

# Local

## BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

### MONDAY, JUNE 3

■ **Haines Fire Protection District Board:** 7 p.m. at the Haines Library.

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5

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

### FRIDAY, JUNE 7

■ **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.

■ **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 and others.

### TUESDAY, JUNE 11

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

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12

■ **Lower Powder River Irrigation District Board:** 6 p.m. at Barley Brown's, 2190 Main St.

### MONDAY, JUNE 17

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

## TURNING BACK THE PAGES

### 50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald June 3, 1969

Floyd Dearthoff and Don Kelso, representing the County Road Department crews, presented the County Budget Board Monday with a petition, signed by all employees of that department, asking for a 12 percent raise for all employees and other benefits.

Also included in the petition was a request for "equal benefits for all employees with pro-rated vacation and sick leavers. This also is to include truck drivers, with sick leave to accumulate up to 60 days."

### 25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald June 3, 1994

Baker City is directly in the path and interest of three California men determined to cross the country by bicycle.

Sunday and Monday the three will continue their ride to retirement through Baker City.

### 10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald June 3, 2009

Grasshoppers are returning to Baker County, but farmers and ranchers have a chance, during the next couple weeks, to possibly prevent a repeat of last year's widespread infestation of the crop-munching insects.

### ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald June 4, 2018

The drought that plagued Eastern Oregon for much of the first half of this decade has abated somewhat, but local wildfire experts say the potential for large blazes continues.

That's the natural order of things in a region where, except in the rarest of years, millions of acres of sagebrush steppe and forest are pretty parched by July or August.

"This year is looking pretty typical — no big red flags at this point," said Bob Narus, fire management officer for the BLM's Vale District, which covers more than 5 million acres of public land stretching from the Nevada border to the Washington border.

Although this past winter delivered much less snow than the 2016-17 version, and much of the scanty snowpack melted during an unusually mild May, Narus said widespread thundershowers during the month prevented the region from drying to summer levels.

## OREGON LOTTERY

### MEGABUCKS, June 1

3 — 8 — 13 — 21 — 30 — 32  
Next jackpot: \$3.2 million

### POWERBALL, June 1

6 — 15 — 34 — 45 — 52 PBx8  
Next jackpot: \$40 million

### MEGA MILLIONS, May 31

7 — 8 — 26 — 65 — 67 Mega 4  
Next jackpot: \$475 million

### WIN FOR LIFE, June 1

3 — 39 — 49 — 74

### PICK 4, June 2

• 1 p.m.: 6 — 6 — 9 — 6  
• 4 p.m.: 1 — 8 — 2 — 2  
• 7 p.m.: 6 — 8 — 2 — 1  
• 10 p.m.: 5 — 3 — 4 — 4

### LUCKY LINES, June 2

1-5-11-16-17-22-26-29  
Next jackpot: \$38,000

## SENIOR MENUS

- **TUESDAY:** Chicken-fried chicken, potatoes and gravy, green beans, rolls, fruit cup, brownies
- **WEDNESDAY:** Meat lasagna, cauliflower, garlic breadsticks, green salad, peach crisp

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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# Classes scheduled at Crossroads

Crossroads Carnegie Art Center has several classes for adults starting this week. To register, or for more information, call 541-523-5369 or stop by the center at 2020 Auburn Ave.

- "Qigong and Tai Chi for Health — A Practical Approach" with Dianne Erickson will take place June 5, June 12 and June 26. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. for the first two sessions, and 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. for the last session. Cost is \$40 for Crossroads members, or \$60 for nonmembers.

- Ginger Rembold will offer a modern art class for adults titled "Exploring Picasso, Matisse, and Mondrian" on June 6 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Participants will experiment with producing art in the style of these famous artists, and complete three projects. Cost is \$15 members or \$20 for nonmembers.

- Kelsey Tomlinson is planning a summer series called "Summer Saturdays with Kelsey" for ages 16 and older. Her first, focusing on string art, is June 8 from 10 a.m. to noon. Participants need to bring a small hammer and needle nose pliers. All other supplies are provided. Cost is \$10 members, \$15 nonmembers. There is a \$10 supply fee for all students.

Summer also is bringing all sorts of art camps to Crossroads — theater, dance

and hands-on workshops. To register for these, or for more information, call 541-523-5369 or visit [www.crossroads-arts.org](http://www.crossroads-arts.org).

### Theater camps

Crossroads is bringing Misoula Children's Theater back for three camps this summer — one every month. Each performance has a cast of 60, with the youngest entering first grade to 18-year-olds. In just four days, two actor-directors create an entire musical culminating with public performances.

