

Local & State

BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

MONDAY, APRIL 13
■ **Baker County Library Board:** Public web conference through GoToMeeting, 6 p.m. Public can join meeting by phone by calling 1-312-757-3121 and entering access code 222-438-445; for information on accessing the meeting by computer, send an email to info@bakerlib.org

TUESDAY, APRIL 14
■ **Baker City Council:** 7 p.m., 1655 First St.; councilors, city staff and six community members allowed to attend; or watch remotely on AVCapture at <https://bakercity.com/2173/Council-Videos>

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald April 10, 1970

The Baker 5J School District’s budget for 1970-71 school year was increased \$75,000 Tuesday night by its budget board to enable the district to handle the additional 90 students that are enrolled at St. Francis Academy at present. The proposed budget as adopted by the budget board stands at \$2,376,771.

25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald April 10, 1995

Imagine the year is 1836 and you are traveling west with the Whitman party. It is late afternoon. To the delight of every emigrant in the wagon train, after miles of throat-drying dust in Virtue Flat, you’ve arrived at Flagstaff Hill. Below is heaven.

10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald April 9, 2010

Among sellers of stamps, Dotty Miles has long relished her reputation as something of a renegade. But she’s not ready to sacrifice a 38-year federal career. That, she figures, is too steep a price to pay for the privilege of handing out cookies and pouring coffee for people who willingly forego hours of sleep just to keep the IRS from getting its hands on their 1040 form until the last minute. Miles has been postmaster at the Haines Post Office for the past 23 years. And for each of those 23 years she has kept her office open until midnight on Tax Day.

ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald April 10, 2019

The mild storm that dumped heavy rain and melted a lot of mountain snow earlier this week has boosted several Eastern Oregon rivers above flood stage, but Baker County has fared better than its neighbors. Flood warnings are in effect for several rivers in the region, including reaches of the Grande Ronde in Union County, the Imnaha in Wallowa County and the John Day in Grant County. Sections of several highways were closed due to flooding as of this morning, including two stretches of Highway 26 in Grant County, Neither of Baker County’s two major rivers, the Powder and the Burnt, is under a flood advisory. But both rivers are running relatively high due to the combination of heavy rain and balmy temperatures that accelerated the melting of a deep snowpack.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, April 6
17 — 19 — 24 — 28 — 34 — 36
Next jackpot: \$2.2 million

MEGA MILLIONS, April 7
25 — 33 — 43 — 51 — 68 Mega 20
Next jackpot: \$136 million

WIN FOR LIFE, April 6
39 — 42 — 46 — 68

PICK 4, April 7
• 1 p.m.: 4 — 2 — 2 — 8
• 4 p.m.: 0 — 9 — 9 — 4
• 7 p.m.: 7 — 1 — 2 — 3
• 10 p.m.: 6 — 9 — 4 — 8

LUCKY LINES, April 7
1-5-10-16-17-22-25-32
Next jackpot: \$21,000

SENIOR MENUS

- **FRIDAY:** Baked cod, clam chowder, mixed vegetables, rolls, coleslaw, cheesecake
 - **MONDAY (April 13):** Chicken cordon bleu with hollandaise, baked potatoes, succotash, biscuits, fruit cup, brownies
 - **TUESDAY (April 14):** Cabbage rolls, parslied red potatoes, carrots, bread, broccoli-bacon salad, cheesecake
 - **WEDNESDAY (April 15):** Breaded chicken strips, potatoes and gravy, Brussels sprouts, roll, fruit ambrosia, cake
 - **TUESDAY (April 16):** Pork roast, parslied red potatoes, broccoli-blend vegetables, roll, carrot-raisin salad, bread pudding
- 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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Most city councilors to meet in person

By Chris Collins
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A majority of the Baker City Council members will meet in person during their first regular session of April scheduled Tuesday night. City Manager Fred Warner Jr. said after the roll call is taken, the first order of business as the meeting gets under way at 7 p.m. at City Hall, 1655 First St., will be to consider a resolution that would allow councilors Lynette Perry and Larry Morrison to attend from their homes via the Zoom video conferencing application. Warner said that action is needed because of a resolution passed by the City Council in 2013 that required councilors to attend meetings in person rather than via telephone or computer. Warner said the resolution he has prepared would allow attendance by means other than in person “during declared emergencies.” The Baker County Board of Commissioners declared

an emergency last month due to the coronavirus pandemic. At least four councilors must attend that first portion of the meeting, which would constitute a quorum (majority of the seven-member Council) in order to take that first action and allow the meeting to continue, Warner said. He expects a quorum of councilors to attend. Other members include Mayor Loran Joseph and Councilors Doni Bruland, Arvid Andersen, Randy Schiewe and Jason Spriet. Staff members Jeanie Dexter, finance director, and Michelle Owen, public works director, will attend the meeting through Zoom from their downstairs offices to help reduce the number of people in the Council Chambers. Being on site will allow them to appear in public if needed, Warner said. Warner said the Zoom system was tested Monday by Joseph and staff member Katie LaFavor, executive assistant/city recorder.

