

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 12, 1970

MILTON-FREEWATER — The Baker Bulldogs varsity and junior varsity took easy wins over the Pioneers of Mac-Hi in track and field competition here Tuesday afternoon.

25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald May 12, 1995

Weather observers at the Baker City Municipal Airport watched a funnel cloud dance above the Elkhorn Mountains for about 15 minutes Thursday afternoon.

They noticed the funnel — essentially a tornado that doesn't reach the ground — at 12:12 p.m. while checking their outside weather instruments, said Linda Richards, one of the observers.

10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald May 12, 2010

Baker School District Budget Committee members are pondering whether the proposed 2010-11 budget trims spending enough to prepare the budget for troubled times ahead.

ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald May 13, 2019

Baker Sanitary Service, which is asking the Baker City Council to approve an 18.75% rate hike for weekly residential garbage collection, has also proposed a new, lower-cost service for customers who only need to have trash picked up every other week.

The company, which has the exclusive franchise to collect trash in Baker City, outlined the proposal in a letter included in the City Council's packet for its meeting Tuesday.

The meeting starts at 7 p.m. at City Hall, 1655 First St. In the letter, Baker Sanitary President David Henry wrote that he suggested the bi-weekly option after the Council considered the company's proposed rate increases during its April 23 meeting.

During that meeting Councilor Lynette Perry told Henry that constituents had asked her about a reduced rate for less-frequent collection.

The bi-weekly option, using the standard residential rollcart, would cost \$15 per month.

The current rate for residential weekly collection is \$16 per month. Baker Sanitary is requesting an increase to \$19 per month.

The franchise agreement gives the City Council the authority to approve or reject rate increases by Baker Sanitary, with one exception — the company can boost rates by up to 5% each year without Council approval.

Baker Sanitary hasn't had a general rate increase since 2007.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, May 9
7 — 12 — 16 — 19 — 20 — 41
Next jackpot: \$1.2 million

POWERBALL, May 9
12 — 18 — 42 — 48 — 65 PB 19
Next jackpot: \$77 million

MEGA MILLIONS, May 8
5 — 20 — 22 — 61 — 70 Mega 4
Next jackpot: \$248 million

WIN FOR LIFE, May 9
5 — 26 — 33 — 51

PICK 4, May 10
• 1 p.m.: 9 — 8 — 6 — 7
• 4 p.m.: 3 — 9 — 8 — 3
• 7 p.m.: 0 — 3 — 3 — 5

• 10 p.m.: 5 — 1 — 1 — 0
LUCKY LINES, May 10
1-5-10-15-20-22-27-29
Next jackpot: \$54,000

SENIOR MENUS

- **WEDNESDAY:** Cabbage rolls, parslied red potatoes, carrots, bread, pea-and-onion salad, cinnamon rolls
- **THURSDAY:** Pork tips over fettuccine, green beans, bread, coleslaw, bread pudding
- **FRIDAY:** Salisbury steak, potatoes and gravy, mixed vegetables, roll, fruit ambrosia, cheesecake
- **MONDAY (May 18):** Meatloaf, potatoes and gravy, green beans, bread, cottage cheese with fruit, brownies
- **TUESDAY (May 19):** Orange-glazed chicken tenders, fried rice, Asian vegetables, bread, Asian salad, ice cream

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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PLAYGROUND

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But whether the playground officially opens as soon as it's finished, or some time later, the occasion will be one to celebrate, Bornstedt said.

City officials, along with the city's Parks and Recreation Board and members of the public, have been working on the project for two years.

"We are excited to get it all constructed," Bornstedt said.

The new playground equipment will be installed south of the existing playground, which was built in May 2014.

Precision Recreation Contractors, which is installing the toys, also handled the 2014 project.

They should be finished by Wednesday or Thursday, Bornstedt said.

Another contractor is scheduled to arrive May 26 to install the cushioned surfacing, which will be similar to that in the existing playground. The surfacing project will take a couple of



Submitted illustration

An artistic rendering of some of the new playground equipment slated to be installed in May at Geiser-Pollman Park. In the lower center is a four-seat seesaw toy, and the blue toy at right is a climbing arch equipped with hand grips.

days, Bornstedt said.

Baker City's new all-inclusive playground has been chosen as a national demonstration site by Play-Core, a company that makes playground equipment.

The city's goal throughout the project has been to build a playground where all kids, regardless of their physical abilities, can play "side by side," Bornstedt said.

Although the new toys are

designed to accommodate children who use wheelchairs or have other mobility issues, the new equipment will be suitable for all children, she said.

