

Local

BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

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**

TUESDAY, JAN. 1

■ **Happy New Year**

FRIDAY, JAN. 4

■ **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.

■ **First Friday Art Shows:** Baker City art galleries are open late to showcase the month's new artwork; opening times vary between 5:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. at Crossroads Carnegie Art Center, Peterson's Gallery, Broderick's Gallery and others.

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO
from the Democrat-Herald
December 17, 1968

A.C. Lighthall bought back the Baker Hotel Monday morning at a foreclosure sale for \$86,072.37. Lighthall was the only bidder at the two sales held Monday. At the first sale held on the courthouse steps he bid \$79,633.65 plus interest for the Hotel property and then at a sale held at the Hotel bid \$5,000 for the personal property in the Hotel.

25 YEARS AGO
from the Baker City Herald
December 17, 1993

Bruce Babbitt, Secretary of the Interior, will be in Baker City Saturday to tour the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center and meet with members of the Oregon Cattlemen's Association and other groups.

10 YEARS AGO
from the Baker City Herald
December 17, 2008

Starting on the second day of the new year, Baker County residents can get rid of their old TVs, computers and monitors in a manner more environmentally friendly than tossing the items in the trash can or hauling them to the landfill. Besides, it's free. Baker Sanitary Service will be the county's official collector through Oregon's new "E-Cycles" program.

ONE YEAR AGO
from the Baker City Herald
December 18, 2017

A campaign that included lobbying by U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., has resulted in the Forest Service awarding a five-year campground maintenance contract to the local nonprofit that owns the Anthony Lakes Ski Area. Anthony Lakes Mountain Resort LLC won the contract from the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest for two campground complexes, one near Anthony Lakes and the other in the Phillips Lake area. The company is operated by the Baker County Development Corporation, the nonprofit that has run the ski area since 2010, when its private owners transferred the resort, which is on Forest Service ground, to public ownership.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, Dec. 15
14 — 20 — 23 — 26 — 27 — 42
Next jackpot: \$5.6 million
POWERBALL, Dec. 15
8 — 38 — 43 — 52 — 55 PB 17
Next jackpot: \$262 million
WIN FOR LIFE, Dec. 15
7 — 12 — 24 — 38

PICK 4, Dec. 16
• 1 p.m.: 1 — 8 — 5 — 4
• 4 p.m.: 1 — 1 — 4 — 9
• 7 p.m.: 1 — 4 — 6 — 0
• 10 p.m.: 1 — 7 — 1 — 6

LUCKY LINES, Dec. 16
4-7-12-16-19-24-25-32
Next jackpot: \$18,000

SENIOR MENUS

■ **TUESDAY:** Pork filet mignon, baked potatoes, broccoli-blend vegetables, bread, fruit cup, ice cream
■ **WEDNESDAY:** Parmesan chicken, potatoes and gravy, mixed vegetables, roll, gelatin salad, carrot cake

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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WINDS

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The problem at Anthony Lakes wasn't the shack itself, but rather that the electrical system that runs the chairlift is connected to the shack and wires were severed, said Peter Johnson, the resort's general manager.

That's the reason the ski area had to cancel its scheduled season opening on Saturday.

Anthony Lakes is slated to open for the season this Saturday, Dec. 22. It will be open daily through Jan. 6, except for Christmas Day. The lifts will close at 1 p.m. on Christmas Eve.

Johnson said resort workers were at the top of the lift Friday afternoon, finishing preparations for the planned opening the next day, when a wind gust toppled the shack.

"Luckily no one was around the shack," he said. "But they saw it happen."

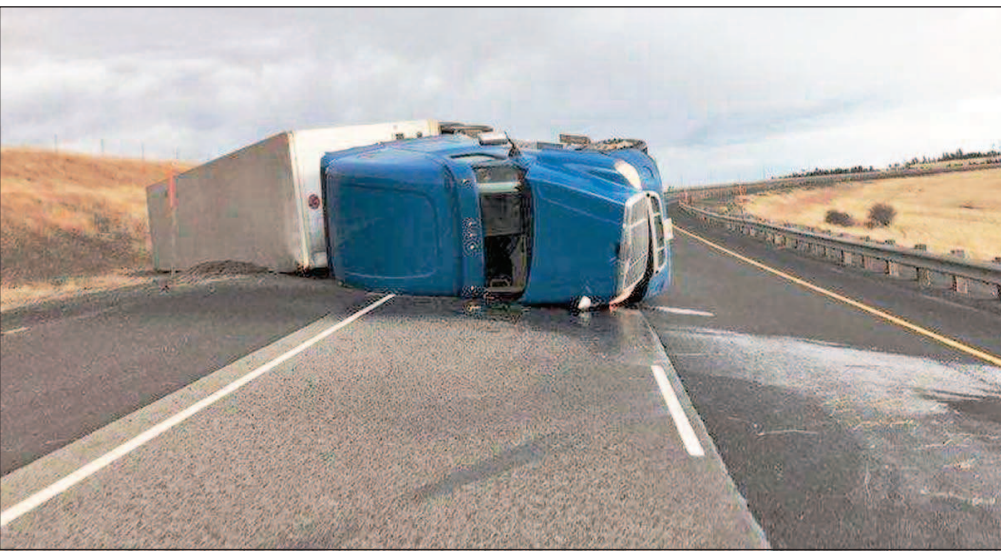
A weather station near the top of the lift recorded a peak gust of 61 mph on Friday afternoon, with several other gusts topping 50 mph.

