

# Local

## BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

### TUESDAY, MARCH 24

■ **Baker City Council:** Canceled.

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

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

### MONDAY, APRIL 6

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

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

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

### MONDAY, APRIL 13

■ **Baker County Library Board:** 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Riverside meeting room at the library, 2400 Resort St.

■ **Medical Springs Rural Fire Protection District Board:** 7 p.m. at the Pondosa Station.

## TURNING BACK THE PAGES

### 50 YEARS AGO

from the Democrat-Herald  
March 24, 1970

POTLAND (UPI) — A panel of three federal judges Tuesday ordered the state not to make any cuts in welfare grants for 90 days or until the court acts further.

Gov. Tom McCall said the action imperils the fiscal ability of the state.

### 25 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald  
March 24, 1995

The Wallowa-Whitman National Forest's headquarters are in Baker City's federal building, a structure that's as sterile-looking as an operating room and as bland as a baby's rice cereal.

But the agency's new reception area on the first floor actually looks and smells like a forest.

### 10 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald  
March 24, 2010

More than 100 people sought to learn more about wolves Tuesday during a screening of the film "Lords of Nature: Life in a Land of Great Predators."

The documentary, shown for free at the Eltrym Theater, was brought to Baker City by Northeastern Oregon Ecosystems.

### ONE YEAR AGO

from the Baker City Herald  
March 25, 2019

A bill in the Oregon Legislature could cause the Baker County Road Department to replace about 40 of its on-road vehicles in the next 10 years.

House Bill 2007 would require that all medium-duty and heavy-duty trucks with diesel engines registered in Oregon have an engine from the model year 2010 or newer.

Vehicle owners would have until Jan. 1, 2029, to update their fleets under the bill.

County Roadmaster Jeff Smith says that only four of the county's 40-plus trucks would comply with the bill if it took effect now. In total, the road department has 120 vehicles and at least 40 of them would be affected by the current version of the bill.

## OREGON LOTTERY

### MEGABUCKS, March 21

18 - 20 - 22 - 33 - 38 - 44

Next jackpot: \$6.3 million

### POWERBALL, March 21

2 - 23 - 40 - 59 - 69 PB 13

Next jackpot: \$150 million

### MEGA MILLIONS, March 20

34 - 35 - 41 - 45 - 54 Mega 5

Next jackpot: \$101 million

### WIN FOR LIFE, March 21

11 - 14 - 21 - 40

### PICK 4, March 22

• 1 p.m.: 3 - 9 - 3 - 3

• 4 p.m.: 0 - 8 - 9 - 3

• 7 p.m.: 9 - 1 - 9 - 8

• 10 p.m.: 2 - 2 - 8 - 0

### LUCKY LINES, March 22

3-8-12-13-19-22-25-29

Next jackpot: \$18,000

## SENIOR MENUS

■ **WEDNESDAY:** Chicken-fried chicken, rice pilaf, green beans, roll, pea-and-onion salad, birthday cake

■ **THURSDAY:** Salisbury steak, potatoes and gravy, carrots, roll, gelatin with fruit, brownie

■ **FRIDAY:** Ham and beans, mixed vegetables, cornbread, fruit ambrosia, cookie

■ **MONDAY:** Beef tip over mashed potatoes, broccoli-blend vegetabes, biscuit, cottage cheese with fruit, peach crisp

■ **TUESDAY:** Pork pot roast, parslied red potatoes, green beans, roll, green salad, 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. Reminder: Meals will be for takeout during the coronavirus crisis; no dining in the Senior Center.

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# Blood drive still on for March 30

By Lisa Britton

For the Baker City Herald

The American Red Cross blood drive set for March 30 in Baker City will continue as planned despite coronavirus concerns.

The organization is urging people to donate blood if possible to avoid a shortage during the crisis.

Appointments are available from noon to 6 p.m. at the Nazarene Church, 1250 Hughes Lane. To make, change, or cancel an appointment call Myrna Evans at 541-523-5368.

The Red Cross has put out a call for healthy individuals to donate blood.

"It's critical," Evans said of the need for blood donations.

The Red Cross is implementing extra safety measures including taking the temperature of donors when

they check in and providing hand sanitizer.

According to the Red Cross website, "Donating is a safe process and people should not hesitate to give or receive blood or platelets. Cold and flu season has already impacted the nation's ability to maintain its blood products supply. As the number of coronavirus cases grows in the U.S., the number of people eligible to give blood and platelets for patients in need could decrease further, which is why the Red Cross is urging all eligible, healthy donors to give now."

There are a few restrictions. Any donors who have traveled to China, Iran, Italy or South Korea needs to postpone a donation for 28 days. The same goes for anyone who has been diagnosed with coronavirus or

come in contact with a suspected or confirmed case.

### WHO CAN DONATE?

People can donate blood every 56 days. To be eligible, you must be in good health and feeling well, be at least 16 years old, and weigh 110 pounds or more.

Evans said she will send emails to confirm those who already have appointments.

### ENHANCED SAFETY MEASURES

The Red Cross will provide increased education materials including information on COVID-19.

All donors will be asked to have their temperature taken before being permitted into the blood drive. Those with a temperature greater than 99.5 degrees will be asked to come back

### IF YOU GO

When: Monday, March 30, noon to 6 p.m.

