Local

Baker County Calendar

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

- **Baker County Board of Commissioners:** 9 a.m.; in order to comply with the governor's social distancing order, the Baker County Commission meetings will be streamed live. A link to view the meeting will be available on the county's website, www.bakercounty.org.

Turning Back the Pages

50 YEARS AGO
from the Democrat-Herald
April 14, 1970

The Baker City Council at its Monday night meeting approved a supplemental agreement with the State Highway Department which confirms the city's plan to have Campbell Street from Main Street east become 64 feet wide.

25 YEARS AGO
from the Baker City Herald
April 14, 1995

The Easter Bunny will visit Geiser Pollman Park after all.

The children's Easter Egg Hunt has been an annual event sponsored by the Baker Jaycees the Saturday before Easter for 10 to 15 years. This year, however, the Jaycees couldn't find enough manpower to help the fuzzy little critter do his job.

But that doesn't mean the kids won't get to have their fun.

The Baker City Herald and businesses in Baker City, Ontario and La Grande have donated manpower, eggs, candy, supplies and prizes.

10 YEARS AGO
from the Baker City Herald
April 14, 2010

Baker's baseball record remains without a blemish, but the Bulldogs didn't exactly play perfectly in sweeping a doubleheader from Weiser, Idaho, Tuesday at the Sports Complex.

They did come awfully close, though.

ONE YEAR AGO
from the Baker City Herald
April 15, 2019

One of Oregon's bigger wolf packs spends most of its time in Baker County.

The Pine Creek pack, which roams mainly in the northeastern corner of the county from Pine Valley to Hells Canyon, included 12 wolves at the end of 2018, according to an annual report released last week by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW).

That made it the biggest of Oregon's 16 confirmed packs, according to the report.

However, the agency's current estimate for the Pine Creek pack is eight wolves.

Brian Ratliff, district wildlife biologist at ODFW's Baker City office, said recently that based on aerial surveys it appears that three of the Pine Creek wolves have dispersed from the pack since last year.

The defectors include a 2-year-old female wolf, designated OR-57, that in February joined a young adult male wolf, OR-68, which had not previously been part of the Pine Creek pack.

Then, on March 12, rancher Lawrence Aguilar shot and killed one of four wolves that were chasing his cow dog near the front door of Aguilar's home in Pine Valley about 9 miles from Halfway.

Oregon Lottery

MEGABUCKS, April 11
4 — 5 — 14 — 19 — 45 — 46
Next jackpot: $2.6 million

POWERBALL, April 11
22 — 29 — 30 — 42 — 47 PB 17
Next jackpot: $22 million

MEGA MILLIONS, April 10
2 — 11 — 21 — 57 — 60 Mega 13
Next jackpot: $145 million

WIN FOR LIFE, April 11
4 — 6 — 35 — 75

PICK 4, April 12
- 1 p.m.: 6 — 1 — 8 — 7
- 4 p.m.: 5 — 7 — 7 — 9
- 7 p.m.: 2 — 9 — 9 — 5
- 10 p.m.: 8 — 7 — 0 — 8

LUCKY LINES, April 12
2-5-11-14-19-23-25-32
Next jackpot: $26,000

Senior Menus

- **WEDNESDAY:** Breaded chicken strips, potatoes and gravy, Brussels sprouts, roll, fruit ambrosia, cake
- **THURSDAY:** Pork roast, parslied red potatoes, broccoli-blend vegetables, roll, carrot-raisin salad, bread pudding
- **FRIDAY:** Spaghetti with beef sauce, cauliflower, garlic breadsticks, green salad, cookies
- **MONDAY (April 20):** Barbecue meatballs, rice pilaf, carrots, bread, coleslaw, apple crisp
- **TUESDAY (April 21):** Rueben casserole, peas, bread, fruit ambrosia, ice cream

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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Officials seek to help local businesses

The Baker County Economic Development director, Baker City manager, Baker County Chamber of Commerce, and the Oregon Small Business Development Center have teamed up to assist businesses impacted by the coronavirus pandemic.

The group is working to coordinate aid and information coming from the federal and state governments, as well as other sources.

