

# Local

## BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

### FRIDAY, JAN. 3

■ **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.

### MONDAY, JAN. 6

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

### TUESDAY, JAN. 7

■ **Local Community Advisory Council (LCAC):** 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., at the Community Connection meeting room, 2810 Cedar St.; lunch will be provided.

### WEDNESDAY, JAN. 8

■ **Baker School Board:** Work session, 5 p.m., Council Chambers in Baker City Hall, 1655 First St.

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

### FRIDAY, JAN. 10

■ **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.

## TURNING BACK THE PAGES

### 50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald December 30, 1969

Education was the big news in Baker County during 1969. That was the year that saw Magic Valley Christian College move from Albion, Idaho, to Baker and become Baker College.

### 25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald December 30, 1994

WEISER — Baker continued to show signs of improvement Thursday but still couldn't put a complete game together.

The Bulldogs stumbled enough times to drop a 57-49 non-league boys basketball game to Weiser.

### 10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald December 30, 2009

The BLM has approved a Baker County man's proposal to install six wind turbines on public land just north of Huntington. Randy Joseph, who lives in Sumpter Valley, applied for a permit for the Lime Wind Project in June 2007.

### ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald December 31, 2018

Jason Todd doesn't drive to the store to buy his favorite beverage.

He just walks down to his basement.

Dozens of brown glass bottles stand in rows, as orderly as soldiers at attention, in the space below the stairs leading to the cellar of the 103-year-old home that Todd and his wife, Crystal, own in Baker City.

Each 12-ounce bottle contains kombucha.

That's the fizzy fermented flavored tea, served cold, that the Todds have been brewing in their home for the past two years.

The couple, who moved to Baker City in 2015 and have a four-year-old son, Luke, started selling kombucha in 2017 under the name JungleBooch Raw Kombucha Teas.

The whole process, from brewing to bottling, happens inside their home.

Jason, 36, who has a teaching contract with the Baker School District and also oversees its digital media among other duties, jokes that his friends and customers in effect subsidize his thirst for kombucha.

## OREGON LOTTERY

### MEGABUCKS, Dec. 28

2 — 6 — 11 — 15 — 37 — 39  
Next jackpot: \$8 million

### POWERBALL, Dec. 28

20 — 23 — 39 — 59 — 60 PB 18  
Next jackpot: \$220 million

### MEGA MILLIONS, Dec. 27

17 — 34 — 40 — 63 — 64 Mega 24  
Next jackpot: \$55 million

### WIN FOR LIFE, Dec. 28

1 — 45 — 55 — 65  
PICK 4, Dec. 29

• 1 p.m.: 3 — 1 — 4 — 7

• 4 p.m.: 9 — 3 — 3 — 3

• 7 p.m.: 0 — 0 — 0 — 2

• 10 p.m.: 4 — 0 — 9 — 4

### LUCKY LINES, Dec. 29

3-7-12-13-19-22-26-30

Next jackpot: \$43,000

## SENIOR MENUS

■ **TUESDAY:** Meat lasagna, peas, garlic breadstick, green salad, apple 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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## TIRES

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"It's synonymous with service in the Pacific Northwest," Brown said. "The value is in the name."

In the event that a new owner declined to continue the company's relationship with Lew Brothers and the 64 other independent stores, Brown said he expects those store owners would pick a different tire supplier.

"All of our employees work for Lew Brothers, and their jobs are not at risk," Brown said of the 18 people who work at the Baker City location at 210 Bridge St., just east of the Powder River.

But although Brown acknowledges it's nice to have other options as an independent store, he very much wants to continue his family's 50-year association with Les Schwab Tires.

"Jim and I worked here all through high school in the 1970s, so we don't know anything different," Rocky Brown said. "We hope for the future that it continues to be a Les Schwab store and that our family will be involved for generations to come."

"We've always been Les Schwab boys."

Lew Brothers was started in 1916 by Rocky and Jim's great uncles, Albert and Franklin Lew.

The store's original loca-



Jayson Jacoby/Baker City Herald

Lew Brothers Tires of Baker City has been affiliated with the Les Schwab company since 1970. Lew Brothers is one of the 65 independent stores in the chain, which has about 500 locations around the West.

tion was on the south side of Washington Avenue between Main and First streets, in the building now occupied by the Flower Box.

