

Local

BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

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.

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

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 8

■ **Baker City Council:** Work session, 5:30 p.m. City Hall, 1655 First St.

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

THURSDAY, JAN. 9

■ **Baker School Board:** Work session, 5 p.m., District Office, 2090 Fourth St.

■ **Baker City Public Works Advisory Committee:** 7 p.m., Council Chambers, 1655 First St.

FRIDAY, JAN. 10

■ **Live Music by Keith Taylor:** Ragtime piano, 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., Crossroads, 2020 Auburn Ave.; no charge.

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald January 6, 1970

The expansion of Commercial Welding's facilities in Baker was announced Wednesday afternoon by Jack Frost, co-owner. This expansion was made possible when Frost signed a perpetual contract with Union Pacific Railroad for a parcel of land between the corporation's plant and main office at 2805 Washington Ave. and the railroad tracks.

25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald January 6, 1995

Northeastern Oregon snowpacks that were near record levels in November and early December now are barely above average.

10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald January 6, 2010

Tom Fisk is used to dealing with ice that glazes Baker City streets. Ice that falls from the sky is a peskier sort of problem. Fortunately, freezing rain is an infrequent visitor here.

ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald January 7, 2019

The pickup trucks and trailers rolled across Baker City Saturday morning, stopping at every home where a fragrant green package waited outside.

At each stop Boy Scouts and adult volunteers spilled out into the chilly air and grabbed the Christmas tree, some with a few stray strands of tinsel fluttering from the branches.

The Boy Scouts annual fundraiser is a mixture of planning and a few hours of hectic activity, said Ed Hibbard, a former local Scoutmaster who's the Eastern Oregon District commissioner for the Boy Scouts of America.

The Eastern Oregon District includes Baker, Union, Grant and Wallowa counties.

Hibbard, who's been involved in this annual Christmas tree collection fundraiser for about a dozen years, said Baker City is divided into six zones, with each group of Scouts and adults assigned to one zone.

The event is unusual in that each unit keeps the money it collects from residents' donations, Hibbard said.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, Jan. 4
11 — 14 — 15 — 26 — 33 — 43
Next jackpot: \$8.3 million

POWERBALL, Jan. 4
1 — 11 — 21 — 25 — 54 PB 7
Next jackpot: \$258 million

MEGA MILLIONS, Jan. 3
37 — 41 — 42 — 53 — 63 Mega 16
Next jackpot: \$69 million

WIN FOR LIFE, Jan. 4
18 — 32 — 50 — 55

PICK 4, Jan. 5
• 1 p.m.: 6 — 8 — 5 — 5
• 4 p.m.: 4 — 7 — 7 — 7
• 7 p.m.: 1 — 8 — 3 — 8

• 10 p.m.: 2 — 8 — 1 — 9
LUCKY LINES, Jan. 5
3-6-11-14-18-24-26-31
Next jackpot: \$50,000

SENIOR MENUS

- **TUESDAY:** Breaded chicken strips, potatoes and gravy, corn, bread, carrot-raisin salad, cookies
- **WEDNESDAY:** Pot roast, parslid red potatoes baby carrots, roll, pea-and-onion salad, lemon bars

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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UPGRADES

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The locker room clocks eliminate the need for a tournament official to notify teams about the amount of time left.

The new scoreboards are slated to arrive around late January, Gonzales said.

The other major change coming to the BHS gym involves the bleachers.

Taylor said officials from the Oregon School Activities Association have talked with

tournament directors for the past three years about moving the bleachers back by one row, on each side of the gym, to create a wider buffer between the court and the bleachers.

Gonzales said the current schedule calls for the bleachers to be moved back on the east side of the gym — where the teams sit — during the third week of January.

The change on the west side probably won't happen this year, he said. The first row on that side is blocked off

during the tournaments.

The top row of bleachers will be removed, and the bleachers moved back. That will allow players and coaches to sit on chairs rather than on the first row of bleachers as is the case now. By moving the coaches and players onto chairs, there will be room for spectators to walk behind the teams rather than in front. Under the current configuration, fans have to walk on the court itself when passing in front of the teams.

