

# Local

## BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

### 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 Carnegie Art Center, 2020 Auburn Ave.; no charge; continues most Fridays.
- **Eagles Past Presidents Club Dinner:** 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Eagles Lodge, 2935 H St.; dinner is lasagna, salad, garlic bread and dessert for \$8; members and their guests welcome.

### SATURDAY, JAN. 12

- **Baker County Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet:** 5:30 p.m., Baker Elks Lodge, 1896 Second St.

## TURNING BACK THE PAGES

### 50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald January 9, 1970

Baker County today joined the rank of counties remonstrating out of the Intermediate Education District they were placed in by the Oregon Board of Education's IED reorganization plan last August. Robert O. Eddy, Baker County IED superintendent, was scheduled to file the remonstrance forms.

### 25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald January 9, 1995

St. Elizabeth Health Services has received a \$90,000 grant from a Reno foundation to aid the \$165,000 cost of establishing a nuclear medicine program.

### 10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald January 8, 2010

Supervisor Steve Ellis might decide by late spring how many of the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest's 4,200 miles of low-maintenance roads will be off-limits to motor vehicles.

### ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald January 9, 2019

Dave Dethloff's job is to keep a 52-mile section of Interstate 84 as safe as possible for travelers despite Baker County's occasionally polar climate.

He's sold on salt.

As the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) moves through its second winter using salt to combat snow and ice on Interstate 84 from Boardman to the Idaho border, Dethloff, who manages ODOT's Baker maintenance section near the Milepost 302 interchange in north Baker City, said salt has proved its value.

"It's incredibly effective in just about any condition," Dethloff said.

When temperatures are moderate, salt helps prevent falling snow from sticking to the freeway, he said.

And when the temperature plummets and a layer of ice forms, salt can start to melt the ice and help plows scrape it off the pavement more thoroughly and quickly.

"It's been a huge tool for us," Dethloff said. "We're getting better driveability for the public, and that's the goal."

## OREGON LOTTERY

### MEGABUCKS, Jan. 6

17 — 31 — 35 — 39 — 43 — 48  
Next jackpot: \$8.4 million

### MEGA MILLIONS, Jan. 7

25 — 40 — 41 — 52 — 56 Mega 21  
Next jackpot: \$80 million

### WIN FOR LIFE, Jan. 6

20 — 21 — 52 — 55

### PICK 4, Jan. 7

• 1 p.m.: 5 — 5 — 8 — 6  
• 4 p.m.: 7 — 0 — 7 — 2  
• 7 p.m.: 7 — 1 — 8 — 6  
• 10 p.m.: 9 — 9 — 8 — 8

### LUCKY LINES, Jan. 7

2-5-9-16-20-21-27-30  
Next jackpot: \$52,000

## SENIOR MENUS

- **THURSDAY:** Baked ham, scalloped potatoes, peas, bread, gelatin with fruit, bread pudding
- **FRIDAY:** Baked cod, cup of clam chowder, mixed vegetables, roll, coleslaw, cheesecake

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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## EXPAND

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"We weren't sure how we'd be received in Idaho," she said. "We outgrew the kiosk immediately."

The Longs found a location in Meridian, then opened another on Broadway Avenue in Boise.

"That one used to be a jewelry store so it's a gorgeous building," Jenny Long said.

The Longs run the stores in Sumpter,

Ontario, Meridian and Boise. The three newest stores — in La Grande, Nampa and Idaho Falls — are licensed locations.

The expansion to trademark Nugget CBD and the logo came when the Longs were approached by a man from Idaho Falls about opening a store there.

"When we opened at the mall we got media attention that went far and wide," Jenny Long said.

The licensed locations all carry the Nugget CBD logo along with the city

name unique to each location. Although she isn't involved in daily operations at those shops, the Longs still have a connection to each store.

"We supply the product and assistance," she said.

Each store employs about five people. The inventory is the same at all Nugget locations. Information about products, locations and hours can be found on the website [www.nuggetcbd.com](http://www.nuggetcbd.com).

Each store also has its own Facebook page.

## COUNCIL

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Haynes' late father, Dick Haynes, served on the City Council and promoted many civic projects.

Richard Haynes also included with his application a petition of support for his candidacy signed by 18 city residents.

### Larry Morrison

Morrison, a retired teacher and small business owner, is a 1968 Baker High School graduate. He served two terms as a city councilor in Island City before moving

back to Baker City.

"Being away for 35 years I could share ideas from other areas," Morrison wrote in his application. "Also I would appreciate the opportunity to give back to the community I grew up in."

### Jason Spriet

Spriet, who is the East Region manager for the Oregon Water Resources Department, wrote in his application that he wants to "build positive relationships with the city employees as well as the citizens of Baker City" and to "develop transparency between citizens and city

functions."

Spriet, who grew up in Baker City and has served on the Baker County Planning Commission, wrote that he believes his "experience and professional career in the city has given me a unique perspective that can positively influence the community."

### James C. Thomas

Thomas, a maintenance worker at the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center, is a Baker High School graduate and a former City Council member, having been elected to a four-year term in the No-

vember 2014 election.

"If appointed to fill the remainder of the open position, I believe I would be an asset to the Council because I already have knowledge of how the Council works," Thomas wrote in his application.

Thomas also has served on the city's Public Works Advisory Council.

He resigned in August 2018, two days after pleading guilty to driving under the influence of intoxicants in June 2019.

In his application Thomas wrote that "a major lapse in judgement forced me to resign."

## APPEAL

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Verizon appealed the Planning Commission's ruling to the City Council.