Pleas Brown and his cousin, Franklin Lew's son, also named Franklin, bought the business in 1946, and Pleas Brown later bought out his cousin.

Lew Brothers moved to a building on Bridge Street, just across the river from its current site, in the 1950s. That

building was destroyed in a fire, Brown said, after which the business moved to its current location, the former site of an Oldsmobile car dealership.

Brown said Lew Brothers was a U.S. Royal dealership at the time, dealing in the Uniroyal tire brand.

Around 1970, Les Schwab, the company's founder and namesake, came to Baker City looking to expand the business he had started in 1952.

Brown said Lew Brothers was the second tire store to become an independent dealer under the Les Schwab brand — of the 65 such dealers, only the one in Roseburg has been with the company longer, he said.

At that time Les Schwab owned about 36 stores, but the name already had considerable "clout" in the tire business, Brown said.

"It's been just a great association," he said.

## SNOW

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The Northeastern Oregon snowpack typically peaks in March, and it's not uncommon for a series of midwinter storms to boost a sparse pack to near or even above average.

Indeed, the National Weather Service is forecasting significant snowfall for the higher elevations of the region later this week.

More than a foot of snow could fall in the Elkhorn and Wallowa mountains Tuesday and Wednesday.

Wes Morgan, manager of the Burnt River Irrigation District in southern Baker County, said that although he'd prefer a more robust snowpack, it's too early to be especially worried about summer water supplies.

"There's lots of winter left," Morgan said. "It's way too early to predict."



Photo by Phil Riend

Rock Creek Butte is the tallest peak in the Elkhorns, at 9,106 feet.

## NEWS OF RECORD

### DEATHS

**Lillian E. Marr:** 85, of Haines, died Dec. 26, 2019, at her home. Arrangements are under the direction of Coles Tribute Center. To light a candle in memory of Lillian, or to leave a condolence for her family, go to [www.coles-tributecenter.com](http://www.coles-tributecenter.com)

**James Harrison:** 82, of Richland, died Dec. 27, 2019, at St. Luke's Medical Center in Boise. A traditional funeral service will take place in Richland, with the

time and date to be announced. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Online condolences can be made at [www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com)

### FUNERAL PENDING

**Wayne Wilson:** Memorial service will take place Saturday, Jan. 18 at 2 p.m. at the Pine Baptist Church in Halfway. Arrangements are under the direction of

Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Online condolences can be made at [www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com)

### POLICE LOG

**Baker City Police Arrests, citations**  
CONTEMPT OF COURT (Baker Justice Court warrant): Jessica Dianne Stricker, 41, 1880 Plum St., 6:44 p.m. Sunday at her

home; jailed.  
VIOLATION OF RELEASE AGREEMENT (Baker County Circuit Court warrant): Lacey Marie Foersterling, 20, 305 Fourth St., 4:14 p.m. Sunday in the 200 block of Campbell Street; jailed.

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF INTOXICANTS: Carl Joseph Spraw, 21, Baker City, 12:55 a.m. Saturday at Fourth and Baker streets; jailed.

FAILURE TO REGISTER AS A SEX OFFENDER (Baker County Circuit Court warrant): Amanda Marie Dixon, 1, 1560 Indiana Ave. No. 107, 12:51 p.m. Saturday at Grove and Madison streets; cited and released.

CONTEMPT OF COURT (Grant County warrant), DRIVING WHILE SUSPENDED: Matt Wayne Fitzmaurice, 42, 1680 Oak St., 2:09 p.m. Saturday in the 4000 block of Cedar Street.

HARASSMENT, STRANGULATION: Robert Edward Nichols, 32, 2425 Clark St., 12:06 p.m. Friday at his home; jailed.

OUT OF COUNTY WARRANTS: Kari Jean Morse, 33, 3610 Midway Drive, 3:56 p.m. Friday at her home.

HARASSMENT: Kenna Mariah Simonis, 23, 2920 Elm St., 6:50 p.m. Friday at her home.

**Baker County Sheriff's Office**

**Arrests, citations**  
HARASSMENT: Megan Rebecca Beam, 33, Richland, 3:16 p.m. Saturday at East Dry Creek; jailed.

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MON-THURS: (3:30) 6:30

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