

Local

BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

■ **Baker County Board of Commissioners:** 9 a.m., Courthouse, 1995 Third St.; Commission meetings will be streamed live. Due to occupancy limitations, the public is encouraged to attend the meetings using the link provided on the County's website, www.bakercounty.org

THURSDAY, JUNE 18

■ **Baker School Board:** 7 p.m., City Hall; Zoom video meeting; for information, call 541-524-2260.

TUESDAY, JUNE 23

■ **Baker City Council:** 7 p.m., City Hall, 1655 First St.; some councilors will attend in person while others will participate via Zoom video conferencing; members of the public may attend as social distancing limits allow.

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald June 16, 1970

Dick Camp of Haines Commercial Equipment Company announced at the regular meeting of the Baker County Chamber of Commerce Industrial Committee meeting that he has begun manufacturing Pak Raks which are baggage carriers for snowmobiles.

25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald June 16, 1995

SUMPTER — The second annual Sumpter Valley Dredge Workers reunion is planned Saturday at the Sumpter Valley Dredge State Park.

10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald June 16 2010

Officials from the Oregon Division of State Lands are scheduled to survey Baker County flood damage today and potentially streamline the process so farmers and ranchers in the Pine and Eagle valleys can get permits to repair their irrigation networks.

ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald June 17, 2019

Jeff Meldrum, with his neatly trimmed gray beard, mellifluous voice and smooth cadence, seems to be the archetypal college professor except that he's holding what appears to be the footprint of a giant.

Meldrum is in fact a professor. But as he stands in the shade of a canopy on a flawless June morning at Geiser-Pollman Park, brandishing this peculiar piece of plaster, it's obvious that his specialty is not, say, English literature or economics.

Meldrum, 61, is a full professor of anatomy and anthropology at Idaho State University in Pocatello. He's taught there for 26 years.

But it's not his reputation for lecturing on human anatomy that brought Meldrum to Baker City on Saturday. It's Bigfoot.

Sasquatch, the other common name for this massive, hirsute creature that some believe inhabits the wild woods, as yet unrecognized by science, is the theme for the inaugural Blue Mountain Bigfoot Fest that drew an estimated 1,000 people to the park for the day-long event.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, June 13

4 — 7 — 11 — 32 — 33 — 35
Next jackpot: \$2.7 million

POWERBALL, June 13

2 — 12 — 32 — 50 — 65 PB 5
Next jackpot: \$22 million

MEGA MILLIONS, June 12

9 — 14 — 57 — 67 — 70 Mega 2
Next jackpot: \$22 million

WIN FOR LIFE, June 13

12 — 23 — 66 — 75

PICK 4, June 14

• 1 p.m.: 7 — 9 — 6 — 4
• 4 p.m.: 2 — 9 — 8 — 9
• 7 p.m.: 7 — 9 — 0 — 1

• 10 p.m.: 8 — 4 — 3 — 9

LUCKY LINES, June 14

3-5-11-14-20-21-26-29

Next jackpot: \$17,000

SENIOR MENUS

- **WEDNESDAY:** Barbecued chicken, parslied red potatoes, peas, roll, cottage cheese with fruit, cinnamon roll
- **THURSDAY:** Breaded pork loin, potatoes and gravy, mixed vegetables, roll, broccoli-bacon salad
- **FRIDAY:** Taco salad, (beef, lettuce, tomato, onion, cheese, chips, salsa and sour cream), fruit cup, cookies
- **MONDAY (June 22):** Chicken ala king over a biscuit, peas, fruit cup, brownies
- **TUESDAY (June 23):** Salisbury steak, potatoes and gravy, green beans, roll, fruit ambrosia, 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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POLICE

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Tim Fisher, a retired Baker County sheriff's deputy who grew up on a cattle ranch near Haines and spent 21 years on the force, echoed these sentiments.

"I'm a retired law enforcement officer and I feel like the actions of one corrupt officer is causing a group to demonize the rest of law enforcement, which are not — people join law enforcement to help people," Fisher said. "What happened to George Floyd would never happen in Baker City, ever."

Jason Smith, a Baker City resident, said he turned out Friday to support officers such as Wilcoxson and Fisher as well as police in general.

"I think police officers have been given a bad name for something that isn't really their fault as a group," Smith said. "Showing my support is the least I can do for them putting their lives on the line for me every day."

Lois Myers, also of Baker



Samantha O'Conner/Baker City Herald

Roxann Fisher, left, attended Friday's event with her grandson, Barrett Fisher, and her son (and Barrett's dad), Sheldon Fisher.

City, said she supports the police, and believes they're important to the city as well.

"I think they contribute a lot to the community," Myers said.

Beckie Gwynn, however, had the most to say about law enforcement officers on both a personal and profes-

sional level.

"I have a lot of friends that are cops, and they are good people," Gwynn said. "I think first and foremost we need to remember that they are people, they have families and wives and children just like the rest of us. Maybe there might be a handful that

have some issues, but I think the majority are out there to do their job."

"I work out at the gym with them," Gwynn said. "I coach Little League with them. They're just normal average people like the rest of us, but they have a harder job."