Space is still available in each of the camps, but participants must sign up in advance by calling 541-523-5369. Cost for each week-long camp is \$35 for Crossroads members, or \$55 for nonmembers. Scholarships are available.

- Jack and the Beanstalk is set for June 10-14. Auditions begin at 10 a.m. June 10, and then children rehearse throughout the week. Performances will be held at 6 p.m. Friday, June 14, and 3 p.m. Saturday, June 15, at the Baker High School auditorium. Admission is \$5, which helps bring MCT back for more camps.

- July brings Gulliver's Travels from July 22-26. Auditions will be at 10 a.m. Monday, July 22. Space is

open in all age groups. Performances are 6 p.m. July 26 and 3 p.m. July 27. Admission is \$5.

- The final MCT will feature "Pinocchio," with auditions at 10 a.m. Aug. 12. All age groups could use more children. Performances will be 6 p.m. Aug. 16 and 3 p.m. Aug. 17. Admission is \$5.

### Art camp

Anna Davis of Washougal, Washington, will lead "A Place to Create" art camp for kids age 7 and older. Dates are July 17-21. Camp will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., including a lunch break and snack time. Campers will go home with an art journal, apron, keepsake album, pillow, wood plaque, potted plant and vision cards.

Cost is \$215 for Crossroads members, or \$322.50 for nonmembers. This includes all supplies and equipment.

### Dance camps

Amy Martin Friedman is coming back to teach classes in June, July and August. Each will include sessions for two age groups. Ages 5 to 9 will meet at 9 a.m. for one hour. Ages 10 to 18 meet from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

Session one is four days, June 17-20. The second session is also four days, July 23-26. The last camp is five days,

Aug. 5-9. Cost for the four-day camps for ages 5-9 is \$32 members or \$48 nonmembers. The August camp is \$40 members, \$60 nonmembers. Cost for the four-day camps for ages 10-18 is \$48 members or \$72 nonmembers. The August camp is \$60 members, \$90 nonmembers.

In all sessions, students will explore an infused, Latin, contemporary, jazz, ballet, lyrical and hip hop dance. No experience needed in this fun class that is a lot of work and a great workout. The class mantra is to believe in one's self. Students are encouraged to dress in all black: leggings, T-shirt and a soft shoe (no sneakers unless slippery with no tread on the bottom) are requested. T-shirts and hoodies from "Ms. Amy's dance school" are available for purchases as well as photos that will be taken of the children during camp. Amy has more than 40 years of dance experience and has been teaching at Crossroads for over 10 years.

Laryssa Rice will offer dance camps this summer as well. The first session is June 24-27, and the second is July 8-11. Aspiring performers of all ages are invited to come dance with a professional dancer while learning different styles of dance.

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## OBITUARIES

### Sharell Blomquist

Baker City, 1940-2019

Sharell Blomquist, 78, of Baker City, May 24, 2019, at Meadowbrook Place where she lived with her husband, Rod.

Instead of a formal funeral service, Sharell has requested a casual gathering of family and friends to remember the good times they all had together. This gathering is to celebrate Sharell and her marriage to Rod. They were nearly to their 60th anniversary. This celebration will be Saturday, June 22 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Martin residence, 20666 Highway 7. Please park along the highway and walk in the driveway which crosses the river to their yard. (The Martin residence is 10 miles from Baker City on Highway 7 just before reaching Bowen Valley Fire Station and across the highway.) Cake, coffee and punch will be served.

Sharell was born on Aug. 8, 1940, at Portland to Kenneth and Pearl Redding. She was raised on Cooper Mountain in Beaverton, where she attended Cooper Mountain Grade School. She graduated from Beaverton High School in 1958, followed by a year of college at Willamette State University.

Sharell and Rod met when she was in the first grade and he was in the third grade and began dating when she was a junior in high school. Sharell and Rod were married in Beaverton on July 19, 1959.



Sharell Blomquist

Soon after they were married, Sharell and Rod moved to Coraopolis, Pennsylvania, while Rod served in the Army. After Rod's service in the Army they returned to Beaverton where their son, Tracey, was born. They bought a farm outside of Newberg where their second son, Darin, was born. They lived on the Newberg farm until 1998, when Rod retired. It was then that they purchased a ranch outside of Baker City.

Through her many years Sharell enjoyed working on the farm and ranch, horseback riding, ATV riding, bowling, tennis, snow skiing, and gardening. She belonged to a bowling league, a ski club, 4-H and was a 4-H leader. Sharell will be remembered for her bright red hair, quiet manner, hidden wit and friendly smile.

