

# Local

## BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

### MONDAY, JUNE 1

■ **Baker City Budget Board:** 6 p.m., City Hall, 1655 First St. Residents who want to speak during the meeting or submit comments can email publiccomment@bakercity.com. A second meeting, if needed, will be June 2 at 6 p.m.

### THURSDAY, JUNE 4

■ **Baker County Budget Committee:** 8:15 a.m. at the Courthouse, 1995 Third St. Second meeting, if needed, will be June 5 at 8:15. Webex information for the meetings will be posted at bakercounty.org

## TURNING BACK THE PAGES

### 50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald May 29, 1970

Four Baker County high school seniors have been selected for the East all-star Class B high school team. They are Dave Rawls of Huntington, and Tony Johnson, Dave Williams and Dean Sass of Pine-Eagle High.

### 25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald May 29, 1995

SUMPTER — One of Sumpter's newest businesses gives customers a taste of the Old West — a taste they can keep with them forever.

Sumpter Photographics and Emporium, owned by Steve and Casey Rich, offers customers the opportunity to have their picture taken in dress from past eras, particularly the Old West.

### 10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald May 28, 2010

You are entitled to resent this May.  
To despise it, even.

The month has quite a lot to answer for, climatically speaking.

Ball games canceled.

Picnics postponed.

And above all an absence of the sunny, milk weather which we naturally feel we have earned, having so recently endured the depravities of winter in a mountain valley.

But this May, as the saying goes, has been beyond the pale.

The average high temperature at the airport for the first 27 days was 58.6 degrees.

That's about 8 degrees below average.

### ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald May 29, 2019

HUNTINGTON — The town of Huntington is in mourning this week.

The sadness came over the community of 440 after a fire swept through the downtown business district Thursday night, destroying iconic buildings that have been a point of pride for Huntington residents since they were constructed in 1890.

The loss of the three-story brick building that housed Howell's Cafe and the Streamliner Lounge and the adjoining building that housed Grady's Tavern has left community residents stunned.

Nearly everyone in the town, near the Snake River about 45 miles southeast of Baker City, seems to have fond memories of time spent in the buildings.

## OREGON LOTTERY

### MEGABUCKS, May 25

1 — 2 — 11 — 20 — 30 — 35

Next jackpot: \$1.9 million

### POWERBALL, May 23

2 — 8 — 18 — 21 — 23 PB 16

Next jackpot: \$114 million

### MEGA MILLIONS, May 26

34 — 52 — 58 — 59 — 62 Mega 4

Next jackpot: \$336 million

### WIN FOR LIFE, May 25

56 — 59 — 61 — 76

### PICK 4, May 26

• 1 p.m.: 1 — 7 — 3 — 3

• 4 p.m.: 0 — 6 — 9 — 4

• 7 p.m.: 4 — 0 — 2 — 7

• 10 p.m.: 8 — 8 — 3 — 3

### LUCKY LINES, May 26

1-5-10-15-19-24-25-29

Next jackpot: \$10,000

## SENIOR MENUS

- **FRIDAY:** Boneless chicken breast with cream gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli-blend vegetables, roll, fruit ambrosia, apple crisp
- **MONDAY (June 1):** Chicken broccoli Alfredo over fettuccine, biscuit, fruit cup, lemon bars
- **TUESDAY (June 2):** Meatloaf, potatoes and gravy, green beans, roll, carrot-raisin salad, sherbet
- **WEDNESDAY (June 3):** Cheese manicotti with beef sauce, peas, bread, fruit ambrosia, cinnamon roll
- **THURSDAY (June 4):** Chicken cordon bleu with hollandaise, potatoes and gravy, mixed vegetables, roll, pasta salad, apple crisp

Public luncheon at the Senior Center, 2810 Cedar St., 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; \$4.50 donation (60 and older). Due to the coronavirus, meals must be picked up; no on-site dining.

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## EVENTS

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State officials haven't announced limitations during that phase, as they wait to gauge the effects of the first phase.

According to the Oregon Health Division, the tentative guidelines for phase two would allow public gatherings of up to 100 people with social distancing.

