

Local

BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

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.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15
■ **County Commissioners:** 9 a.m., Courthouse, 1995 Third St.

THURSDAY, APRIL 16
■ **Baker Rural Fire Protection District Board:** 5:30 p.m. at the Pocatontas Fire Station.

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald April 4, 1970

MILTON-FREEWATER — The Bulldogs of Baker scorched through the Mac-Hi Carnival of Speed here Friday to pile up 40 1/2 points and win first place over 33 other competing high schools.

25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald April 4, 1995

Wallowa-Whitman National Forest officials expect to offer for sale 44 million board feet of trees in timber sales in fiscal year 1995, which ends Sept. 30.

About 28 million feet will be salvage logs (dead or dying) and 16 million feet live, green trees, said Carla Tipton of the Wallowa-Whitman's timber staff.

10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald April 5, 2010

Good Friday worked out pretty well for Northeastern Oregon's mountain snowpack.

The blizzard that caused trouble for travelers — Oregon State Police temporarily closed Interstate 84 through Ladd Canyon Friday afternoon — was a boon for the snowpack, which lagged behind average during a winter that was defined by its tranquility.

ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald April 5, 2019

The community Easter egg hunt is changing hands this year as the Baker City Rotary Club takes over the annual event at Geiser-Pollman Park.

The hunt, set for Saturday, April 20, has most recently been organized by Baker City Events.

The event originally was a project of the Jaycees. In the late 1980s, the Baker City Herald took over until it came under the umbrella of Baker City Events in 2015.

This year, the Baker City Rotary Club offered to take over the event, said Lynette Perry of Baker City Events, who also coordinated the egg hunt when she worked as advertising director at the Herald.

Rotarian Chris Kommer is the event's chairperson this year.

Perry said the Rotary Club is an ideal organization to assume responsibility for the Easter egg hunt.

"I'm happy to see them take it over," she said. "It's been so much fun over the years. It's turned into such a treasured event for so many kids."

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, April 1
4 — 7 — 8 — 24 — 35 — 44
Next jackpot: \$1.8 million

POWERBALL, April 1
33 — 35 — 45 — 48 — 60 PB 16
Next jackpot: \$180 million

WIN FOR LIFE, April 1
4 — 16 — 40 — 53

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

LUCKY LINES, April 2
4-7-12-14-18-24-25-30
Next jackpot: \$16,000

SENIOR MENUS

- **MONDAY:** Chicken-fried beef steak, potatoes and gravy, corn, biscuits, cottage cheese with fruit, lemon bars
- **TUESDAY:** Meatloaf with gravy, parslied red potatoes, broccoli-blend veggies, rolls, green salad, peach crisp
- **WEDNESDAY:** Boneless chicken breasts with cream gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, beet-and-onion salad
- **THURSDAY:** Beef burgundy over fettuccine, peas, bread, fruit ambrosia, ice cream
- **FRIDAY:** Baked cod, clam chowder, mixed vegetables, rolls, 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. Due to the coronavirus crisis, meals must be picked up; there is no dining on site.

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Union County has 3 virus cases

By Phil Wright
The (La Grande) Observer

LA GRANDE — Union County has two new cases of the COVID-19 virus. One of them involves a Barreto Manufacturing crew member at the company's Hot Lake plant.

The Center for Human Development Inc., which oversees public health in the county, reported late Wednesday afternoon that the new cases bring the county's total to three. The center did not provide any information about who the victims are. Barreto Manufacturing owner Greg Barreto said the confirmation of his employee's infection came Tuesday.

The employee came down with a fever on March 20, according to the notice the company sent Wednesday to employees. However, the employee's last day at the job was March 19.

Barreto, who is in his sixth and final year as representative of Oregon House District 58, said he was in Salem when the employee called in sick with COVID-19 symptoms and promptly sought testing for the virus. But the wait time for the confirmation, Barreto said, is frustrating.

"That was nine days ago," he said Wednesday afternoon.

Barreto said Thursday will mark 14 days since the

employee was at work and no other employees have had symptoms. He also said the employee has been home and isolating and has not needed to go to the hospital. But the business has stepped up its sanitization and social distancing efforts.

"You have to do all of these things and hope for the best," he said.

Barreto Manufacturing has laid off 85 employees since mid-March due to the economic downturn from the efforts to curtail the spread of the 2019 coronavirus. Barreto said the company is operating with a skeleton crew to finish out the remaining orders.

The Center for Human

Development and the Oregon Health Authority are working to identify and isolate anyone who might have been in close contact with these individuals in the last 14 days, according to the news release from the center.

Union County Public Health Administrator Carrie Brogoitti said the number of cases in Oregon and nationwide continue to trend up.