Johnson said the shack, which has been in place for at least 25 years, has withstood winds of similar strength in the past.

"It was more about the direction," he said. "We don't normally get winds out of the southeast."

The overturned shack slid about 25 feet. On Sunday Johnson and another employee used sno-cats to move the shack back into position.

Johnson said Ian Warner,



Oregon Department of Transportation photo

Winds estimated at 90 mph toppled this semi truck and trailer Friday afternoon on Interstate 84 on Cabbage Hill east of Pendleton.

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— **Peter Johnson, general manager, Anthony Lakes**

Anthony Lakes' operations manager, worked most of the day rewiring the electronic connections to the chairlift.

"He did a great job and we're in great shape now," Johnson said. "It would have been a great Saturday opening, but it looks like we're going to get more snow this week."

The winds didn't cause any other damage, Johnson said.

In some places the gusts actually helped by consolidating the snow. Wind did scour snow off one section but new snow later in the weekend covered that area, Johnson said.

Freeway closure

Oregon Department of Transportation workers estimated winds gusted to 90 mph along sections of Interstate 84 between Pendleton and La Grande.

Wind overturned a semi-truck and trailer combination near Milepost 223, near the top of Cabbage Hill about 13 miles east of Pendleton (see photo above).

A second truck was blown over Sunday afternoon in the same area.

ODOT initially closed the freeway between Pendleton and La Grande around noon, later extending the closure to the westbound lanes between Baker City and La Grande after truck parking areas became filled in La Grande.

The freeway re-opened about 3:25 p.m. Friday after winds subsided.

The source of the winds was a strong low-pressure system moving inland off

the Pacific Ocean. The winds blew from the southeast because air moves from areas of higher pressure to areas of lower pressure, and the air pressure was much lower under the storm.

The terrain of Northeastern Oregon can exacerbate the effect, and thus strengthen the wind, by channeling air through canyons. That's why areas such as Ladd Canyon, between Baker City and La Grande, tend to be especially windy.

The anemometer near the Charles Reynolds rest area at the northern base of Ladd Canyon measured a peak gust of 53 mph on Friday afternoon.

The La Grande/Union County Airport recorded a top gust of 59 mph.

Winds were comparatively gentle in Baker Valley Friday afternoon, with a peak gust at the Baker City Airport of 31 mph.

OBITUARY

Jack Corning

Eagle Valley resident, 1929-2018

Jack M. Corning, 89, Eagle Valley native, died on November 24, 2018 at his home.

Jack had heart disease, COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease) and had gone blind from macular degeneration. However, Jack worked the ranch right up to the day of his death.

There will be a celebration of Jack's life in April, at the annual branding party 2019.

Jack was born on June 24, 1929, at Baker to Emma and Roy Corning. He was an Oregon native and was very proud of it. He was raised in Eagle Valley and attended school there. Jack married Mary Margaret Densley. They had



Jack Corning

three children, Elaine, Les and Marty. They were later divorced.

Jack later married Caroline Erickson in the front yard of their home in 1988.

Most all of his life, Jack lived and loved working the Corning Ranch in Eagle Valley. He enjoyed moving cows, hunting, fishing and working with his loyal cow dogs. Jack's work ethic was none other than "working hard."

His favorite phrase to share was "I don't know what the big guy's got in store for me, but he doesn't want me to hear it or see it!"

Jack was self-taught in the ways of the ranch, machinery and all that went with it.

He was proud of the valley and it meant so much to him to live here. He was not a big fan of change, but he was always willing to listen.

Jack was also known for his ease of

giving nicknames to family members. Yes, they all had a nickname.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sons, Rodney and Les; grandson, Jacob Corning; brother, Bob Cress; sister, Eva Linton; and stepdaughter, Glenda.

Survivors include his wife, Caroline, of 30 years; daughter, Elaine Loftis; son, Marty Corning; daughter-in-law, Sherril Corning; sister, Elenor Turner; stepdaughters, Melissa, Ronda and Andrea; 12 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorial contributions to the Abby Graven Fund through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services, P.O. Box 543, Halfway, OR 97834. Online condolences may be made at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com

DEATHS

Carl Town: 48, of Boise, a former Baker City resident, died Dec. 13, 2018, at his home. His funeral will be at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 22, at St. Francis de Sales Cathedral in Baker City. Father Suresh Telagani will officiate. Interment will be at

Mount Hope Cemetery. There will be a reception afterward at St. Francis de Sales Cathedral Parish Hall. To light a candle for Carl or to leave a condolence for the family, go to www.gray-swesetco.com

POLICE LOG

Baker City Police Arrests, citations
CRIMINAL TRESPASSING
(Baker County Justice Court warrant): Xyxis Silk-Duane Lahey, 24, of 2425 Balm St., 2:02 p.m. Friday, in the 2400 block of Balm Street; jailed.

DRIVING WHILE OPERATOR'S LICENSE SUSPENDED: Darren John Fulfer, 56, of 3550 Carter St., 11:21 p.m. Saturday, at Campbell and Seventh streets; jailed.

Baker County Sheriff's Office Arrests, citations
FAILURE TO PERFORM THE DUTIES OF A DRIVER INVOLVED IN AN ACCIDENT WITH PROPERTY DAMAGE: Shawna Lynn Mathis, 36, of Richland, 5:08 p.m. Sunday, at the sheriff's office; jailed.

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