Cutler said the "best-case scenario" is that Baker County, after moving to phase two, would continue to have a small number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 (as of Tuesday the county has had a single confirmed case).

State officials haven't released any specific guidelines for phase three, but Gov. Kate Brown said large gatherings aren't possible until reliable treatment or a vaccine is available.

The state hasn't defined a "large gathering," but according to the Oregon Health Division these could include "concerts, conventions, festivals and live-audience sports."

Even if state regulations by the third week of July would allow an event such as Miners Jubilee, Cutler said the Chamber would continue to emphasize the precautions that medical experts say have helped curb the spread of the virus — social distancing, wearing face masks and frequent hand-washing.



S. John Collins/Baker City Herald file photo-2016

Face and eyes sparkle along with a gold nugget found by Kearney Larkin, 8, during the youth gold panning championships at Geiser-Pollman Park.

That would be easier at Geiser-Pollman Park than with the parade, Cutler said.

At the park the Chamber could increase space between vendors, which would help spread out visitors.

But the parade would be a greater challenge, Cutler said, because spectators tend to congregate in large groups on sidewalks.

"I'm not saying one way or another," she said. "We're definitely still considering it."

Cutler said she understands that even if the Chamber can put on the Jubilee and comply with state restrictions, some people will be concerned about the potential to increase the risk of spreading the virus.

"We know that we have some community members who are concerned about people coming in from out of the area," she

said.

But Cutler said that concern will almost certainly be an issue when the first major event — whether that's Jubilee or something else — takes place.

"I think if we're thoughtful and proactive, there's a way that we can make it happen," she said. "We still have the ability to space booths out and do other things to try to mitigate the concerns."

That could, for instance, include requiring all vendors to have hand sanitizer available.

Cutler said that because so many other events have already been canceled — including the Hells Canyon Motorcycle Rally the weekend before Miners Jubilee, and the East-West Shrine All-Star Football Game on Aug. 1 — she thinks "it would be one of our best turnouts" if the Jubilee

does happen.

Because the Chamber represents many businesses that have suffered considerably as a result of the pandemic over the past 2½ months and depend heavily on summer events to carry them through the winter doldrums, Cutler said she believes the organization has an obligation, if it's legally permissible, to have a Jubilee, even if it's in limited form.

"It could be an amazing financial boost for so many businesses and lodging properties that need it," Cutler said.

### Bull and Bronc Riding/ Haines Stampede Rodeo

Mattox, who lives in Roseburg, said he hopes the Baker City Bronc and Bull Riding events will be the first in the 2020 Challenge of Champions.

Mattox had an event scheduled for May 30 at Prineville but he had to postpone it until October. With the 25-person limit for public gatherings in place — Crook County, like Baker County, is in phase one — it's not possible to put on the event, Mattox said.

"Our crew is 25 people," he said.

The Haines Stampede Rodeo, set for July 3 and 4, is still being planned, although a final decision hasn't been made.

"Big decisions the first half of June," a post on the rodeo's Facebook page stated.

The Baker City Memory Cruise also plans to have that event Aug. 22.

## OBITUARIES

### Victor Abbott

Former Huntington resident, 1936-2020

Victor Abbott, 83, of Summerville, a former Huntington resident, died May 10, 2020, at his favorite hunting place in the mountains between Unity and Sumpter.

Arrangements are under the direction of Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center in La Grande.

Victor was born on May 18, 1936, at Huntington to Robert Wade and Muriel Ruth (Greenslade) Abbott. In 1946 the railroad moved his family from Huntington to La Grande where he graduated from high school in 1954.

After graduating he joined the Navy and served with the Seabees as a heavy equipment operator until 1962. After his honorable discharge he worked for the railroad, then as a logger.

He drove log truck and later pur-

chased his own truck. On Sept. 6, 1984, he married Barbara Swope. In 1988 they made their home in Summerville.

Victor was a devoted member of the New Song Community Church in La Grande. He loved hunting, fishing, camping and spending time in the outdoors. He also enjoyed leather work and woodworking.

He was a loving husband and father and very much enjoyed his church.

