

Local

BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

FRIDAY, FEB. 21

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

TUESDAY FEB. 25

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

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 26

■ **Baker City Tree Board:** 5:30 p.m., Conference Room at City Hall, 1655 First St.

MONDAY, MARCH 2

■ **Haines Fire Protection District Board:** 6 p.m. at the Haines Library.

TUESDAY, MARCH 3

■ **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, MARCH 4

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

■ **National Oregon Trail Interpretive Center Free Fee Day:** Open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily; information: 541-523-1843.

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald February 20, 1970

Anthony Lakes Ski Resort will be open Monday in honor of George Washington's birthday, which falls on Sunday.

25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald February 20, 1995

The U.S. Forest Service has canceled its \$1.4 million contract with an Idaho company to pave a road, build three viewpoints and improve three trailheads on the Oregon rim of Hells Canyon.

10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald February 19, 2010

State biologists recently attached tracking collars to three wolves from a Wallowa County pack, a project that will help biologists follow the movements of the pack that is the largest in Oregon, comprising an estimated 10 animals.

ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald February 20, 2019

An alert Durkee resident who noticed a car parked in the driveway of a home that was supposed to be empty, and then went to the house armed with a shotgun, led to the arrest of two Idaho residents on trespassing and other charges Monday night.

Olive Phillips, a commercial truck driver, noticed the car in the driveway when he exited Interstate 84 at Durkee, an unincorporated community about 23 miles southeast of Baker City.

The house belongs to a relative of Phillips' wife, Lessie. Cindy Fortin, who is the Phillipases' neighbor, said Lessie called her and asked her to drive her to the home, which is just across the freeway, on Vandecar Road.

Fortin said they jotted down the car's license number and also saw at least one person, a man, inside the home, which was dimly lit.

They returned to their homes, and Phillips called Baker County Dispatch.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, Feb. 17

21 — 25 — 26 — 29 — 41 — 48
Next jackpot: \$4.4 million

MEGA MILLIONS, Feb. 18

6 — 12 — 39 — 61 — 70 Mega 4
Next jackpot: \$50 million

WIN FOR LIFE, Feb. 17

17 — 36 — 70 — 76

PICK 4, Feb. 18

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

LUCKY LINES, Feb. 18

• 10 p.m.: 3 — 4 — 4 — 8
25-9-15-18-22-26-32
Next jackpot: \$49,000

SENIOR MENUS

- **FRIDAY:** Chili cheeseburger on a bun, potato wedges, peas, coleslaw, tapioca
- **MONDAY (Feb. 24):** Chicken ala king over a biscuit, mixed vegetables, pasta salad, lemon bar
- **TUESDAY (Feb. 25):** Chicken-fried beef steak, potatoes and gravy, corn, bread, fruit cup, brownie
- **WEDNESDAY (Feb. 26):** Pork pot roast, parsleyed red potatoes, green beans, roll, pea-and-onion salad, birthday cake
- **THURSDAY (Feb. 27):** Salisbury steak, potatoes and gravy, mixed vegetables, roll, fruit ambrosia, 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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Immunization exclusion day passes

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The Baker County Health Department mailed out 451 letters earlier this month notifying parents that their children would not be allowed to attend school unless their immunization records were brought up to date or an exemption form was provided.

Wednesday was the day students were scheduled to be excluded from classes unless they met one of those requirements, said Nancy Staten, Health Department director.

"Children out of compliance will be sent home," she said. "So hopefully they get immunized."

A last-minute walk-in immunization clinic was scheduled Feb. 14 and another for Wednesday, with students welcomed for immunizations

between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the Health Department. Twenty-four students received immunizations during Friday's walk-in clinic.

Of the total 451 students who were sent letters, 311 of them (nearly 70%) attend the Baker Web Academy in various locations throughout the state, Staten said. While most of those students do not live in Baker County, there is some overlap, she said.

A total of 140 letters were sent to area residents, including 25 in the Pine Eagle School District at Halfway, 16 to Huntington students and just one to a student in the Burnt River School District at Unity, Staten said.

Since 2016, Oregon parents have had the option of applying for a nonmedical exemption from the state's immunization requirements. Here are the two ways to

qualify for the nonmedical exemption, Staten said:

- Watch an online vaccine education video and submit a certificate of completion.
- Talk to a healthcare provider and have him or her sign a Vaccine Education Certificate.

Once those documents are presented to the schools, children may attend classes without having up-to-date immunizations.

Although there was some effort in last year's legislative session to drop the non-medical exemption because of a measles outbreak in the state, the measure was killed to settle a political struggle between Democrats and Republicans. Democrats agreed to drop the bill that would have allowed exemptions only if immunizations posed medical danger to children. And for their part, Republi-

cans agreed to end a week-long walkout at the Capitol linked to the proposed cap and trade bill, which also did not pass, and return to Salem to approve a \$2 billion school funding tax package.

Staten said students coming to the Health Department for immunizations should bring the letter notifying them of the pending exclusion date, their immunization records and their insurance card.

No one will be refused service based on an inability to pay, Staten said. A \$21.96 administrative fee is collected from those who are uninsured and cannot pay the full amount. In those cases, the state pays the cost of the vaccine.

And if the administrative fee is unaffordable, the immunizations will be provided without charge, Staten said.

OBITUARIES

'Connie' Melo

Formerly of Huntington, 1931-2020

Constance "Connie" Griffith Melo, 88, died peacefully on Feb. 6, 2020.

There will be a celebration of life for family and friends this summer.

Arrangements were by Crown Memorial in Salem.

