

Local

BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

Baker School Board: 6 p.m., Council chambers at Baker City Hall, 1655 First St.; meeting rescheduled from third Thursday of the month.

FRIDAY, MARCH 13

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

MONDAY, MARCH 16

Baker School Board: Work session, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., at South Baker Intermediate School, 1285 Third St.

TUESDAY, MARCH 17

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 19

Baker Rural Fire Protection District Board: 5:30 p.m. at the Pocahontas Fire Station.

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald March 13, 1970

SALEM (UPI) — Last month the state of Oregon pumped \$5 million in “paychecks” into the local economy through the state. The \$5,035,761 paid out by the state in February represented unemployment checks.

25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald March 13, 1995

An anticipated month-long layoff at Ellingson Lumber Co. will affect about 130 of the firm’s 165 employees.

The last shifts will be Tuesday evening, said Rob Ellingson, president and general manager of the company, Baker County’s second-largest private employer next to St Elizabeth Health Services. This will be Ellingson’s first shutdown since 1982.

10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald March 12, 2010

After years, and in some cases decades of planning, Baker City is undergoing one of its largest parks and street improvement campaigns since the gold mining heyday more than a century ago when the town blossomed into what became known as the Queen City of the Mines.

ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald March 13, 2019

The Baker City Council on Tuesday voted 5-0 to approve the final reading of a revised property maintenance ordinance that gives the Baker Justice Court judge the authority to block residents, and others, from properties the judge deems “chronic neighborhood nuisances” based on criteria in the ordinance.

The city would have to ask the judge to make such a determination.

Mayor Loran Joseph and Councilor Ken Gross were absent Tuesday due to previous engagements.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, March 9

6 - 19 - 24 - 37 - 42 - 45
Next jackpot: \$5.8 million

MEGA MILLIONS, March 10

6 - 17 - 48 - 54 - 69 Mega 12
Next jackpot: \$80 million

WIN FOR LIFE, March 9

4 - 20 - 53 - 66

PICK 4, March 10

• 1 p.m.: 8 - 8 - 2 - 3
• 4 p.m.: 5 - 8 - 1 - 3
• 7 p.m.: 4 - 6 - 9 - 6
• 10 p.m.: 9 - 2 - 0 - 8

LUCKY LINES, March 10

2-7-11-14-20-21-27-29
Next jackpot: \$13,000

SENIOR MENUS

FRIDAY: Baked cod, cup of clam chowder, mixed vegetables, roll, coleslaw, apple crisp

MONDAY (March 16): Chicken broccoli Alfredo over fettuccine, mixed vegetables, biscuit, fruit cup, brownie

TUESDAY (March 17): Corned beef and cabbage, parslied red potatoes, carrots, roll, pea-and-onion salad, ice cream

WEDNESDAY (March 18): Breaded chicken strips, potatoes and gravy, green beans, roll, broccoli-bacon salad

THURSDAY (March 19): Barbecued meatballs, rice pilaf, corn, bread, fruit ambrosia, cinnamon roll

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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OBITUARIES

Larry Cole

Haines, 1936-2020

Judge Larry D. Cole, 83, of Haines, died March 3, 2020, at his home.

A Service of Remembrance will take place at 1 p.m., Thursday, March 19, at the Baker City Church of the Nazarene, 1250 Hughes Lane. Afterward, there will be a procession to the Haines Cemetery for a graveside service followed by a reception at the Church of the Nazarene Fellowship Hall. All are welcome.

On Sept. 27, 1936, Daniel and Gladys Cole brought Larry Daniel Cole into this world at Baker City. After graduating from Baker High School, Larry pursued his passion for service and enlisted in the United States Navy and primarily served on the USS Henrico. During his active service, Larry diligently honed skills in hydraulics and heavy equipment diesel mechanic work.

After his active service, he worked for Lever Brothers in Southern California. Four years later, Larry moved to North Powder, and began working in the logging industry at North Powder Pine. Soon after, a resounding call of opportunity and adventure rang from the last frontier: Thorne Bay, Alaska. Larry jumped at the chance and moved his growing family to work at a logging camp for Ketchikan Pulp.

