

Local

BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

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.

FRIDAY, JUNE 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.

MONDAY, JUNE 17

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 18

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

■ **Baker School Board:** 6 p.m., Council chambers at Baker City Hall, 1655 First St.; moved from third Thursday of the month; will include hearing on proposed 2019-20 budget.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19

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

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald June 10, 1969

A sharp pencil was used by the Baker 5J School District's School Board Wednesday evening to make drastic cuts in school services throughout the district to permit it to operate within the six percent limitation for the 1969-70 school year.

25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald June 11, 1994

Federal rangeland reform proposals would drive cattlemen out of business and hurt the economies of rural communities, according to testimony presented Wednesday by more than 30 ranchers from five Northeast Oregon counties.

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

By a 4-3 vote, the Baker City Council fired City Manager Steve Brocato Tuesday night.

Brocato was hired in January 2007.

Councilors cited communication problems, Brocato's periodic unwillingness to listen to them, and his treatment of councilors and members of the public as contributing factors toward his termination.

ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald June 11, 2018

Baker County commissioners agreed Wednesday to declare a drought emergency.

As part of the Baker County drought disaster declaration, the commissioners have sent a letter to representatives of the Oregon Water Resources Department and Oregon Office of Emergency Management asking for help from the state to mitigate the problem.

In their letter, commissioners state that "There is the potential for the Baker County agricultural and livestock, natural resources, recreational, tourism, and related economies to experience widespread and severe damage resulting from extreme weather conditions within the county."

The letter cites several examples of low water levels this year, beginning in February.

"In northern Baker County a landowner was able to drive fence posts into the ground. Normally this is not done until mid to late March because of the frost in the ground," the letter states.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, June 8
13 - 27 - 30 - 33 - 34 - 47
Next jackpot: \$3.8 million

POWERBALL, June 8
9 - 13 - 42 - 48 - 60 PB 18
Next jackpot: \$66 million

MEGA MILLIONS, June 7
17 - 19 - 27 - 40 - 68 Mega 2
Next jackpot: \$40 million

WIN FOR LIFE, June 8
21 - 33 - 36 - 65

PICK 4, June 9
• 1 p.m.: 4 - 1 - 6 - 6
• 4 p.m.: 7 - 1 - 3 - 6
• 7 p.m.: 5 - 5 - 7 - 7
• 10 p.m.: 5 - 4 - 4 - 6
LUCKY LINES, June 9
1-8-10-15-20-23-28-29
Next jackpot: \$45,000

SENIOR MENUS

- **TUESDAY:** Liver and onions, potatoes and gravy, mixed vegetables, roll, fruit ambrosia, ice cream
- **WEDNESDAY:** Hot turkey sandwich, stuffing and gravy, broccoli-blend vegetables, sauerkraut salad, 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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Board: Don't extend Greg Smith's contract

The Baker County Economic Development Council voted Thursday to recommend the Baker County Board of Commissioners not renew the contract with Greg Smith for economic development work in Baker County and Baker City.

Baker City Manager Fred Warner Jr., who is a member of the Economic Development Council, said the group recommended the commissioners let the \$96,000 contract with Smith expire July 1. The Council met the day after the Baker City Herald

published a story, written by three journalists from the Malheur Enterprise in Vale, that examined the multiple contracts Smith and his company have with counties and other entities in Eastern Oregon. Smith contracts with Union,

Malheur and Harney counties for economic development work. Warner cited the Economic Development Council's recommendation in an email to Gary Dielman, a former Baker City councilor who asked city and county officials to justify the local contract with Smith.

FOUND

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Helaman had gone on a day hike with a group that included his aunt and uncle, Jim and Rachel Schaeffer of La Grande, and three other young family members, whose names were not available in time for this report.

The group became separated on a trail near Van Patten Lake. The Schaeffers and the three other young

people were able to hike out, but Helaman became separated from the group. He was wearing shorts and a light jacket during his overnight stay in the mountains.

The Sheriff's Search and Rescue Team was activated along with officers from the Sheriff's Department and Oregon State Police, the press release stated.

Grant County Search and Rescue sent multiple teams, including a K-9 team to

help with the search. North Powder Fire and Rescue sent volunteers and Life Flight and Oregon State Police sent aircraft in the hope of sighting the boy from the air, the press release stated.

Once Helaman was found, as a safety precaution search teams waited until daylight to hike back out to reunite the boy with his family.

The Sheriff's Office expressed appreciation to the staff at Anthony Lakes,

who opened the lodge for the boy's family and friends and the Search and Rescue Team, which set up a staging area at the lodge. Search teams waited until daylight to hike back out and the boy was reunited with his family.

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COUNCIL

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The proposed fee schedule

includes rates of \$250 per hour, plus actual labor costs for personnel involved, for incidents in which a fire engine

or ladder truck responds. The cost for an ambulance that is on standby would be \$125 per hour plus labor

costs. The proposed fees are based on averages from the International Fire Chiefs Association.

OBITUARIES

Virginia Melgarejo

Baker City, 1956-2019

Virginia Melgarejo, 63, of Baker City, died May 29, 2019, at her home with her family at her side.