Details on some of the individual components of the new playground:

- A "whirl" — the new word for a merry-go-round — is designed so wheelchairs can be rolled onto it
- An "infinity bowl" is a

circular dish that spins as children move on it

- A "rocking raft" toy, which as its name implies rocks to and fro, will have a wheelchair ramp

- A table toy, like several other pieces, is set at a height to make it easier for children to move from a wheelchair onto the toy. This piece has rollers that allow kids to use their arms to pull themselves back and forth

OBITUARIES

Anita Daffer

La Grande, 1932-2020

Anita Raquel (Garcia) Daffer, 87, of La Grande, died unexpectedly yet peacefully in her home early morning on Sunday, April 5, 2020. She was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend.

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, a celebration of her life will be postponed. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her name to a charity of one's choice.

Arrangements will be made at a later date.

Anita Garcia was born on Dec. 16, 1932, at her family's home in Huntington. Anita was the eldest of six children and became a kind and gentle caretaker to her younger siblings. Despite growing up surrounded by challenges, she went on to become valedictorian of the Class of 1950 at Huntington High School.

Being the smart and determined young woman she was, she went on to nursing school, becoming an RN. While working as a nurse at Weiser Memorial Hospital in Weiser, Idaho, she met the love of her life, Charles "Charlie" Daffer. They were married on March 2, 1956. They enjoyed



Anita Daffer

64 years and four beautiful children together.

Though she loved her work, she took time off from her career to raise her children before returning to nursing once they reached school age. She continued nursing at St. Joseph Hospital, Grande Ronde Hospital and Valley View Manor (La Grande). She retired in 1992. Anita was a loved and respected nurse, always putting her love for people and her dedication into action.

Anita was a devoted, generous and deeply loving woman who wrapped all she did in kindness. She was always willing to give her time and her heart to her children, Paul, Matt, David and Angie. She volunteered as a Den Mother in Cub Scouts for all three of her boys and then as a Troop Leader in Girl Scouts for her daughter, Angie. She continued that same devotion to her family as her grandchildren came and then her great-grandchildren. Each child brought her joy that she shared with them.

Although raised Catholic, Anita joined the United Methodist Church as an adult, faithfully attending church in Huntington, La Grande, Weiser (First Presbyterian), then back to La Grande for the remainder of her life. She was also a member of the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority. She rigorously enjoyed her church and sorority families, and was easily loved by all who knew her.

Anita is survived by her husband, Charles Daffer; her children, Paul Daffer, Matt Daffer, David and Karen Daffer, and Angie Arnsen and Nathan Gaarsland; her siblings, Miriam and David

Rosera, Carol Lofton, Albert Garfield and her sister-in-law, Irene Tallent; her grandchildren, Alan and Jessica Arnsen, Teri Arnsen, Marcus and Mariah Arnsen, Sophie Daffer and Isaac Daffer; and her great-grandchildren, Michael, Luke, Anabella, Annabelle, Elsi, Echo, Charlee, Brielle and Lillian.

Anita was preceded in death by her parents, Avelino and Rose Garcia; her sister, Ramona Garcia; her brothers-in-law, Jack Tallent and JC Gordon; and her sister-in-law, Helen Gordon.

Audrey Brown

Baker City, 1934-2020

Audrey Helen Brown, 85, of Baker City, died on May 3, 2020, at her residence.

A graveside service took place this morning at Kohlerlawn Cemetery in Nampa, Idaho. Pastor Troy Teeter of the Baker City Church of the Nazarene officiated.

Audrey was born on July 26, 1934, at Boston and was adopted by James York and Marion Esterbrook York of Portland, Maine. James ran a traveling carnival during the summer where Audrey gained a love for elephants, sparkly jewelry and falling asleep to the sound of rain pattering on the metal roof of their travel trailer.

A few years after graduating from Deering High School, Audrey met and married James Logue of Portland, Oregon, while he was visiting friends and family in his Portland, Maine, birthplace. James soon brought his new bride back

across the country to Portland, Oregon. Audrey lived as a homemaker and mother in the Portland suburbs when they adopted their son, Thomas Logue. With Audrey providing extensive nursing care in the final years, she lost James to a long battle with cancer in 1989.

A few years later, Audrey met Roger Brown when he was visiting his brother in Portland. They were soon married and eventually moved back to Roger's home in Yuma, Arizona, where they could be seen waving to neighbors around town from their matching scooters. In 1996 they moved to Baker City where they could be closer to Audrey's family in Portland and Roger's family in Idaho. They quickly made new friends in Baker City and in their later years met frequently with a group of old timers at the local McDonald's where the staff would have Audrey's favorite drink of half coffee, half hot water ready as she came through the door.

Dealing with increased memory loss and a corresponding loss of mobility over the final eight months, Audrey's physical body released her spirit to God on May 3. She was a woman of deep faith and empathy. She will be missed.

She is survived by her husband of 29 years, Roger Brown; and her son, Thomas Logue.

Donations can be made in Audrey's honor to Jimmy Swaggart Ministries (sonlifetv.com) through Coles Tribute Center, 1950 Place St., Baker City, OR 97814.

To light a candle in memory of Audrey, or to leave an online condolence for her family, go to www.colestributecenter.com



Audrey Brown

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