Sharell is survived by her husband of almost 60 years, Rod Blomquist; her sons, Tracey and Darin Blomquist; and 3 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Kenneth and Pearl Redding, and her sister, Charlene Jensen.

For those who would like to make a memorial donation in honor of Sharell the family requests a charity of one's choice. Online condolences can be made at [www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com)

### Leah Lewis

Baker City, 1939-2019

Leah Maxine Lewis, 80, of Baker City, died peacefully on May 26, 2019, at her home, surrounded by her children.

A celebration of her life will take place

later, with the time and place to be announced.

Leah was born on Feb. 2, 1939, at Union to Gerald and Fern (Baxter) Erwin. She graduated from Union High School in 1957.

Leah spent her early years keeping up with the kids and later worked at several small businesses in Baker.

Leah's favorite things were family gatherings, supporting her children and grandchildren in whatever they were doing, fishing, gardening and occasionally contributing to the success of the local casinos.

Leah was a devoted mother, grandmother and friend. She was a very kind person and always chose to see the best in everyone and everything. It was the simple things that gave her the most pleasure. She had a witty sense of humor and could always find a reason to smile and have a good laugh.

Leah is survived by her brothers, Gary Erwin (Barbara) and Richard Erwin (Janice); her sister, Donna LaVerdure (Joe); her daughter, Melanie Zemmer (Kevin) of Vale; her sons, Mick Lewis (Cathy) of Tualatin and Randy Lewis (Becky) of Bend; her grandchildren, Tiffani, Jacob, Caleb and Gracie; her great-grandchildren, Mackenzie and Henry; and several nieces, nephews and friends.

Memorial contributions can be made to Heart 'N' Home Hospice, 3370 10th St., Baker City, OR 97814.



Leah Lewis

## NEWS OF RECORD

### DEATHS

#### James "Jim" Coleman:

92, of Baker City, died May 31, 2019, at his home. There will be a private family interment on Saturday, June 15. A Celebration of Life service is scheduled at 2 p.m. that day at the United Methodist Church, 1919 Second St. Pastor Lisa Payton of the church will officiate. Memorial contributions may be made to the Veterans of Foreign Wars through Coles Tribute Center, 1950 Place St., Baker City, OR 97814. To light a candle in memory of Jim, go to [www.colestributecenter.com](http://www.colestributecenter.com).

### FUNERALS PENDING

**Matt Doud:** Memorial service

and celebration of Matt's life will take place Friday, June 21, at 1 p.m. at the Harvest Church, 3720 Birch St. in Baker City. Online condolences can be made at [www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com)

**Gene Edward Norris:** Burial of his urn will take place Friday, June 28, at 2 p.m. at Mount Hope Cemetery, with military honors. A celebration of his life will follow at the Baker Eagles Club, 2935 H St. Memorial contributions can be made to the Wounded Warrior Project through Driskill Memorial Chapel, 241 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day, OR 97845. To light a candle in Gene's memory, or to offer

condolences to his family, go to [www.driskillmemorialchapel.com](http://www.driskillmemorialchapel.com)

**Joe Adamson:** Celebration of Joe's life and memorial service, followed by a potluck, will take place Saturday, July 21, at 11 a.m. at the New Bridge Grange in Richland. Online condolences can be made at [www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com)

### POLICE LOG

**Baker City Police Arrests, citations**  
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF II: Corey Thomas Haney, 29, of 2332 Ninth St., No. 5, 11:59 a.m. Sunday in the 2200 block of Cherry Street; jailed.

FAILURE TO ABIDE BY CONDITIONAL RELEASE (Baker County warrant): Sherry Lynn Roth, 59, of Baker City, 7:26 p.m. Friday, across the railroad tracks from the 800 block of Elm Street; dispatch received a report of a campfire in the area. The Baker City Fire Department responded and the fire was extinguished. Police responded and arrested Roth.

### Baker County Sheriff's Office

**Arrests, citations**  
PROBATION VIOLATION: Melissa Marian Carey, 32, of 2737 Third St., 10:13 a.m. Friday, at 3320 K St.; jailed.

### Weekly Specials June 3 - 9

Monday	Meatloaf.....	\$8.95
Tuesday	Lasagna.....	\$8.95
Wednesday	Ground Round w/ Mushrooms.....	\$8.95
Thursday	Chicken Fried Steak.....	\$9.95
Friday	All You Can Eat Mini Shrimp.....	\$9.95
	Steak & Shrimp.....	\$10.95
	Pan Fried Oysters.....	\$10.50
Saturday	NY Steak.....	\$13.95
Sunday	Stuffed Pork Loin.....	\$9.50/8.95 sr

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