

# Local

## BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

### TUESDAY, MAY 12

■ **Baker City Council:** 7 p.m., Zoom video meeting; more information is available by contacting klafavor@cityhall.com or 541-524-2033.

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

■ **Baker County Commission:** 9 a.m. to noon; for details about how to access the meeting, go to bakercounty.org

### THURSDAY, MAY 21

■ **Baker School Board:** 6 p.m. via Zoom video session; more information is available by calling the District Office, 541-524-2260.

## TURNING BACK THE PAGES

### 50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald May 9, 1970

Charlie Chandler and Denzil Robbins walked off with the top two awards given out by the Baker High School Future Farmers of America chapter and its Parent and Son banquet in the high school Friday evening. Chandler was named the chapter's star chapter farmer and Robbins was named the star chapter's greenhand.

### 25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald May 8, 1995

Shouting slogans such as "What do we want? Justice; When do we want it? Now," state employees from Baker City picketed the offices where they normally work this morning on the first day of a statewide strike.

### 10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald May 7, 2010

Baker County residents again came away disappointed after a three-hour session in which Idaho Power Co. officials laid out plans for construction of a 500-kilovolt transmission line from Boardman to Hemingway, Idaho.

Idaho Power announced last month that its preferred route will travel about a mile east of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center.

### ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald May 8, 2019

Tourism is on a decade-long growth trend in Baker County, and Timothy Bishop is working to maintain that momentum.

So is Linea Gagliano.

Bishop, who is Baker County's contract tourism marketing director, and Gagliano, director of global communications for Travel Oregon, met Tuesday morning on the fifth floor of the Baker Tower to sift through the latest reports showing how much visitors contribute to the economies of Baker County, Eastern Oregon and the state.

They gathered in the office of Greg Smith, Baker County's contract economic developer, along with Jamie Porter, industry communications content editor for Travel Oregon, and Alana Garner Carollo, who was in just her second day as executive director of the Eastern Oregon Visitors Association.

Smith participated by phone.

The reports from Dean Runyan Associates show that since a drop during the Great Recession, travel spending has increased every year since.

## OREGON LOTTERY

**MEGABUCKS, May 4**  
1 - 9 - 13 - 30 - 33 - 41  
Next jackpot: \$1 million

**POWERBALL, May 2**  
13 - 16 - 33 - 58 - 68 PB 24  
Next jackpot: \$59 million

**MEGA MILLIONS, May 5**  
7 - 13 - 17 - 21 - 45 Mega 14  
Next jackpot: \$231 million

**WIN FOR LIFE, May 4**  
12 - 23 - 56 - 72

**PICK 4, May 5**  
• 1 p.m.: 2 - 6 - 8 - 8  
• 4 p.m.: 3 - 2 - 1 - 4  
• 7 p.m.: 9 - 5 - 1 - 8  
• 10 p.m.: 9 - 5 - 5 - 7  
**LUCKY LINES, May 5**  
4-8-12-14-18-24-28-29  
Next jackpot: \$49,000

## SENIOR MENUS

- **FRIDAY:** Baked cod, cup of clam chowder, roll, coleslaw, lemon bar
- **MONDAY (MAY 11):** Baked ham, sweet potatoes, peas, biscuit, carrot-raisin salad, apple crisp
- **TUESDAY (MAY 12):** Chicken Kiev with hollandaise, broccoli-blend vegetables, roll, gelatin with fruit, tapioca
- **WEDNESDAY (MAY 13):** Cabbage rolls, parsleyed red potatoes, carrots, bread, pea-and-onion salad, cinnamon rolls
- **THURSDAY (MAY 14):** Pork tips over fettuccine, green beans, bread, coleslaw, bread pudding

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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Jessica Anderson, PE teacher at South Baker Intermediate and Haines Elementary schools, demonstrates the obstacle course she built in her front yard as part of the video lessons she is using while schools are closed due to the coronavirus pandemic.

# PE teachers improvise as virus forces online classes

By **Corey Kirk**  
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Last fall you'd often see PE teacher Jessica Anderson at either Haines Elementary or South Baker Intermediate school surrounded by her students, a cup of coffee in hand as she prepared to put the kids through their paces.

Half a year later, Anderson's class preparation includes a computer, a video camera and editing software.