There will be a celebration of her life at 4 p.m. Saturday, July 13, at her daughter Julie Gonzalez's home at 1012 Rose St. in Baker City. There will be a barbecue, music and dancing. Virginia requested that her life be celebrated and not mourned.

Virginia was born on April 5, 1956, in Portland, to Jim and Shirley Angus. She was raised on 10 acres in the country near Boring.

Virginia chose a career in law enforcement and became a police officer for Multnomah County. She liked being a cop, but in 1997 she decided she wanted a change and purchased Charlie's Ice Cream Parlor in Baker City; this was a job she truly enjoyed.

Her proudest moments were each time one of her children, grandkids and great-grandkids were born.

Virginia enjoyed reading, watching her favorite cooking shows and baking, barbecuing, spending time at the ocean, camping, fishing, hunting, riding her ATV and shopping online. She adored roses, summertime and was a loyal fan



Virginia Melgarejo

of the Pittsburg Steelers.

Most of all she loved spending time with her family and loved ones and especially spoiling her grandkids. She was quick-witted and had a wicked funny sense of humor. She could make you smile or laugh, or be a shoulder to cry on when you needed one.

Virginia was a giving and generous person and will be remembered for being an amazing mother, grandmother and best friend.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Jim and Shirley Angus; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Survivors include her sons, David Burleson and Dustin Melgarejo; daughters, Julie Gonzalez and Dawn Light; grandchildren, Damian, Airyona and Adrian Gonzalez, Daphene and Deanna Johnson, and Autumn and David Burleson Jr.; great-grandkids, Natalie Johnson-Priest and Kobey Daily Johnson; brother, Larry Angus; and sister, Charline Light.

The family suggests memorial contributions to Creating Memories (a program that sponsors those children with limited ability a chance to fish, hunt, or participate in other activities) through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services, P.O. Box 543, Halfway, OR 97814. Online condolences can be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com

Karen Homan

Baker City, 1965-2019

Karen Lynne Homan, 54, of Union, died June 4, 2019, at her home.

At her request, there will be no service.

Karen was born on March 3, 1965, at Baker City, to Richard and Fern (Searles) Homan. She resided at Baker City and Union.

Karen loved cross-stitch, reading, collecting Barbie dolls, watching "The Real Housewives," "Big Brother" and cooking shows. She was a published writer and poet.

Survivors include her mother, Fern Homan of Baker City; brothers, John B. Hunter of Oregon, Larry E. Hunter (Mary) of Idaho, Allen D. Hunter (Mary) of Oregon; sisters, Julie A. Homan, of Washington; brothers; numerous nieces and nephews; and numerous aunts and uncles.

She was preceded in death by her father, Richard; stepfather, Jack Hunter; and brother, Jimmy F. Hunter.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made via Facebook Pay/Messenger John Hunter.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com.



Karen Homan

NEWS OF RECORD

DEATHS

Lucille Hermesen: 93, of Baker City, died June 7, 2019, at Juniper Meadows in Baker City. A traditional funeral will be Friday, June 14 at 11 a.m. at the Agape Christian Church, 650 Highway 7. Interment will be at Mount Hope Cemetery. Friends are invited to join the family immediately following the interment for a reception at the Agape Church. For those who would like to make a donation in honor of Lucille, the family

requests the Opal Foundation (Heart'N Home Hospice) through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services, P.O. Box 543, Halfway, OR 97834. Online condolences can be made at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com

John J. Buehler: 67, of Huntington, died suddenly at his home on June 9, 2019. Services are pending under the direction of the Haren-Wood Funeral Chapel in Ontario.

FUNERALS PENDING

Norman Myers: Traditional graveside service officiated by the Masons, Post No. 7847 and honor guard, Tuesday, June 11 at 11 a.m. at Pine Haven Cemetery in Halfway. For those who would like to make a donation in memory of Norm, the family suggests the Shriner's Hospital for Children through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services, P.O. Box 543, Halfway, OR 97834. Online condolences can be made at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com

CarolTone: A memorial service is scheduled Friday, June 14, at 2 p.m. at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 2177 First St. Friends are invited to join the family for a potluck reception after the service at the Veterans Memorial Club, 2005 Valley Ave. Online condolences may be made at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com

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

POLICE LOG

Baker City Police Arrests, citations
CHILD NEGLECT II: Dustin James Colton-Mayer, 28, of Baker City, 8:12 p.m. Sunday, on Myrtle Street near Wade Williams Park, cited and released.
CRIMINAL TRESPASSING I, PROBATION VIOLATION: Edward Allen Braswell, 44, transient, 5:11 p.m. Friday, in the 3300 block of 10th Street; jailed; Braswell also was cited at the jail on a charge of violating his release agreement.

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| Tuesday | All You Can Eat Spaghetti..... | \$8.95 |
| Wednesday | Beef Stroganoff..... | \$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 | Prime Rib \$14.95 |
| Saturday | NY Steak..... | \$13.95 |
| Sunday | Father's Day 12 oz Bourbon NY Steak..... | \$14.95 |

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Sunday 8 AM - 11 AM
Sunday Buffet includes Chocolate Fountain