His primary duty for the camp was to troubleshoot and maintain the hydraulic turbines that provided the much-needed electricity for a camp of roughly 1,000 residents.

Larry took great pride in providing for his family, every job he held was an opportunity to do just that. He worked as a diesel mechanic and made many friends through the years at Brookshire Logging, Union County shops, Eagle Truck & Machine and Cole Brother’s American Service.

HERE COMES THE JUDGE:

After a six-month courtship, Larry married Maxine J. Lockhorst in Chino, California, on January 29, 1971, the love of his life for 49 years.

In 1974, Larry Cole phased into the judicial system when he took the part-time position in Union as a municipal judge. He held that position for 20 years.

In 1986, Judge Larry Cole was elected by the people of Baker County and officially became a full-time Justice of the Peace. In his time on the bench,

Judge Cole became a fixture in the community. He held law enforcement officers to a high standard and respected every individual who professionally represented the Oregon legal system.

Judge Cole humbly accepted many merit awards. The list includes: Baker County, the Oregon State Bar, National Judges Association, and the Oregon Justices of the Peace Association.

In 1995, the National Judges Association awarded the Kenneth L. MacEachern Award for outstanding service as a Non-Attorney Judge. Judge Cole was honored to receive nominations from across the United States.

In his 32 years on the bench, Judge Cole received honors and praise by the public he served and the peers he respected. Judge Cole retired in 2007 believing two truths: “One Nation, Under God” and “In God We Trust.”

Hobbies and family life kept his heart and mind full in retirement. Larry had a deep-seated love for aviation, military and family history. He refurbished and gifted and sold naval clocks, barometers and pocket watches.

Many of his grandchildren were gifted model airplanes that are still on display in their homes today. He loved to exercise his love for the Second Amendment by teaching his family and friends how to shoot responsibly. Many of his grandchildren caught their first fish or took their first deer with his hand on their shoulder. He consistently referred to the great outdoors as “God’s Country.” He taught all his loved ones to appreciate the time they had in it.

Some of the best memories of Larry are full of laughter and stories told around the family dinner table. Even in retirement, Larry never settled with the knowledge he gained. He consistently sharpened his mind in many fields.

He even went so far as to build an airplane engine just to pass the time. He loved being surrounded by family and trading stories with his children and grandchildren. He passes down a legacy full of love and respect.

A loving husband, he leaves his wife of 49 years, Maxine J. Cole; his brothers, Ralph (Gloria) and Clifford (Debbie) Cole; and sister, April (Ron) Nagy; his children, Julie-Anne Long, Paul (Julie) Cole, Janet Johnson, Dawn (Don) O’Grady, Olivia (Elliott) Donald. In his passing, he also leaves behind a legacy of grandchildren: Gabriel, Joshua and Jonah Morgan, Can-

dace and David Hamilton, Paul David and Danny Cole, Casey Marlar, Taylor Johnson, Tanner and Colby O’Grady, Connor, Quinton, and Phoebe Donald; 19 great-grandchildren; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Northeast Oregon Compassion Center through Coles Tribute Center, 1950 Place St., Baker City, Oregon 97814.

To light a candle in memory of Larry, or to leave a condolence for the family, go to www.celestributecenter.com

John Leonard

Baker City, 1930-2020

John C. Leonard, 89, died Feb. 28, 2020, at his residence in Baker City.

There will be a private memorial service at the Leonard’s Mini Ranch in the summer of 2020.

John was born on July 15, 1930, at Cottage Grove to John Brighton Leonard and Lois (Compton) Leonard. He graduated from Cottage Grove High School in 1948, and he served with the United States National Guard Reserves for four years.

Out of high school, John went to work at a sawmill in Cottage Grove. He worked with the sawyer adjusting the saw blades to get the most lumber out of the log.

It was a hot, noisy job where the sawyer and John could only communicate using hand signals. While doing this work, John noticed log trucks coming and going, delivering logs to the mill.