"This is something the entire country of PE teachers were doing," Anderson said this week. "I like to give personal videos because I feel like the kids need to still see me, they still need consistency."

Anderson, in common with educators around Baker City and elsewhere, were faced with changes in their daily routines due to coronavirus pandemic.

While other teachers can transfer their classroom instruction to the screen, PE teachers faced a different challenge.

"We just started brain-

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storming ideas of what that would look like," said Matt Banta, PE teacher at Baker High School.

Because the school closure instituted in March was originally intended to be temporary, before Oregon Gov. Kate Brown extended it through the rest of the academic year, teachers prepared for both possibilities.

"Initially we were hoping to come back so we kind of came up with a contingency plan for both," Banta said.

He's using the Google Classroom online platform to continue teaching even as schools are closed.

"We are providing kids with suggested workouts to

complete, ultimately they are being asked to complete a physical activity log for the week," Banta said.

Since he's not able to monitor his students directly, Banta said he's being reasonable with his expectations.

"We are trying to be as flexible as possible, on the (physical activity) log," he said. "We are asking for a parent-guardian signature to verify they have done the activity."

Anderson, who works with elementary students, said accountability isn't her biggest concern.

Both she and Banta have to address the possibility that not all students will have access to the equipment they're accustomed to having at school. So they improvise.

"We worked to create a list of basic household items that can be used for weight training," Banta said.

Knowing that not all of her students could have the necessary equipment, Anderson also looks into household items to encourage her students to keep moving.

"I just did a little juggling unit, and knowing that my kids don't have bean bags at home, I have them get a pair of socks and a rubber band and they practice their juggling with a pair of socks," Anderson said.

Anderson even taught her students to build their own running obstacle course, and then she demonstrated with her own.

"I was in my front yard and I took cushions off of my outside patio and I hurdled over that and ran around my pots," Anderson said. "I told the kids to make their obstacle course inside or outside."

Anderson and Banta said remote teaching has reminded them how vital it is to have social interaction with their students.

Anderson, who works with more than 500 students, misses her time with the kids.

"I see kiddos at Haines and South Baker every other day, and I don't anymore," she said. "I worry about them and just having that interaction, I really miss that."

# Man accused of throwing knives in park

By **Chris Collins**  
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A Baker City man arrested on a charge of third-degree criminal mischief at Geiser-Pollman Park Friday is accused of throwing knives at trees, light poles, birds and squirrels and could face additional charges.

Oregon State Police Sr. Trooper Nicholas Hagedorn cited and released Jamie Joseph Weiss, 55, of Baker City at 5:04

p.m. at the park.

Hagedorn wrote in his media log report that he responded to the alleged knife-throwing incident because Baker City Police officers were busy with another call.

Hagedorn said Weiss placed the knives on the ground at Hagedorn's request and admitted to throwing knives at a tree and a utility pole in the park. The officer seized the knives.

He wrote in his report that upon further investigation, Weiss reportedly had thrown knives at and damaged multiple trees in the park. Hagedorn stated that he later learned that Weiss had been throwing the knives at birds and squirrels as well, and at multiple utility poles along Madison Street.

Hagedorn said the information would be referred to the District Attorney's office for consideration of additional charges.

## NEWS OF RECORD

### DEATHS

**Audrey H. Brown:** 85, of Baker City, died on May 3, 2020, at her home. Her graveside service will be at 11 a.m. MDT at the Kohlerlawn Cemetery in Nampa, Idaho. Pastor Troy Teeter of the Baker City Church of the Nazarene will officiate. Vault interment will take place after the service. To light a candle in Audrey's memory, go to [www.celebratelife.com](http://www.celebratelife.com).

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### POLICE LOG

**Baker City Police Arrests, citations**  
DEPOSITING LIGHTED MATERIAL ON A HIGHWAY OR FOREST LAND (Baker County warrant): Gage Michael Niehaus, 20, of Haines, 1:23 p.m. Monday, at the police department; cited and released.

**Oregon State Police Arrests, citations**  
DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF INTOXICANTS (Alcohol), RECKLESS DRIVING and RECKLESSLY ENDANGERING ANOTHER PERSON: Uriel Arteaga Ochoa, 30, of Pasco, Washington, 4:10 p.m. Saturday, on Heritage Ranch Road near Haines; cited and released.

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