OBITUARY

Linda Garrett

Baker City, 1970-2020

Linda Garrett, 49, died of natural causes on June 12, 2020, at Saint Alphonsus Medical Center in Baker City.

A celebration of Linda's life and family gathering will take place at a later date.

Linda Dee was born, along with her twin brother Vic, on Oct. 26, 1970, at Denver to James and Salina Church. She spent most of her early years in Star, Idaho. At the age of 16, the family moved to Halfway. Most of her adult years she lived in Boise and Grandview, Idaho, and most recently in Baker City.

Linda was a loving mother, daughter, sister and friend. She was kind and giving to all who knew her and even those who didn't. Her smile could melt the coldest of hearts and fill it with a warmth you could never imagine. Her sense of humor



Linda Garrett

and laugh were contagious — a silly look or joke would have you laughing so hard you would be crying.

She was stubborn as a mule and just as hard-headed at times, but that is what made her the beautiful person she was. The masterpieces of her life were each and every one of her beautiful children. She loved them so and talked about them all the time.

Linda had a passion and talent for drawing, dragonflies being a favorite. She also loved doing hair and makeup and had plans to go and finish her beauty degree. Linda was a beautiful soul who held onto her belief in God to carry her through this life and into his loving arms until we meet again. She will forever be the love and laughter in our hearts.

Favorite sayings of Linda's were "day 1 or 1 day" and "I Love Your Face." A special poem that she and her daughter Rosemary loved was "To Those I Love and Those Who Love Me."

Linda is survived by her children, Rosemary Garrett and family, T.J. and Michelle (Berry) Garrett and their children, Sylus and McKenzie, and Levi Nanney, all of Boise, Michael Nanney of Grandview, Idaho, and Ellis Ivan Nanney Jr.; her parents, Jim and Salina Church of Richland, Oregon; her brothers, Thomas, and his wife, Kenna Church of Boise, and Victor and his wife, Rhonda Church of Cascade, Idaho; her longtime companion, Ellis Ivan Nanney Sr.; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and special friends.

Linda was preceded in death by her grandparents; her sister, Angela Church; and her granddaughter, Lily Garrett.

Those who would like to make a donation in memory of Linda may do so to the charity of your choice through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services, P.O. Box 543, Halfway, OR 97834. Online condolences can be made at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com

NEWS OF RECORD

DEATHS

Maurice McKinnis: 86, of Baker City, died June 14, 2020, at his home after an extended illness. Services are under the direction of Coles Tribute Center. To light a candle in memory of Maurice, go to www.colestributecenter.com

POLICE LOG

Baker City Police

Arrests, citations

FAILURE TO APPEAR (Baker County warrant): Trevor James Heath, 24, of Baker City, 2:38 p.m. Friday, in the 2400 block of Resort Street; cited and released.

Crime report

FIRST-DEGREE BURGLARY: At 1120 Grove St., between 2 p.m. June 12 and about 2:30 p.m. June 13; Police Chief Ray Duman said a burglar entered the vacant house through an unsecured window and removed a red Honda motor scooter and other miscellaneous items including a portable air conditioner and dishes belonging to Kelly Lynn Hardy, 58.

SECOND-DEGREE BURGLARY: At the Sunridge Inn, between 3 a.m. and 4 a.m. June 12; Police Chief Ray Duman said the area of Sonny's Bar and Grill was entered through a patio side door in need of repair; the burglar removed two Apple iPads valued at \$600 each and two credit card readers valued at \$60 each from the business. Duman said a camera in the bar recorded the incident. Police are following up on the case. Officers are attempting to locate a potential suspect identified in the video, Duman said.

FIRST-DEGREE BURGLARY: At 2240 Failing Ave., between 3:30 p.m. June 5 and noon June 6, Maxwell Prevot, 26, reported that a burglar entered his home through a window and took several items including a .22-caliber rifle, a television, an archery bow, a laptop computer, a snowboard and a cellphone charger.

Baker County Sheriff's Office

Arrests, citations

MENACING: Vang Meng Saechao, 61, of Oakland, California; 2:04 p.m. Saturday, on Snake River Road; Saechao was taken to the Baker County Jail where he was cited and released.

Crime report

A first-degree burglary at 45043 Pocahontas Road was reported to the Sheriff's Office at 6:36 p.m. Sunday; no other information about the crime was available in time for this report; the investigation is continuing.

Baker City Fire Department

Monday, June 15

9:02 a.m. — a fire was reported

in a storage shed adjoining a carport at the home of Kim Sheldon at 3360 H St. The fire apparently started in the shed, said Baker City Fire Department Battalion Chief Sara Blair. The cause had not been determined at press time Monday

and the investigation has been turned over to Oregon State Police. Firefighters had extinguished the blaze and returned to the station by 10:12 a.m., Blair said. She estimated damage to the shed and its contents at about \$5,000.

No one was hurt in the fire. Sheldon's single-wide mobile home was not damaged. A portion of the skirting got warm and was blown off during the firefighting effort, but was easily reattached, Blair said.

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