Information and resources will continually be updated at www.bakercountycovid19.com/business-information/. Information is available in English and Spanish. Business owners are encouraged to learn about programs they might be eligible for and to apply early.

Jeff Nelson, with the Small Business Development Center through Blue Mountain Community College, will provide help for business owners working through the Small Business Administration (SBA) applications. More information is available by calling Nelson at 541-403-2003. Resources are also available through BizCenter.org

Baker County is providing help with any of the aid programs as well through the Baker County Business and Recovery Task Force at 541-523-0015.

"We know that the current economic environment is constantly changing and our goal is to help Baker County business navigate the fast-changing financial programs that are available to them." said Bryan Tweit, Baker County Economic Development director.

REALTORS

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One challenge for the home market is that people considering a purchase and a move are concerned about the limited medical and other resources locally during these uncertain times.

"We are rural and we have less resources," Baker City Realty Inc. Realtor Cindy O'Leary-Marlow said. "They have to weigh whether or not moving to the country is a good deal."

Some agents are working from home when they're not showing properties, spending a minimal amount of time in their offices.

"Some of us work in the office part-time and some of us work from home," Lein said.

The pandemic has also affected the procedure for showing properties.

"I have my clients wear masks and gloves, and they are not allowed to touch anything," O'Leary-Marlow said. "The owners are not allowed to be on the residence during the showing."

Though COVID-19 is on the back of everyone's mind, and the economy is struggling, Realtors here in town see the benefit of living in Baker City.

"The positive side is that we are rural," O'Leary-Marlow said.

Obituaries

Fay Ross

Formerly of Unity, 1925-2020

Fay Lloyd Ross, 94, formerly of Unity, died March 30, 2020.

Our father, husband, grandfather, and brother went back to the green, green grass of home, his family said.

Fay Lloyd Ross was born on April 21, 1925, at Pasadena, California, to Howard B. Ross and Rae Caroline Ross. It wasn't long before he was joined by his little sister, Jean C. Ross. Times were tough for this family as the Great Depression was just around the corner, and the effects were just beginning to be felt. Like many others, Fay's family struggled to get by. When the kids were young, the Rosses moved to San Miguel, California, in hopes of better opportunities. Fay's father worked as a ranch hand and almond picker, and eventually owned a small dairy. As Fay grew, he raised hogs and worked in the local farm store to help make ends meet for the family. This was an early example of the determination Fay had to make a better life for his family and himself.

Fay was 26 years old when he received his Selective Service draft orders to serve in the Korean War. He was an Army serviceman, and rose to the rank of sergeant of the motor pool during the two years he was in Korea. Fay saved most of his paycheck during this time and sent it back to his family in San Miguel.

Prior to the war, and for over 30 years thereafter, Fay dry farmed barley and raised cattle on the Alexander ranch at San Ardo, California. He married Barbara Clemans in 1953 and during their marriage they had three children, Steven, Richard and Patricia. Fay and Barbara's children grew up learning the value of hard work and worked in every aspect of the ranch. After 17 years of marriage, Fay and Barbara divorced.

Besides his desire to make a better life, Fay's other true passion was big game hunting. Every summer after harvest, he and his dad would make the month-long journey to Idaho to hunt bighorn sheep, elk, deer and bear with Fay's old friend and packer, Fay Kissenger. These were the best of times and the cool mountains of Idaho he would never forget.

Fay Ross

Fay always dreamed that he would some day own his own ranch, and he worked hard to make that dream come true. In 1973 his wish came true when he purchased the Vaughan ranch at Unity. The Unity ranch is a hay and cattle operation where Fay made his home in the early '80s.

In 1975, Fay married his sweetheart, Patricia Nel Harvey Wood (Pat). She is the love of his life and they remained married until his death. Their entire lives together, through rain or shine, these two worked cattle, fixed fence, irrigated, and of course sprayed weeds, well into their 80s.

A great joy in Fay's life was his grandchildren. Memories of fishing, camping, and tractor driving with Grandpa have been the source of countless stories 'round the dinner table. He loved to spend time talking about tractors and the old days of hunting with his grandsons, and anyone else who would listen. For many years, he and Pat went back to Paso Robles to spend the winter months. In later years, they also loved to travel to Arizona in the winter to visit, spend the holidays, and take a red rock hike or two, with their granddaughters.

