

Local

BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

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 10, 1970

Headlining wrestling matches here Thursday at the Baker Junior High School will be Tony Borne against Karl Von Steiger in a match to the finish.

25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald May 9, 1995

Cloudbursts and lightning that accompanied Monday afternoon's thunderstorms caused one power outage in Baker City, eroded sections of gravel shoulder on Interstate 84 near the Campbell Street interchange and caused traffic signals to flash on city streets.

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

Jeff Colton aims not to offend, but he admits, grudgingly, that he wouldn't be dismayed if May delivered another snowstorm.
Now he's gone and done it.
"I don't want people to hate me," Colton said.
He appreciates a sunny summer day as much as the next guy.
Except the next guy doesn't have a 5-mile-long reservoir to worry about.

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

The Baker High School library hummed Thursday morning with the voices of local war veterans telling stories of their service and answering questions from students.
Among the veterans, Randy Guyer laid out photos and documents for students to see, explaining his different responsibilities and assignments.
Guyer described some of his jobs within the army, including one with the thought-provoking title of nuclear burst measurement officer.
Irv Townsend, a former Army helicopter pilot, sat with a group of students who admired his slide show of pictures from his exploits during the Vietnam War.
He has more than 1,000 slides.
He told students, as they looked at the scenes, that "what you're going to see is my perspective of being a pilot."
Summer Curry described her time in the Army, gesturing to a prayer rug and vase she brought for students to see from her 20 years and one month of service. That included stints in Afghanistan from 2004 to 2006, and in Iraq, 2008-09.
Ayden Welk, a freshman asked; "What was it like serving?"
"I loved it," answered Curry, who works as a custodian at Baker High.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, May 6
13 — 17 — 19 — 20 — 21 — 44
Next jackpot: \$1.1 million
POWERBALL, May 6
7 — 8 — 35 — 50 — 65 PB 20
Next jackpot: \$68 million
MEGA MILLIONS, May 5
7 — 13 — 17 — 21 — 45 Mega 14
Next jackpot: \$231 million

WIN FOR LIFE, May 6
33 — 36 — 42 — 44
PICK 4, May 7
• 1 p.m.: 1 — 5 — 8 — 7
• 4 p.m.: 4 — 5 — 2 — 7
• 7 p.m.: 9 — 2 — 4 — 1
• 10 p.m.: 0 — 0 — 4 — 3
LUCKY LINES, May 7
3-5-11-14-17-21-25-32
Next jackpot: \$51,000

SENIOR MENUS

- **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, parslied red potatoes, carrots, bread, pea-and-onion salad, cinnamon rolls
- **THURSDAY (MAY 14):** Pork tips over fettuccine, green beans, bread, coleslaw, bread pudding
- **FRIDAY (MAY 15):** Salisbury steak, potatoes and gravy, mixed vegetables, roll, fruit ambrosia, 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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N. Powder Halibut Feed offers refunds

If you have tickets for the North Powder halibut feed, which was canceled due to the coronavirus pandemic, you can still turn in your tickets for a refund.
Event organizers need tickets by mail, postmarked by

May 15. Mail tickets to: North Powder Charter School, Attn: Dana Marlia, P.O. Box 10, North Powder, OR 97867.
Include the tickets you purchased, the name you want the one refund check to be written to, your phone

number, and the address you want it returned to. If you have any further questions or concerns, call the school at 541-898-2244 and leave a message.
Staff are checking messages Monday through Thursday.

The halibut feed is a fundraiser for girls basketball and volleyball at Powder Valley High School.
Organizers are already planning for the halibut feed to resume in 2021 on the third Saturday in April.

REOPEN

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Baker County has had only one confirmed case of the virus, and that person, who has not been identified, "has been directed to isolate from others for the duration of their illness," according to the Baker County Health Department.
That person is recovering at home and is not hospitalized, Bennett said.
The governor also requires counties to have at least 15 contact tracers per 10,000 residents.

Baker County, with 14 contact tracers and a population of about 16,800, easily meets that mandate (about 83 contact tracers per 100,000).
Contact tracers interview people who test positive for COVID-19 and then try to identify all people who might have been in close contact with that person.
Baker County is employing contact tracing with its single confirmed case, according to the Health Department.

The governor's plan is less restrictive in one way than the original reopening plan that Baker County submitted to the governor's office on April 24 — the first such plan to be submitted in the state.
The county's first plan — a revised version was sent to the governor's office Thursday based on Brown's announcement earlier in the day — called for bars and restaurants to reopen during the second phase, which could start within two weeks of the plan being approved.
But in her press conference Thursday, Brown said that bars could open, and restaurants resume on-site dining, in counties as soon as their plans are approved.
"We're delighted by that," Bennett said.
Restaurants and bars would have to comply with social distancing, keeping tables at least 6 feet apart, and employees would be required to wear face masks, Brown said.

