

Local

BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

TUESDAY, JUNE 30

■ **Baker School Board Work Session:** 3 p.m., the meeting will be livestreamed over Zoom video; for more information, call the District Office at 541-524-2260; a special board meeting will take place after the work session.

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald June 26, 1970

HUNTINGTON — J.P. O'Connor, division manager for Idaho Power Company at Payette, announced Monday evening to a group of leading citizens at Howell's Cafe in Huntington that the Huntington office will be discontinued following the close of business today.

25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald June 26, 1995

A U.S. Forest Service official from Portland has denied an appeal of the Baker Ranger District's plan to log in Baker City's watershed.

10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald June 25, 2010

The weather strikes again.
This time with alfalfa harvesting.
Unusually cool and wet weather has forced alfalfa growers to delay the first cutting of their crops, creating a potential for lower quality hay and a late start to the second and third cuttings.

ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald June 26, 2019

The Baker City Fire Department on Monday closed the Super 8 motel and Motel 6 in Baker City after inspectors found that the fire alarm systems had been intentionally disabled at both motels, and that the sprinkler system was partially dismantled at the Super 8.

"These system disablements pose a significant life safety risk to occupants of the motels, particularly guests that sleep in these facilities," Baker City Fire Chief John Clark said in a press release Tuesday.

Clark said both motels, which are owned by the same group and which between them have 112 rooms, will remain closed until the owners have corrected all the violations of the Oregon State Fire Code.

Clark said the owners brought in a contractor from Meridian, Idaho, to look at both motels Tuesday, but that corrective work had not started.

On Tuesday afternoon Christina Scott, public relations manager for the motels, sent the Herald a statement from the owners.

"We at the Super 8 and Motel 6 want to express our concern for the Baker community and the guests we serve," the statement reads. "We want to thank the fire chief and city officials for informing us of the possible danger our hotels faced. We keep safety as priority one at all of our properties and we are doing everything in our power to remedy this situation as quickly and efficiently as humanely possible. We want to assure our fellow Baker tourism businesses, we will not allow this to affect upcoming events and meetings."

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, June 22
8 — 13 — 25 — 27 — 28 — 34
Next jackpot: \$3.1 million

POWERBALL, June 20
10 — 31 — 41 — 63 — 67 PB 5
Next jackpot: \$33 million

MEGA MILLIONS, June 23
6 — 20 — 37 — 40 — 48 Mega 15
Next jackpot: \$44 million

WIN FOR LIFE, June 22
1 — 19 — 31 — 67

PICK 4, June 23
• 1 p.m.: 3 — 4 — 6 — 0
• 4 p.m.: 5 — 2 — 8 — 2
• 7 p.m.: 2 — 4 — 1 — 6
• 10 p.m.: 8 — 1 — 1 — 1

LUCKY LINES, June 23
2-6-12-15-18-22-28-32
Next jackpot: \$14,000

SENIOR MENUS

- **FRIDAY:** Barbecued pork ribs, baked beans, corn, roll, coleslaw, tapioca
 - **MONDAY (June 29):** Swedish meatballs over fettuccine, mixed vegetables, biscuit, cottage cheese with fruit, cookies
 - **TUESDAY (June 30):** Salisbury steak, potatoes and gravy, green beans, roll, fruit ambrosia, ice cream
 - **WEDNESDAY (July 1):** Boneless chicken breast with cream gravy, mashed potatoes, peas, bread, three-bean salad, bread pudding
 - **THURSDAY (July 2):** Pulled pork/bun, parslied red potatoes, mixed vegetables, pea/onion salad, peach 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), \$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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6 of 7 City Council seats open in November

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Six of the seven seats on the Baker City Council will be up for grabs in the Nov. 3 election. Typically just four positions

are on the ballot every two years, but the resignations of councilors Mike Downing and Ken Gross earlier this year changed the situation, City Recorder Katie LaFavor said.

The remaining councilors appointed Jason Spriet and Larry Morrison to fill those two seats. Both are eligible to file as candidates, as are councilors Arvid Andersen

and Doni Bruland. Councilor Lynette Perry is less than halfway through her 4-year term.

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OBITUARIES

Billie Wells Pollard

Richland, 1924-2020

Billie Wells Pollard, 96, of Richland, died peacefully in her home on June 19, 2020, with her family by her side.



Billie Wells Pollard

A private ceremony honoring Billie's life will take place at a later date.

Billie was born on March 29, 1924, at Cambridge, Idaho. She grew up on Brownlee Creek near Heath, Idaho, walking miles to school while watching out for rattlesnakes and developing a healthy respect for them along the way. She moved to Richland in 1933 where she attended Daly Creek School.

She was a brave and adventurous child, exploring the outdoors, collecting rocks, and rowing across Snake River by herself when she was 7 years old. Billie and her family held education in high esteem and Billie was an excellent student; she graduated with high honors from Eagle Valley High School in 1942. She was awarded a full scholarship to Pacific University at Forest Grove, but she wanted to stay closer to home and attained a business certificate from Boise Business College and at a later date was awarded a bachelor of arts in Education from Eastern Oregon University. Billie taught school at Ironside and Hermiston. She was also civic-minded, leading Cub Scouts and 4-H in Richland.