Surviving relatives include his wife, Barbara Abbott; children, Tracy and Beth Abbott of Nampa, Idaho, Tim and Kris Abbott of Fresno, California, Randy Abbott of Boise, and Shari and Bill Schaffer of La Grande; stepdaughters, Bonnie Campagna of Louisiana and Bette Daline of Arizona; siblings, Wade Abbott of Port Orchard, Washington, Kay and Harold Rogers of La Grande, Nancy Sargent of Telocaset and Jim and Mary Abbott of Deer Park, Washington; 18

grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Victor was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorial contributions may be made to New Song Community Church, 3008 Cove Ave., La Grande, OR 97850. Online condolences may be made at [www.danielsknopp.com](http://www.danielsknopp.com)

### Diane Miller

Medical Springs

Diane Miller, 76, of Medical Springs, died May 25, 2020, at her home, surrounded by the love of her family.

Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Online condolences can be made at [www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com)



Diane Miller

## NEWS OF RECORD

### DEATHS

**Kathleen McKown:** 70, of Baker City, died May 23, 2020, at her home. No services are planned at this time. Memorial contributions can be made to Best Friends of Baker through Gray's West & Co., 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814. To light a candle in memory of Kathleen, or to leave a condolence for her family, go to [www.graywestco.com](http://www.graywestco.com)

**Charlotte Morris:** 85, of Baker City, died May 26, 2020, at her home. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Online condolences can be made at [www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com)

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### POLICE LOG

**Baker City Police**  
VIOLATION OF NO CONTACT

**ORDER:** Heather Marie Harlow, 36, of Baker City, 8:55 a.m. Tuesday, in the 1600 block of Seventh St.; jailed and later released on bail.

**THIRD-DEGREE THEFT:** Jacob D. Walker, 28, of Baker City, 6:14 p.m. Monday, at D&B, 3515 Pocahontas Road; cited and released.

**Oregon State Police**  
DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF INTOXICANTS — CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE: David S. Talbert, 64, of Yakima, Washington, 12:16 p.m. Saturday, in the westbound lanes of Interstate 84 near Baker City. Sr. Trooper Nicholas Hagedorn wrote in the daily media log that he pulled Talbert over after observing a near collision between the Mazda pickup truck Talbert was driving and a semi truck. Hagedorn's report stated that Talbert's dog was aggressive and was taken with him to the jail. Talbert later was taken to Saint Elizabeth Medical Center where he provided a consensual blood draw. Hagedorn wrote that Talbert admitted to methamphetamine ingestion two days earlier. Because of COVID-19 restrictions at the jail, Talbert was cited in lieu

of custody; he also was cited on charges of no operator's license and driving uninsured. He and his dog were dropped off at a motel in Baker City.

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF INTOXICANTS — ALCOHOL, RECKLESSLY ENDANGERING ANOTHER PERSON and OPEN CONTAINER OF ALCOHOL IN VEHICLE: Tyrel J. Pottenger, 29, of Nampa, 12:23 a.m. Monday, in the eastbound lanes of Interstate 84 about 10 miles south of Baker City. Sr. Trooper Nicholas Hagedorn wrote in the media log that while patrolling he observed Pottenger's Jeep Grand Cherokee being operated in a manner indicative of drunken driving; after field testing Pottenger for signs of impairment, he was arrested. Hagedorn wrote that the vehicle also was occupied by Pottenger's wife, Melodie A. Kulow, 31, of Nampa,

who was heavily intoxicated, and their three children, ages 1, 4 and 7. A Sheriff's deputy transported Kulow and her children to a motel in Baker City, Hagedorn stated. The driver was taken to the jail where his blood-alcohol concentration level tested at 0.07, Hagedorn wrote. Pottenger was cited in lieu of custody because of the COVID-19 restrictions at the jail. He was released to the motel with his family. Kulow also was cited on a charge of open container of alcohol in the vehicle. Hagedorn said he advised the DHS Child Welfare Division of the situation. VID-19 restrictions at the jail. He was released to the motel with his family. Kulow also was cited on a charge of open container of alcohol in the vehicle. Hagedorn said he advised the Department of Human Services Child Welfare Division of the situation.

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