"We are likely to see additional cases," she said in the news release, "which is why we urge Union County residents to take the steps our federal and state government has outlined to reduce the spread and minimize the risk of becoming ill with the virus."

Wyden, Merkley ask federal officials to provide aid to cattle ranchers

Oregon's U.S. senators are asking the U.S. Department of Agriculture to use money from the coronavirus relief package to help Oregon cattle ranchers.

Sens. Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley, both Democrats, signed a letter to Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue

asking that the Agriculture Department replenish the Commodity Credit Corporation and allocate additional emergency money to help ranchers affected by market volatility due to the pandemic.

The relief package that Congress passed last week

includes \$14 billion for the Commodity Credit Corporation and \$9.5 billion for the Agriculture Department to aid farmers and ranchers.

"All farmers and ranchers are vital to our country's ability to keep food on the table in a future pandemic or related crisis, and many

producers, including young producers, are often highly leveraged and cannot fall back on years of equity in a time of crisis," the letter to Perdue reads. "As such, we urge you to quickly deliver relief to producers as we work to lessen the economic impact of this pandemic."

Man applies to mine for gold in Snake River

A Western Oregon man has applied with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for permission to use a suction dredge to mine for gold in the Snake River near Oxbow in eastern Baker County.

Ken Dye of Scappoose, about 15 miles northwest of Portland, is the applicant.

Dye is proposing to use the suction dredge to pull material from the river bottom, process it and redeposit it on the bottom, according to a public notice from the Corps of Engineers.

The dredging would happen within an area about 200 feet by 380 feet, and

Dye is proposing to process up to 16,888 cubic yards of material.

The suction dredge would include a floating sluice box with a single 4-inch main dredge line, a pair of 2.5-inch suction lines and a 6-inch return line.

The dredge would be mounted on a converted twin-pontoon fishing platform, with an extra pontoon added to accommodate the weight of the mining equipment, according to the application.

The Corps of Engineers will decide whether to give Dye a mining permit

based on "an evaluation for the probable impact, including cumulative impacts, of the (mining) on the public interest," according to the public notice.

Public comments are due by April 27 and can be mailed or emailed. Comments must include the application reference number — NWP-2019-175.

The mailing address is U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Regulatory Branch, Mr. Brad Johnson, P.O. Box 2946, Portland, OR 97208-2946. The email address is Brad.A.Johnson2@usace.army.mil

OBITUARY

Betty Myers

Baker City, 1939-2020

Betty Myers, 80, a longtime resident of Baker City, died March 30, 2020, at her home in Baker City.

A celebration of life will be scheduled later.

Betty Jane Myers was born on July 21, 1939, at Baker City to Ralph and Gladys Byrne. Betty attended Goose Creek School until it closed in 1949 when Keating Elementary opened. She attended Keating Elementary through the eighth grade and then continued her education at Baker Middle School and

Baker High School.

Betty met Carl Delano Myers one fateful day when he was driving his car in Baker. He gave Betty a ride and the rest is history!



Betty Myers

Betty and Carl were married on July 10, 1955, at Pacific City, Washington, by the justice of the peace. Carl had to pay him \$5 to marry them. They quickly had sons Ben, Fred, Mike, and Dave in the first four years of marriage. Thirteen years later they had Jack.

In 1957, they returned to Baker City. In 1962 they purchased the home that they raised their family in. Betty managed the books for her husband's construction company, Myers Construction, as well as her son's carpet company, Ben Myers

Floor Covering.

Betty enjoyed genealogy, flower pressing, gardening, roses, Indian paintbrush and lupines, feeding the birds and going for drives with her husband to look for wildlife. Above all, she was immensely proud of the family she created with Carl and relished spending time with them.

You would often find the boys and their families hanging out together at the house. Betty was the best listener and would listen to problems or stories without judgment. She was equally as strong-willed and stubborn as she needed to be to raise five boys. We will fondly miss hearing Betty ask, "Where did I put my coffee cup?"

Betty was preceded in death by parents, Ralph and Gladys Byrne; great-grandson, Cooper Lane; brothers Bob, Ralph "Tiny," and Joe

Byrne; sisters, Freda Byrne, Ada Patton, and Myrtle Whittaker.

Survivors include her husband, Carl Myers of Baker City; sons, Ben (Shane) Myers of La Grande, Fred (Jarma) Myers of Baker City, Mike (Susan) of Baker City, Dave (Shelly) of Lake Forest, California, and Jack (Toni) of Baker City; twin sister, Bonnie Dunn of Union; grandchildren, Andrew, Desiree, Brian, Zachary, Luke, Samantha, Mandy, Jeremy, Hannah, Joshua, Baylee, and Blaine Myers; and 21 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorial contributions to Hilary's Benevolent Fund through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home and Cremation Services, P.O. Box 543, Halfway, OR 97834. Online condolences may be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com



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