Billie married Jeff Pollard and raised three children. Billie and the kids spent summers at the sheep camp in the Wallowa Mountains with Jeff. While at the sheep camp she indulged in some of her favorite activities — hiking, fishing and riding horses. She panned for gold along the Snake River; collected wildflowers, mushrooms, and huckleberries. Billie also loved music and played the piano at family gatherings. She had a lovely voice and often sang with her sister and father. She entertained us all, yodeling and singing Jimmie Rodgers songs, her family said.

Billie had many interests and was an avid reader, an accomplished seamstress, pattern maker, and gardener. She learned to sew on a pedal sewing machine with her mother, making quilts. She enjoyed

sitting around the kitchen table playing pinochle with family and friends.

Her primary interest, however, was her family. Billie loved children and always had time to participate in board games, help with homework, and share a good story along with many laughs, making others feel valued and loved.

Billie was the essence of “good hearted” and lived by the Golden Rule. She enjoyed helping family, friends, and people in need, taking care of her ailing parents and her sister, Marie. Billie was an optimist. She lived through many trying times, but she always looked at the good rather than focusing on the bad and believed that “where there was a will, there was a way” and she certainly enjoyed exercising her strong will!

Jeff, her first husband, passed away and Billie married Glenn Wells.

She is survived by her daughter, Zona Pollard; her sons-in-law, Brian (Tony) Ciochetti and Glen Larkins; her son, Davis Pollard; her daughter-in-law, Tania Pollard; her granddaughters, Diana Smith and Jessica Pollard; her grandsons, Logan and Harley Pollard; her great-grandson, Marcus (Coby) Ryder; and her great-great-grandchildren, Caden and Avilyn Ryder, and Jacob Post; and her niece, Earletta (Blank) Baker.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Loretta (Pollard) Larkins; her first husband, Jeff Pollard; her second husband, Glenn Wells; her father, Harley Wells, and her mother, Maggie (Wininger) Wells; and her sisters, Marie (Wells) Blank and 5-year-old Retha Wells.

Billie had a good life and always loved Eagle Valley. Her family would like to thank Rose Darting and Heart N Home Hospice care providers for their kind and compassionate care. They would also like to acknowledge and give a special thank you to Diana (Dee Dee) for providing years of loving care to her grandma Billie.

Those wishing to send flowers to the family please consider instead contributing to the Hilary Bonn Benevolence Fund in Billie's name through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home, P.O. Box 543, Halfway, OR 97834. Online condolences can be made at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com

DEATHS

David M. Grover: 64, of Baker City, died June 19, 2020, at his home. At his request, cremation was held under the direction of ColesTribute Center, 1950 Place St., Baker City, OR 97814. To light a candle in memory of David, go to www.colestributecenter.com

Eric Wayne Sherman: 43, of Baker City, died June 22, 2020, near Haines. Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel is in charge of arrangements. To light a candle for Eric or to leave a condolence for his family, go to www.grayswestco.com

Robert Eugene Stone: 58, of Baker City, died June 23, 2020, at St. Luke's Medical Center in Meridian, Idaho. Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel is in charge of arrangements. To light a candle in memory of Robert, or to leave an online condolence for the family, go to www.grayswestco.com

FUNERAL PENDING

Betty Myers: Celebration of life, Saturday, June 27, at 11 a.m. at Mount Hope Cemetery. For those who would like to make a memorial donation in honor of Betty, the family suggests Hilary's Benevolent Fund 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

POLICE LOG

Baker City Police
DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF INTOXICANTS (Baker County Circuit Court warrant): Nicole Wilkerson, 43, of Baker City, 3:48 p.m. Tuesday, at 2000 Wells St.; cited and released.

Baker County Sheriff's Office
ASSAULT IV DOMESTIC: Sierra Jean Dougharity, 31, W. Airport Road, 12:43 p.m. Tuesday, at her home; jailed and later granted a conditional release.

CONTEMPT OF COURT (Two Baker County Justice Court warrants): Jestin Lee Harding, 37, transient, 4:59 p.m. Monday, at the Baker County Jail where he had been held since June 6 on other charges. Harding was cited and released on the warrants Monday. He also was released from the jail where he had been held since June 6 on domestic violence charges. On Monday, Harding pleaded guilty to one count of fourth-degree assault, according to court records. He was sentenced to 15 days in jail and given credit for the 16 days he had served since his arrest. He

also was placed on 18 months' probation with special conditions requiring him to obtain a domestic violence evaluation and follow any recommended treatment. He also must have no contact with his victim and report to his probation officer within 24 hours. Other charges of strangulation and harassment were dismissed in a plea agreement with the district attorney's office.

Oregon State Police
DRIVING WHILE OPERATOR'S LICENSE SUSPENDED (in both

Oregon and Washington) and DRIVING UNINSURED: Alida Peralta Zaragoza, 29, of Sunnyside, Washington, 9:56 a.m. Friday, June 19, in the eastbound lanes of Interstate 84 at Baker City; cited and released; the Jeep Wrangler she was driving was towed from the scene and the driver was provided a ride into Baker City. The vehicle's owner drove from Washington to get the vehicle out of impound on Friday, Sr. Trooper David Aydelotte stated in his daily media log.

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