He set his sights on driving the log trucks rather than staying in the mill. A few years later, John purchased his first log truck and began hauling logs.

Around 1962, John and Pat moved to the dry side of Oregon and purchased the 88-Cent Store in Baker City. Together they operated the store for 36 years, over time the name of the store changed, and it came to be known as Leonard’s Idea Shop. John and Pat closed the store in 1997.

While operating a store in town, John and Pat also owned and operated a quarter horse ranch where they bred, raised, and trained quarter horses. It was a family affair as all the Leonard children pitched in by doing all the chores associated with the ranch. These quarter horses were not just for riding, though; they were for racing.

For many years they raced the horses all up and down the West Coast, putting out many top-notch horses. The first big winner, a stud named Party’s Jet, won many races for the

Leonards. They figured nothing would top that horse.

Then along came Party Street, an awesome mare who broke track records all over Washington, Oregon, Idaho and California. Many of her records still stand today.

John felt blessed and was very proud of his family’s success on his little mini horse ranch located in Baker City.

In his spare time, John was a dedicated Lion for over 45 years; he volunteered for many Lions service projects, fundraisers and events. He was the best a Lion could be and will be missed by Lions Club members and the community he served through the Lions.

John is survived by his wife, Patsy Leonard of Baker City; sons, Brad Leonard of Scio, Kirk Leonard of La Grande and Rory Leonard of Baker City; a daughter, Shan Wattenburger of Redmond; and four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Baker City Lions Club through Gray’s West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814.

To light a candle in memory of John or to leave a condolence for the family, go to www.grayswestco.com.

Hazel Hansen

Formerly of Baker City, 1933-2020

Hazel Esther Hansen, age 86, formerly of Baker City died March 3, 2020, at her residence at Pacifica Senior Living Portland.

Hazel was born on Aug. 14, 1933, at Boise to Wayne and Ardis (Rea) Rogers. She attended grade school at Jamieson and high school at Vale.

She worked as a dietary aid at St. Elizabeth Hospital and manager at the Royal Motor Inn. On Feb. 14, 1995, Hazel married Norman Hansen at the McEwen Church.

Survivors include her daughter, Glenda Oglesbee and son, Randy Oglesbee both of Portland; brother and sister-in-law, Lloyd and LaDonna Rogers of Weiser, Idaho; brother and sister-in-law, Keith and Marlene Rogers of Baker City; two grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Norman Hansen; and her son, Danny Oglesbee.

Memorial contributions in memory of Hazel may be made to the Doernbecher Children’s Hospital through Gray’s West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814.

To light a candle in memory of Hazel, or to leave a condolence for the family, go to www.grayswestco.com

NEWS OF RECORD

FUNERALS PENDING

Tara Lee Warren: Her memorial service will take place at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 21, at Gray’s West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave. There will be a reception afterward at

2525 College St. in Baker City. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Ronald McDonald House or to a charity of one’s choice through Gray’s West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814. To light a candle in memory of Tara, or to leave a

condolence for the family, go to www.grayswestco.com

Ray Zacccone: A memorial service and celebration of Ray’s life, with military honors and a potluck, will be Friday, March 27, at 2 p.m. at the Halfway Lions Hall. The family suggests memorial contributions in Ray’s

name to the 173rd Airborne Brigade, or VFW Post No. 7847, through Tami’s Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Online condolences may be made at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com

POLICE LOG

Baker County Sheriff’s Office

Arrests, citations
PROBATION VIOLATION (Baker County Circuit Court): Jarrod Beau Linscott, 43, of 40220 Pocahontas Road, 10:51 a.m. Monday, at the Sheriff’s Office; jailed.

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF INTOXICANTS and HARASSMENT (Deschutes County warrant): Jeffrey Allen Barlow, 53, of La Pine, 1:13 a.m. Tuesday, on Highway 30 at the north Baker City limits; jailed.

SECOND-DEGREE THEFT (Baker County Circuit Court warrant): Kathleen Denise Moore, 61, of 1015 Walnut St., 6:41 a.m. Tuesday, at the Sheriff’s Office; jailed and later released on bail.

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