Where: Nazarene Church, 1250 Hughes Lane

More info: Myrna Evans at 541-523-5368, or www.redcrossblood.org

another time.

Hand sanitizer will be available throughout the area, and donor beds will be sanitized between each donor.

To adhere to social distancing recommendations, beds will be set up to allow as much distance between donors as possible.

As for the staff, all will have their temperature checked before working, and gloves will be changed between every donor.

To learn more, visit www.redcrossblood.org.

# ODFW closes offices, makes other changes

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) has closed its offices to walk-in visitors, including the Baker City office at 2995 Hughes Lane.

Staff are still available by phone and email. The Baker City office phone number is 541-523-5832.

"We are taking these steps with the well-being of our staff and our customers in mind, and we thank you for your understanding," ODFW Director Curt Melcher said in a press release. "The closure is to avoid people standing in lines, failing to maintain social distancing or coming into close contact with staff.

Hunting and fishing seasons remain open as adopted in permanent and in-season regulations. Fish are being stocked in lakes and ponds. Fish hatcheries are closed to visitors so staff remain healthy and keep hatcheries operating.

State public health officials say that hunting, fishing, wildlife viewing

and other outdoor recreation is OK to do in small groups, provided people maintain social distance and stay home if they are sick.

ODFW is adjusting some regulations that required people to visit offices:

Some check-in requirements for bear and cougar hunters waived

Successful cougar and bear hunters are temporarily not required to check-in their animal at an ODFW office, though they do still need to report basic information about their harvest within 10 days. Hunters need to call the office in the district where they harvested their cougar or bear and report their name, ODFW ID number, date of harvest, location of harvest (wildlife management unit), sex of animal and confirmation number for electronic tags. Or, they can email all the above information to ODFW.WildlifeInfo@state.or.us

### ROADKILL PERMITS

Rules requiring that people check in roadkill parts within 5 business days have also been waived with the exception of heads with antlers from male deer and male elk. (The requirement to surrender heads with antlers is in state statute and cannot be waived by ODFW.) Roadkill permittees must call a local office to arrange surrendering antlers. Please call your local office within 5 days of salvaging roadkill to make arrangements (though the actual surrender may occur after 5 days).

### LICENSE SALES/HUNTING TAG APPLICATIONS

Sales of all hunting and fishing licenses and controlled hunt applications continue online and at license sale agents that are open. Purchase online at https://odfw.huntfishoregon.com/login

Customers who have never purchased online before, find tips at www.myodfw.com/els Don't forget to use the Verify/Look Up button to find your account if you have preference points, certifications, or have purchased an annual license since 2016 or later.

If you need assistance with online purchasing, email odfw.websales@state.or.us or call Licensing at 503-947-6101.

### SPECIAL LICENSES

Special licenses for people and veterans with disabilities can be applied for via online form and mailed; see https://myodfw.com/articles/hunters-and-anglers-disabilities for more information.

Pioneer license applications are also online at https://myodfw.com/articles/pioneer-and-other-licenses-seniors

These special licenses can be renewed online at ODFW's Licensing Page.

## NEWS OF RECORD

### DEATHS

**Loretta Cook:** 89, of Keating, died March 21, 2020, at her home. A celebration of Loretta's life will take place later, with the date and time to be announced. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Online condolences may be made at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com

**Jerry Coalwell:** 74, of Bates and John Day, died March 19, 2020, at his daughter's home in Vale. Arrangements are under the direction

of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Online condolences may be made at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com

### FUNERALS PENDING

**Ron Buxton:** Due to the coronavirus situation, Ron's family has decided to postpone the memorial service until June. Should friends and family desire, memorial contributions may be made to the family to help with his final expenses. To leave an online condolence for the family of

Ron, go to www.grayswestco.com

**Ray Zaccone:** His memorial service scheduled for Friday, March 27, has been postponed and will be rescheduled. 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 City Police

Arrests, citations

**POST-PRISON VIOLATION (Detainer):** Travis Anthony Whiting-Good, 25, of Baker City, 1:27 a.m. Sunday, in the 1700 block of Myrtle Street; jailed and later released.

**SECOND-DEGREE THEFT:** Ruth Sangston, 62, of Baker City, 9:06 p.m. Friday, in the 1100 block of Campbell Street; cited and released; police said Sangston shoplifted items valued at more than \$140 from Albertsons.

**March 24 - 30th • 8AM - 2PM**

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## Baker Circuit Court will remain open

By Chris Collins

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Baker County Circuit Court Judge Matt Shirtcliff said Monday that his courtroom, housed on the second floor of the Courthouse, will be open to attorneys and court participants for the foreseeable future.

Signs at the Courthouse direct people seeking courtroom access to enter through the basement door on the northeast side of the building. From there they can travel by elevator to the second floor of the building.

Hearings and trials have been limited by order of Oregon Chief Justice Martha Walters because of the COVID-19 outbreak.

Shirtcliff said he expects to hear more from Walters later this week on how to proceed.

In the meantime, his staff is ready to provide phone assistance with electronic document filing and to schedule hearings.

"We want people to call Circuit Court as much as possible," Shirtcliff said.

People who are not comfortable filing documents electronically are encouraged to call the Circuit Court office at 541-523-6303 to schedule an appointment with the court staff, he said.

"Access will continue, short of the chief justice shutting down the courts," Shirtcliff said.