“Zoom worked really well,” Warner said. “It comes through our whole sound system.” Warner and LaFavor also will join the Council members and up to six community residents at a time who will be allowed in the Council Chambers during the meeting. Warner is sure social distancing can be accomplished in the large room where the Council meetings take place on the second floor of City Hall. A new microphone added to the sound system picks up conversations in the audience, Warner said, so there should be no need for people to come up to the microphone. The microphone will pick up their voices if they stand from where they are seated in the room, he said. Although the agenda has yet to be finalized, Warner said he planned to review it with Joseph Wednesday and have it out to the public early Friday.

There are no items of controversy to be discussed and he expects the session to last about an hour and a half. There will be time for public comment, and if the Council Chambers becomes too crowded, people will be asked to leave after they have spoken to allow time for someone else to address the council while keeping with the social distancing requirements, he said. There will be someone stationed in the lobby to monitor the number of people allowed up to the second floor. “We want to make sure we do the right thing,” Warner said. “If we have issues, we’ll fix them as we go forward.” While the intent is to allow members of the community who want to attend the session in person to be able to do so, Warner said the hope is that most people will watch from home via computer on the AVCapture system. It is accessed through the city’s website: <https://bakercity.com/2173/Council-Videos>

Inmates sue state over coronavirus concerns

PORTLAND (AP) — A group of inmates concerned about contracting COVID-19 filed a lawsuit Monday against Oregon Gov. Kate Brown and the leaders at the Department of Corrections. The civil rights lawsuit, filed in U.S. District Court by the Oregon Justice Resource Center on behalf of the inmates, alleges the DOC has not taken the necessary steps to slow the spread of

the virus inside its 14 institutions where more than 14,000 inmates live, Oregon Public Broadcasting reported. The suit asks a judge to mandate a social distance of 6 feet or more between inmates in all of the DOC’s facilities. If that can’t be accomplished, the lawsuits ask that a three-judge panel review cases and reduce the number of prisoners in DOC’s facilities so it is possible. So far in Oregon, three inmates at

the Santiam Correctional Institution in Salem have tested positive for the virus, the agency said Monday. A total of five DOC staff members have also tested positive. Two work at the Santiam prison and three work at the Oregon State Penitentiary in Salem. The inmates named in the lawsuit have asthma and other respiratory ailments, some are HIV positive, others are elderly.

OBITUARY

‘Ken’ Jones

Formerly of Baker City, 1932-2020

James K. “Ken” Jones, 87, of Caldwell, Idaho, and formerly of Baker City, died March 23, 2020, at Caldwell. His memorial service will be scheduled as soon as possible. Ken was born on Aug. 29, 1932, in Quitman, Arkansas, to James and Zula Mae Jones. He helped his family “till” the farm along with his four brothers and sister. In 1948, Ken moved to Baker, Oregon. This is where he met Virginia Butterfield from Sparta, and on Oct. 7, 1952, they married. They spent 50 years together and had two children, Cheryle and Patrick. In 1950, Ken joined the Air Force and served his country until 1959. Ken was a very patriotic man and went on to serve