Because the top row of

bleachers will be removed, spectators will no longer be able to access the main section of bleachers from the upper level, where a second, smaller set of bleachers stands, Gonzales said.

Fans sitting in the main section will have to reach their seats from the main floor.

Gonzales said the school district and Baker County Tournaments will share the cost of the bleacher changes. He didn't have an estimated cost for the work.

OBITUARIES

Hazel Gee-Allegre

Formerly of North Powder, 1933-2019

Hazel Riggs Gee-Allegre, 86, of Gresham, a former North Powder resident, died Dec. 31, 2019.

Her funeral will take place at 2 p.m. Jan. 9, with viewing from noon to 2 p.m., at Lincoln Memorial Funeral Home, 11801 S.E. Mount Scott Blvd., in Portland. There will be a reception at 3:30 p.m. at the Eagles Lodge in Gresham.

Hazel was born in North Powder on Aug. 10, 1933.

She enjoyed her career at Mount Hood Community College for 23 years, retiring in 1990. She spent much of her early retirement traveling in the motor home with Marvin. Then snowbirding with Bob.

Painting and crocheting were some of her favorite hobbies, but don't forget dancing and just having fun with her friends.

Survivors include her son, Mark Pellissier (Linda); brothers, Fred Riggs and Coy Riggs; grandchildren, Elisha Pellissier and Oren Pellissier; stepdaughter, Theresa Shirkey and her children; several great-grandchildren; and her close friend and companion, Jim Conn, and all of his family, who adopted Hazel as one of their own, as well.

Joan Fujii

Baker City, 1933-2019

Marlene Joan Fujii, 86, died from complications of lymphoma of the lungs on Dec. 19, 2019, at Meadowbrook Place in Baker City.

Joan was born on April 24, 1933, at Oroville, California, to Robert Claude McCoy and Eunice Vera Weaver McCoy. She was the oldest of three girls with one older brother, Dan. She attended grade school at Grants Pass and graduated high school in Monmouth.

In 1951, Joan married Louis Townsend. She had four sons, Raymond, Doug, Dean and Paul. She enjoyed teaching the boys and watching them learn new things. Joan lived in Oregon, Hawaii, Virginia, and Germany for 11 years with her second husband, Alan Fujii. Some of her favorite times were the years she spent in Germany. After her husband retired from the Army, they made their home in Corvallis.

During her life Joan worked a variety of jobs, which included working at a dry cleaners while in high school, at a florist shop in Germany, and at Albertsons in Corvallis. She enjoyed long walks by the river, her small garden, and lots of reading. Joan's cats were so much a part of her family, and she went above and beyond for them.

Joan is survived by her sons, Raymond Townsend of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Doug Townsend, and Paul and Debbie Townsend of Baker City; three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; her brother, Dan Skeels, and his wife,

Darlene, of Bend; her sister, Eleanor Winchester of Salem; and several nieces and nephews.

Joan was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Alan; her sister, Lyndelle McCoy; her son, Dean; and a niece, Kelly Eaton.

For those who would like to make a donation in memory of Joan, the family suggests Best Friends of Baker City 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

Ronald Hinkle

Richland, 1949-2019

Ronald Hinkle, 70, of Richland, died on Jan. 2, 2020, at Milton-Freewater Health & Rehab Center.

Ronald was born on Sept. 12, 1949, to Ledonna and Robert R. Hinkle. Ron grew up in Portland and helped on the family farm until he left home at 27 and moved to Los Angeles.

His family searched for Ron for three years until he was found in a monastery with severe head injuries of unknown cause that reduced him mentally to 5 years old. Ron was brought home to Portland and was cared for by his older brother, Bob Hinkle.

Upon the passing of his father, Bob Hinkle moved Ron and his twin brother, Don, and brother, Dick, along with his mother, LeDonna, to Richland, in 2002.