Bennett said the county does not yet have a detailed list of requirements that restaurants, bars and other businesses would have to meet to reopen starting May 15.
The details could be critical, he said, because a reopening plan is of no benefit to businesses if the restrictions make it impossible for them to turn a profit.
"It has to be economically feasible," Bennett said.
The governor also addressed other types of businesses that could reopen as early as May 15.
• "Personal care businesses, such as salons, barber shops, and gyms may open in a very limited way," Brown said. "We will require physical distancing and increased sanitation, as well as a series of additional guidelines, like wearing face coverings and gloves at salons. Salons must serve customers by appointment only and maintain records for contact tracing."
• "Retail businesses can also open using physical distancing," the governor said. "We ask that they encourage this through proper signage, one-way flow in aisles, and using tape markings to delineate space."

"We recognize that reopening is a process that requires focus on the public health issues while considering the impacts to our economic stability. At no time does our plan place the economics above the health of our community, we recognize we need both to be successful."
— **Letter to Oregon Gov. Kate Brown included with Baker County's plan for reopening its economy**

and more work in office settings," Brown said.
Bennett said that although he's eager to have the county's plan approved and to see businesses reopen, the county will continue to emphasize the importance of protecting the public along with aiding the struggling local economy, which has seen 674 people file for initial unemployment benefits since March 15.
"Our goal is to not put anyone at risk," Bennett said. "We want to move along carefully, and we want to find that balance. It's a monumental task."
Bennett said he knows that some county residents worry that easing restrictions could increase the risk of the coronavirus spreading. He said he had a conference call scheduled Friday morning with a group of concerned residents to discuss that issue.
"That's critical also, along with the economic side," Bennett said.
The county's revised reopening plan also addresses the issue of public health in its introductory letter.
The letter reads, in part: "We recognize that reopening is a process that requires focus on the public health issues while considering the impacts to our economic stability. At no time does our plan place the economics above the health of our community, we recognize we need both to be successful."
Brown was less optimistic when discussing larger events such as concerts, fairs and festivals.
The Oregon State Fair has been canceled, as have some Baker County events, including the Sumpter flea

market and Huntington Lions Catfish Derby during Memorial Day weekend, the Haines Fourth of July celebration (organizers still hope to put on the fireworks show in Haines), the Hells Canyon Motorcycle Rally in early July and the East-West Shrine All-Star Football Game on Aug. 1.
Organizers of Miners Jubilee and the Baker City Bronc and Bull Riding events, both set for mid July, still hope to have those events.

During her press conference Thursday, Brown said: "I do have to share some difficult news: large gatherings, including live sporting events with audiences, concerts, festivals, and conventions will not be able to return until we have a reliable treatment or prevention, like a vaccine. The Oregon Health Authority is advising that any large gathering, at least through September, should either be canceled or significantly modified."

Bennett said he is advising organizers of larger Baker County events to hold off as long as possible in deciding whether or not to cancel.
"There might be an opportunity for a second look at this thing," he said.
Bennett said that although he doesn't want to give people "false hope" about the events, "Baker County folks are creative," and he thinks it might be possible to alter events in ways that could meet state requirements.

Baker County's three elected commissioners — Bennett, Commission Chairman Bill Harvey and Commissioner Bruce Nichols — joined their counterparts in nine other counties in Central and Eastern Oregon in signing a letter Thursday urging the governor to approve the counties' plans to begin reopening on May 15.
Other counties whose commissioners signed the letter are Deschutes, Grant, Harney, Klamath, Lake, Malheur, Umatilla, Union and Wallowa.

NEWS OF RECORD

FUNERAL PENDING
Audrey H. Brown: Her graveside service will be Tuesday, May 12, 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.colestributecenter.com

POLICE LOG
Baker County Sheriff's Office
Arrests, citations
DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF INTOXICANTS, RECKLESS ENDANGERING and RECKLESS DRIVING: Giovanna Marquez Napoles, 24, of Boise, 2:40 a.m. Thursday, on Interstate 84 near North Powder; cited and released.

Oregon State Police
Arrests, citations
FAILURE TO APPEAR (Canyon County, Idaho, warrant): Quentin W. Brady, 18, of Nampa, Idaho, 8:13 a.m. Tuesday, on Interstate 84, about 10 miles south of Baker City; cited and released.
FAILURE TO APPEAR (Jackson County warrant) and DRIVING WHILE OPERATOR'S LICENSE SUSPENDED (misdemeanor): Roman Jared A. Rhodes, 31, of Payette, Idaho, 1:17 p.m. Tuesday, on Highway 30 at Huntington; cited and released.

Residents can donate face masks and materials for masks

People interested in donating elastic and tightly woven cotton fabric for making homemade face masks can bring them to the front lobby at the Baker County Sheriff's Office, 3410 K St.
Local crafters have been sewing masks and they need supplies, according to a press release from Baker County.

Finished masks can be placed in a drop box at Community Connection's Senior Center, 2810 Cedar St.
Instructions for making masks is available at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website, www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/DIY-cloth-face-covering-instructions.pdf



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