Councilors were scheduled to consider the appeal starting at 7 p.m. Tuesday at City Hall.

Kerns said the meeting will be rescheduled, but no date or time had been set as of this morning.

The city's zoning rules allow Verizon to build a tower up to 50 feet tall on the industrial property just north

of D Street.

But according to the company's application, engineers determined that a 70-foot tower is the minimum required to meet Verizon's goal of correcting a gap in cell coverage and adding to its capacity in the city.

Several residents who testified at Planning Commission hearings said the tower, even with the addition of green "branches" designed to make the tower resemble a pine tree, would mar their views.

A majority of the Planning Commission determined that

it was not possible to mitigate the tower's visual effects without limiting its height.

In his appeal, Connors wrote that by denying the 70-foot tower the city would violate the Federal Telecommunications Act by "prohibiting the provision of wireless services in the City."

Connors also wrote in the appeal that if the city denies Verizon's application, "it would be virtually impossible for Verizon to site a tower to resolve the significant gap in coverage and capacity in the City."

Connors also cited court decisions as precedent giving wireless companies "a considerable amount of discretion" in determining whether a gap in cell coverage justifies the construction of a tower.

Alan Blair, the longtime chairman of the Planning Commission who retired Dec. 31, was one of the five who voted to deny Verizon's application.

Blair said he believes the Commission followed the city's zoning rules in rejecting the request based on the tower's effects on views.

## OBITUARY

### Donald Nice

Baker City, 1942-2019

Donald M. "Don" Nice, 77, of Baker City, died Dec. 18, 2019, at St. Alphonsus Medical Center in Baker City.

There will be a public celebration of his life in the spring.

Donald was born on June 14, 1942, at La Grande. He was the only son of Malcolm and Joyce Nice. He spent his early years on the family farm at Wolf Creek along with his sisters, Geri and Ann.

Don attended all 12 years of schooling at North Powder graduating from Powder Valley High in 1960. While attending school, Don participated in many sports, especially basketball. That experience nurtured a lifelong love of sports. Don was also active in FFA.

After high school, Don worked many years farming his own land and also

working for other ranchers in the area. He raised cattle and sheep while also growing grain and hay. He was especially knowledgeable about cattle.

Don met and married the love of his life, Cynthia, in 1978. Cynthia and her two children, Shantel and Jason, moved from Louisiana to North Powder. They lived several years on Wolf Creek while Don continued farming and also working at the lumber mill in North Powder.

When the mill closed, Don became employed at Marvin Wood Product in Baker City. Cynthia fell ill and passed away in 2005. Both Don and Cynthia had the love and support of family, friends and Marvin Wood employees during those difficult years.

Don missed Cynthia immensely but continued his life working at Marvin Wood Products, which he loved. He also continued his love of sports by watching or listening to every Blazer, Dodger, and Oregon State game that aired. Don

enjoyed hunting and fishing as a young man. Later, he enjoyed just being in the woods picking berries and mushrooms while observing the wildlife.

Don was preceded in death by his parents, Malcolm and Joyce Nice; and his wife, Cynthia.

Survivors include his sisters, Geri Dodge (Clint) and Ann, both of Portland; and Cynthia's children, Shantel and Jason, in Louisiana.

Other immediate family include his beloved nieces and nephews: Debora Speciale (Jim), Bill Dodge (Deborah), Mike Dodge (Anne), Angie Nice, and Christy Clark (Richard) all of Portland.

Memorial contributions may be made to Baker County Meals on Wheels through Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814.

To light a candle in memory of Don, or to leave a condolence for the family, go to [www.grayswestco.com](http://www.grayswestco.com)

## FUNERAL PENDING

**James Harrison:** His funeral will be Saturday, Jan. 11, at 11 a.m. at the Richland Christian Church. Pastor Shawn Thatcher will officiate. Friends are invited to join the family for a potluck reception after the service at the Eagle Valley Grange (corner of Moody and Main streets in Richland). 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)

**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.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com)

## POLICE LOG

**Baker City Police Arrests, citations**  
PROBATION VIOLATION and UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF METHAMPHETAMINE (Baker County warrant): Kirk William Roberts, 56, of Baker City, 4:31 p.m. Tuesday, in the 2200 block of Broadway Street; jailed.  
DRIVING WHILE OPERATOR'S LICENSE SUSPENDED and RECKLESS DRIVING: Jacob

Snider, 35, of Baker City, 7:08 a.m. Monday, at Campbell and Grove streets; cited and released.  
FAILURE TO APPEAR (Multnomah County warrant): Nicole Kerri Morris, 30, of Baker City, 4:15 p.m. Monday, in the 2400 block of 10th Street; jailed.

## Crime report

SECOND-DEGREE BURGLARY: A burglary that took place upstairs in Building 5 at the Sunridge Inn was reported about 12:30 p.m. Monday, said Police Chief Ray Duman. The door of the building was forced open and burglars then pried open the locks on the washing machine and the coin dispensing machine

housed in the building, Duman said. The total loss, including damage to the door and machines and theft of coins in the machines, is estimated at \$1,230. The investigation is continuing.

## Baker County Sheriff's Office

**Arrests, citations**  
FAILURE TO APPEAR (Union County warrant): Nathan Lee Jones, 44 of Baker City, 5:15 p.m. Tuesday, at the jail where he is being held on other charges.  
PROBATION VIOLATION (Baker County warrant): Sheryl Lynn Griffith, 50, of John Day, 10:06 a.m. Monday, at the sheriff's office; jailed and later released.

## Best Friends of Baker Saturday Market

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