Ken Jones

beyond his time in the Air Force by serving in the public. In Baker City he was active in the American Legion for over 20 years. Ken was the commander three different times and drove the legion train in the parades. He served in the Baker County Sheriff’s Posse for 10 years. Ken also drove the V.A. van to Boise from Baker once a week for seven years. Ken worked for Ellingson Lumber Co. as a sawyer for 36 years, this is where he retired. Ken’s co-workers renamed him “Tiny” because he was a large man. Ken lost his beloved Virginia in 2002. He called her “His Little Momma.” He married his beloved Marleen Hubbs on July 26, 2003. Marleen and Kenneth spent 17 years together. Both women loved him deeply. He was blessed to have them both in his life. Kenneth was an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Ken loved and lived life to his fullest. One of his biggest passions was riding his Goldwing motorcycles. This was shared by both Virginia and Marleen. He bragged frequently of riding through 38 states and over 310,000 miles on his bike, including in Canada and Mexico. He is survived by his children, Cheryle Robinson and Patrick (Theresa) Jones; his grandchildren, Jenifer, Katie, Justin and Staci; and seven great-grandchildren; and his siblings: Jatón Jones, Iris Lee and Junior Jones. He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Zula Mae Jones; and his brothers, Jerrel Jones and Rosco Jones. Memorial contributions may be made to Canyon Home Care & Hospice through Coles Tribute Center, 1950 Place St., Baker City, OR 97814. To light a candle in memory of Ken, or to leave a condolence for the family, go to www.colestributecenter.com

NEWS OF RECORD

POLICE LOG

Baker City Police Arrests, citations
FOURTH-DEGREE DOMESTIC ASSAULT, HARASSMENT, SECOND-DEGREE DISORDERLY CONDUCT and FELON IN POSSESSION OF A WEAPON (a stun gun): Douglas Clinton Calder, 50, of Baker City, 10:33 a.m. Tuesday, in the 2100 block of Balm Street; jailed.

HARASSMENT: Jasmine Hust, 17, of 425 Second St., 6:49 p.m. Tuesday, at Kirkway Drive and the Leo Adler Memorial Parkway; cited and released; police said Hust slapped Schevelle Hewett, 19, of Baker City.

FOURTH-DEGREE ASSAULT and DISORDERLY CONDUCT: Bryan Christopher Keyes, 37, of 2485 Resort St., 2:13 p.m. Monday, in the 2300 block of Resort Street; cited and released; police said Keyes assaulted Jason Pogue, 42, of Baker City, causing minor injuries.

Crime reports
UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE: At 2900 E St., Nicholas Rayl, 35, of that address reported Monday that his 1984 Yamaha IT200 off-road motorcycle had been taken from his home; police said the motorcycle later was recovered from a Baker City storage unit; the investigation is continuing.

FIRST-DEGREE BURGLARY: At 2470 East St., between April 2 and April 4, Floyd Stock, 71, of that address reported his home had been entered and miscellaneous jewelry valued at \$500 and U.S. coins were taken; the

investigation is continuing.

Oregon State Police Arrests, citations
DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF INTOXICANTS (Controlled substances) and FELON IN POSSESSION OF A WEAPON: Tyrone Thomas Pocan, 49, of Longview, Washington, 4:56 p.m. Monday, on Highway 203, about 5 miles north of Interstate 84; arrested and later released. Police said Pocan was taken into custody after investigation of a crash.

UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE and OUT-OF-COUNTY WARRANTS: Virgil Anthony Amend, 37, of Round Rock, Texas, and Jeramie Lee Gillman, 42, of Milton-Freewater, 2:04 p.m. Friday, near Highway 203 and Interstate 84; police said the

two men reportedly had been knocking on house doors asking for money and gas. During the investigation, police learned that the vehicle they were traveling in was reportedly taken from owner Christopher Daniel Robledo of Round Rock, Texas; as the investigation continued, police said the two men drove off at a high rate of speed traveling west on the freeway. OSP aircraft joined the pursuit and reported the vehicle’s location to ground units. The fleeing vehicle was stopped in Union County after officers deployed spike strips. Amend and Gillman were taken into custody. Amend later was released. Gillman is being held at the Union County Jail where he is also charged with three counts of reckless endangering, reckless driving and unlawful

entry into a motor vehicle. POSSESSION OF A USABLE QUANTITY OF METHAMPHETAMINE WITH A PRIOR FELONY CONVICTION, FELON IN POSSESSION OF A WEAPON (a 9-inch dagger), VIOLATION OF BASIC RULE and DRIVING WHILE OPERATOR’S LICENSE SUSPENDED: Starlynn M. Brown, 40, of Baker City, 4:57 p.m. April 2, on Highway 7 about 5 miles south of Baker City; cited and released.

RECKLESS DRIVING: Ross Kirkbaumer, 29, of Seattle, Washington, 7:53 a.m. Wednesday, on Interstate 84 near Baker City; police said Kirkbaumer was cited and released for allegedly driving at 90 mph on the icy roadway in the eastbound freeway lanes; he also was cited for other alleged traffic infractions, police said.

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