Ron enjoyed the Powder River and beautiful flowers along with his big screen TV until he suffered a stroke in 2009. At that time he was no longer able to be cared for at home and was moved to the Milton-Freewater Health and Rehab Center. He was given 2 months to live, but Ron proved them all wrong by outliving his mother and twin brother, Don, before quietly passing away.

Ron is survived by his older brother, Robert J Hinkle and his wife, Leanne, and brother, Dick Hinkle, all of Richland.

For those who would like to make a memorial donation in honor of Ron, the family suggests Creating Memories (an organization that gives children with special needs an opportunity to camp, fish, hunt, and more) 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

Jim Harrison

Richland, 1937-2019

Jim Harrison, 82, of Richland, died Dec. 27, 2019, at Boise. Jim spent the last days of his life just where he wanted to be, with his beloved wife, Dorothy, sharing their precious memories.

A funeral with military honors will take place Saturday, Jan. 11, at 11 a.m. at the Richland Christian Church. Pas-

tor Shawn Thatcher will officiate. Interment will be at Eagle Valley Cemetery in Richland. Friends are invited to join the family for a potluck reception following the service in the Eagle Valley Grange community room, at the corner of Moody Road and Main Street.

Jim was born on Aug. 21, 1937, at Nashville, Tennessee. On Nov. 21, 1975, at Vancouver, Washington, he married Dorothy, the love of his life. Jim cherished, respected and loved her more than anyone or anything in his life.

Jim's second love was the city of Richland. He discovered the community in the early 1990s when curiosity about the Brownlee Reservoir drew him to the area. Jim always said that he found home when he saw Eagle Valley. In 1995 the Harrisons bought a house in Richland and in 2000 they retired and became full-time residents.

It was at that time Jim started attending the monthly meetings of the Richland City Council. It was a time when City Hall was a small building that did not exactly sit level to the land. It did not take long before Jim found himself invested in the community. By reputation, he was known for asking questions at meetings that provoked a myriad of emotions from council members ranging from amusement to utter frustration. He found great satisfaction in projecting an opposite point of view. His objective was to encourage council members to forward thinking.

When Jim began serving on the City Council his reputation was solidified as the councilor who asked the most questions. He always explained that he did so not because he was against projects or ideas, rather because he wanted to know and he also wanted the Council to know as much as possible before making a decision. Jim often said that asking questions and listening to answers is how one learns. He was pleased if he saw frustration. It told him that everyone was thinking, learning and finding answers. He believed firmly that if one did not ask questions, correct answers were not found and nothing was resolved to achieve the best possible solution. He made no secret of the fact that he was not questioning because he was against a project or idea at all. More often than not he was in favor.

Jim served on the Council because he cared so deeply about Richland and the sustainability of the community. He appreciated, admired and cared for the people he worked with. His dedication to the position of chair of the Water Department and Sewer Department was his passion. Those departments were what he considered to be the most vital to Richland's future. His goal of seeing that the two systems were secure for the residents of Richland before he died was Jim's self-proclaimed life legacy.



Jim Harrison



Ronald Hinkle



Joan Fujii

NEWS OF RECORD

FUNERAL PENDING

Wayne Wilson: Memorial service will take place Saturday, Jan. 18, at 2 p.m. at the Pine Baptist Church in Halfway. Arrange-

ments are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Online condolences can be made at www.tamispinevalleyfuneral

home.com

POLICE LOG

Baker City Police Arrests, citations
VIOLATION OF CONDITIONAL RELEASE AGREEMENT (Deschutes County warrant): Rito Nito Gutierrez, 37, of 430 Spring Garden Ave., 8:28 p.m. Sunday, at his home; jailed.
Baker County Sheriff PROBATION VIOLATION

(Malheur County Circuit Court warrant): Lacey Dawn Kolb, 38, of Huntington, 12:45 a.m. today, at the jail where she is being held on other charges.
FAILURE TO APPEAR (Baker County warrant): Kathleen Denise Moore, 61, of Baker City, 7:30 a.m. Friday, at the sheriff's office; jailed and later granted a conditional release.

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