Connie was born on May 31, 1931, at Huntington to Clarence and Fuchsia Griffith. Connie graduated from Huntington High School in 1949 and attended Oregon State University where she was a member of the Pi Beta Phi sorority. She was an accomplished vocalist and pianist and music was one of her greatest joys in life.

Connie met Leland Wood in Baker City and they were wed in June of 1950. Together they had four children, Landon, Jordan, Wendy and Tracy Wood. After their divorce, she moved to Salem with her four children and started a long career working at the Oregon State Legislature. She was a secretary and assistant to Senators Betty Roberts and Ken Jernstedt. She remained active in politics her whole life.

She then met and married Edward Ohanian of Fresno, California, and together they opened and operated a men's clothing store in Salem for many years called the Slack Shack. She enjoyed the entrepreneurial lifestyle and working in the fashion industry. They divorced in the '70s, and in 1982 she met Ruben Melo of Monterey, Mexico, and they were together until his death in 2015. They opened a resale store in Keizer called Connie's Resale and worked there several years. After retiring, they enjoyed traveling, especially to Mexico and also danced weekly at the Keizer Area Senior Center.

Connie is survived by her sisters, Autumn Stace of Redmond and Gail Cook of Portland; her brother, Walter Griffith, and his wife, Sharon of Lincoln City; her sons Landon and Jordan Wood of Alamogordo, New Mexico; her daughters, Wendy Buchheit and her husband, Lon, of McMinnville, and Tracy Anderson and her husband, Greg, of Houston; 10 grandchildren: Karen, Sarah, Luke, Natalie, Jackie, Heidi, Steele, Sarah, Sterling and Stone; 23 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Connie was preceded in death by her parents, Clarence Griffith and Fuchsia Prindiville; her brother, David Griffith; and her grandson, Nolan Wood.

Connie loved her family more than anything else and will be forever in our hearts.

Jacob Woolard

Formerly of Baker City, 1989-2020

Jacob Daniel Woolard, 30, formerly of Baker City, died Jan. 27, 2020, at his home in Anchorage, Alaska.

A celebration of life service will take place on April 4 at 11 a.m. at the Baker Elks Lodge, 1896 Second St.

Jake was incredibly loved, and is known for his passions of fishing, reading, exploring, and spending time with his friends and loved ones. Jake touched many lives with his unique humor, intelligence, and love for people and animals.

Jake was born on June 25, 1989, at La Grande to Mary Colton and Bryan Woolard. He grew up in Baker City and graduated from Baker High School in 2007. He enjoyed working for the

YMCA helping youth, participated in Bel Canto choir, was a member of the swim team, and played as center on the football team. After graduating from Baker High School, he fought wildfires for a year before moving to Alaska with the help of his uncle Ken Colton, where he worked for GCI.

His love for the outdoors drew him to Alaska, where he could camp, hunt, fish, and explore the unknown.

Jake met the love of his life in Alaska and together they built their future. Jake and Janie were married on May 12, 2018, followed by an adventurous honeymoon in Hawaii. Together they had a beautiful baby, June Woolard, which highlighted the happiest time period of Jake's life. He was a proud father and husband who traveled often to visit family and loved every minute he got to spend with the people he loved.

A life gone too soon, it is with a heavy heart that we say goodbye to Jake Woolard, who passed away unexpectedly at the young age of 30, his family and friends said.

He is survived by his wife, Janie Woolard; his daughter, June Woolard; his mother, Mary Colton (Eric Labonte), and father, Bryan Woolard (Christie); his siblings, Chelsy Groat (Jeremy), Lisa Kennedy (Zechariah), Jon Woolard (Meranda), Donald Mettler, Anthony Shankle (Kristen), and Jazmine Labonte; as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles, and grandparents, all who he was very close to and loved dearly.

If you would like to donate to Jake's memorial fund, there is a bank account in Jake's name at Banner Bank, and there is a Go Fund Me page as well. All donations are very appreciated at www.gofundme.com/f/support-for-jacob-woolards-baby-bear-amp-wife-janie

NEWS OF RECORD

FUNERALS PENDING

Richard 'Dick' Wilson: A celebration of his life will take place Monday, Feb. 24, at 11 a.m. at the Baker City Christian Church, 675 Highway 7. A reception will immediately follow at the church. Dick requested memorial contributions to the Baker City Fire/Ambulance or Baker City Christian Church through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services, P.O. Box 543, Halfway, OR 97834. Online condolences can be made at www.tamis-pinevalleyfuneralhome.com

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Ernest 'Ernie' Metcalf: His memorial service will take place on Saturday, Feb. 29, at 1:30 p.m. at the Baker City Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 975 S. Bridge St. The family suggests memorial contributions to the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home and Cremation Services, P.O. Box 543, Halfway, OR 97834. Online condolences may be made at www.tamis-pinevalleyfuneralhome.com

POLICE LOG

Baker City Police Arrests, citations

THEFT III (Baker County Justice Court warrant): Alen Thomas Brown, 19, of Baker City, 9:08 p.m. Monday, in the 2900 block of Elm Street; cited and released.

PROBATION VIOLATION (Baker County warrant): Kenny Lee Hellman, 51, of Baker City, 12:21 p.m. Tuesday, at 1188 Washington Ave.; jailed.

PROBATION VIOLATION (Baker County detainer): Tattiana

Gabriel McKenzie, 26, of 2707 Third St., 2:27 p.m. Tuesday, at Wade Williams Field; jailed.

Crime reports

FIRST-DEGREE BURGLARY: At Wild Lotus Yoga Studio, 2820 Broadway St.; the business is owned by Desiree and Barry Macy of Baker City; police said Desiree Macy reported at 6:22 p.m. Tuesday that burglars entered the building by force in the back alley and took several items.

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