning, camping and visiting with his grandkids. He was a member of the Eagles, VFW and the Elks.

Andy is survived by his wife, Launi Anderson of Baker City; his children, Donald (Colleen) Anderson of Boise, Tammy (Scott) Lamb of Colorado, David (Kristy) Anderson of Gooding, Idaho, Jeffrie (Wendy) Anderson of Mount Vernon, Washington, and Becky Haertel of Salt Lake City; his brother, Ron (Sharon) Anderson of Baker City; 11 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and many cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Donations in Andy's memory may be made to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Fisher House in Aurora, Colorado. More information is available from Tessa Levy at 303-364-4616.

Charles Swinyer

Baker City, 1937-2018

Charles Swinyer, 81, of Baker City, died Dec. 10, 2018, at his home.

A celebration of his life will take place Tuesday, Dec. 18, at 2 p.m. at Coles Tribute Center, 1950 Place St. There will be a reception at Coles Tribute Center after the celebration.

Charles Marvin Swinyer was born on Sept. 30, 1937, at Baker to Harry Clayton and Norma Aileen (Coalwell) Swinyer. He attended and graduated from Baker High School. In 1984, Charles married LaVesta Mae Horton. He was a jack-of-all-trades. He drove semis, did machinery, he did body and fender work for Baker Garage for 20 years, then he worked for Baker County as a foreman on the crusher until he retired.

Charles enjoyed camping, hunting, being around friends and family and playing pranks on everyone.

He is survived by his son, David, of Walla Walla, Washington; his daughters, Aileen of Baker City and Kelly of Seattle; his grandsons, Jeremy, who is overseas, and Justin of Seattle; his granddaughters, Kandace of Las Vegas, Nevada, and Krista of California; his brother, Carl Swinyer and his wife, Dee, of Sumpter; his niece, Debbie of Baker City; his nephew, Gordon of Baker City; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Harry and Aileen Swinyer; his wife, LaVesta Swinyer; and his son, Curtiss Elvin.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Eagles Lodge through Coles Tribute Center, 1950 Place St., Baker City, OR 97814.

To light a candle in memory of Charles, go to www.colestributecenter.com

Audrey Mann

Former of Baker City, 1958-2018

Audrey Jean Mann, 60, of Portland, and a former Baker City resident, died Nov. 16, 2018, at OHSU hospital after a prolonged battle with Huntington's disease and cancer.

A private "natural" burial took place Nov. 27 at River-view Cemetery in Portland.

Audrey was born on July 25, 1958, at Baker City. She was the fourth child of Arel Leo and Donna Dee (Free) Mann. Audrey graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree from Oregon College of Education (now Western Oregon University) in 1980. She worked as an administrative legal assistant for Legal Aid Services of Oregon for more than two decades.

Her daughter, Roya Khodaparast, was born to her and Ahmad Khodaparast on Aug. 2, 2003, and was the light of her life during the past 15 years. Her younger sister, Bonnie, describes her older sister as, "a fierce-hearted adventurer, hero big sister, who made me run further, jump higher, ride faster, risk more, even when I was terrified, and who fostered a love of reading big grown-up books that shaped my entire life."

Audrey's dear friend and college roommate, Linda, says, "My years as roommates with Audrey were some of the most fun of my life, though she was so smart she always out-argued me in every discussion!"

Her daughter, Roya, describes her Mom as, "My very best friend, the most important person in my whole life," and says, "I love her so much!"

Audrey is survived by her daughter, Roya; her husband, Ahmad; her nephew, Brendan McInturf, as well as many other nephews and nieces; and her siblings, LaDonna Haefer, Catherine Mann, Bonnie Mann, David Mann and Susan Johnson.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Arel and Donna; and her brother, Charles Mann.



Audrey Mann



Charles Swinyer



Andy Anderson

to stop by to share a bite to eat, a story and a laugh. The family suggests memorial contributions to Creating Memories through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home and Cremation Services, P.O. Box 543 Halfway, OR 97834. Online condolences may be made at

FUNERAL PENDING

Mardell McCauley: Friends are invited to join the family for a Celebration of Life luncheon starting at noon on Sunday, Dec. 16, at the VFW Hall, 2005 Valley Ave. The family invites friends

Temporary Farm Labor: County Line Farms, American Falls, ID, has 10 positions, 3 mo. exp. operating large farm equip. w/GPS for tilling, cultivating, fertilizing, planting, harvesting & transporting grain crops, sugar beets & potatoes; irrigation maint. grain bin & auger operation, walking fields pulling weeds, picking rocks; building, equip & vehicle maint.; long periods of standing, bending & able to lift 75#; must be able to obtain driver's license with clean MVR within 30 days; once hired, workers may be required to take employer paid random drug tests; testing positive/failure to comply may result in immediate termination from employment; employer provides free tools, equipment, housing and daily trans; trans & subsistence expenses reimb.; \$11.63/hr, increase based on exp. w/possible bonus, may work nights, weekends, holidays & asked but not required to work Sabbath; 75% work period guaranteed from 2/01/19 - 11/01/19. Review ETA790 requirements and apply with JO# 1141897 at nearest OR Workforce Office or call 503-947-1659.

www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com

Russel Alec Hunt: There will be a celebration of his life with military honors at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 18, at the Baker City Christian Church, 675 Highway 7. Memorial contributions may be made to the Blue Yesterdays (a local Big Band Russ played with), the Navy Musicians Association, or to the Cove Christian Camp through Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814. To light a candle for Russ or to leave a condolence for his family, go to www.grayswestco.com

POLICE LOG

Baker City Police Arrests, citations VIOLATION OF RESTRAINING

ORDER: Daisy Mar-lee Carrier, 32, of 2735 Myrtle St., 5:36 p.m. Thursday, at the police department; jailed.

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF INTOXICANTS and HIT AND RUN, PROPERTY DAMAGE (Two counts): Cheryl Koster, 59, of 2332 Ninth St., No. 3, 7:20 a.m. Saturday, at Campbell and Third streets; jailed and later released. Police Chief Dustin Newman said Koster was driving a 1999 Toyota Corolla when she struck a parked 1996 Chevrolet Suburban belonging to Wayne Miller, 64, of Baker City, and drove into the Gas & Snack Building at 2212 10th St. Her vehicle also struck an air-conditioning unit at the business, Newman said.