Fay is survived by his wife, Patricia N. Ross; his son, Steve Ross (Janice); his daughter, Patricia Highley (Jerry); his sister, Jean Foster; his grandchildren, Jayme Thoma (Alex), Anna Alisse Caton (Joe), Richard Ross (Rachel), Shawn Ross, Carl Ross, Stephen Ross; Wyatt Wood (Amy), Wade Wood (Breanna), Alicia Hernandez (Jacob), Floyd Patterson, Cody Patterson; and his stepchildren, Duane Wood (Robin), Douglas Wood and Dawn Patterson (Lester).

He was preceded in death by his parents, and his son Richard Ross.

Fay embodied a principled life. He was tough and honest, and held the admiration of later generations. Goodbye Dad ... til we meet again, his children said.

Frank Howe

Baker City, 1928-2020

Frank Lee (Dick) Howe died on the evening of April 4, 2020, at Saint Alphonsus Hospital in Baker City, from complications resulting from a fall just nine days short of his 92nd birthday.

There are no services planned at this time.

Frank was the eldest of six children born at Akron, Ohio, to Robert Arthur Marshall Howe and Gladys Hensel Howe.

Frank was raised in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, where he met and married his first wife, Emily Louise Hopkins. Together they had four children: Sherry, Richard, Larry and Marsha. When that marriage ended, Frank moved with his children to California, settling in the Santa Barbara area where other family members resided.

In 1970, Frank met the love of his life, Peggy Morril, and together they made their home in a cabin that Frank built on property his dad had purchased just outside of Sumpter. His family has many memories of fun family gatherings and barbecues on that property.

Frank held jobs as the watermaster of Sumpter, then watermaster of Unity until his retirement.

Frank loved the outdoors, especially warm places and the ocean, which led to many trips to Hawaii, California, Arizona and Mexico, where he and Peggy purchased a home at which they spent many winters. He also enjoyed hang gliding in his younger years and he would take part in this activity as often as he was able.

Ultimately, Frank and Peggy made Baker City their final home, with yearly road trips and vacations to many state parks and beaches.

Frank was an avid bowler and well into his late 80s he could still be found in a league at Baker Bowl. He also enjoyed gardening, reading, a good hot fire and relaxing in his hammock.

In 2016, Frank lost his wife, Peggy, a loss from which he never recovered. His family tried to fill that void by spending extra time with him, having him over for barbecues, taking him out to his favorite restaurants, weekly card games of pinochle and cribbage, and taking turns bringing him Sunday dinners. His family finds comfort in knowing that he is now with his beloved wife again, which brings a smile to his relatives' faces.

Frank was preceded in death by his parents, Marshall and Gladys; his wife, Peggy; his daughter, Marsha; his brother, Norman Howe; and two grandsons, Eric Howe and Ryan Hutchins Howe.

Frank is survived by his sisters, Carolyn Castagnola and Jesse Holguin of Santa Barbara, California, and Nancy Howe Stephens of Springfield, Oregon; his brother, Warren Howe (Janet) of Duluth, Minnesota; his three children, Sherry (Michael) Jurd of McEwen, Richard (Patty) Howe of Haines, and Larry Howe of Baker City; four grandchildren and several great-grandchildren; along with numerous nephews, nieces and great-nephews and great-nieces.

Memorial contributions in memory of Frank can be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital (a charity he and Peggy supported regularly) through Gray's West & Co., 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814.

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

News of Record

DEATHS

Darryl-McKenzy Smith: 51, of Baker City, died April 9, 2020, at his home. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Online condolences can be made at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com

Norvin "Skip" Coles Jr: 70, of Baker City, died April 13, 2020, with his family by his side. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Online condolences can be made at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com

POLICE LOG

Baker City Police

THIRD-DEGREE THEFT: Shane Austin Aldrich, 24, of Westminster, Colorado, 11:49 p.m. Friday, in the 500 block of Campbell Street; cited and released.

FOURTH-DEGREE ASSAULT DOMESTIC and STRANGULATION: Justin Kyle Welch, 36, of Baker City, 11:49 p.m. Friday, in the 2500 block of Ninth St.; jailed.