

Local

BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JULY 16

■ **Baker School Board:** 6 p.m.; Zoom video meeting; for more information, call the District Office, 541-524-2260.

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald July 14, 1970

“I would say that about 60 percent of the local population has seen ‘Paint Your Wagon’ at least once,” said Jim Byers, manager of the Eltrym Theatre. “We’ve been playing to capacity crowds,” he said.

“Paint Your Wagon” was filmed in the East Eagle Mountains near Baker. The film has had a poor nationwide acceptance and financial ruin seems an almost certainty.

25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald July 14, 1995

LA GRANDE — The Baker Americans 14- and 15-year-old Babe Ruth all-starts continued their run through the losers’ bracket Thursday at the district tournament here.

The Baker Americans beat the Snake River Valley Nationals 16-10.

10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald July 14, 2010

ENTERPRISE — The federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives has taken the lead of the multi-agency investigation team working to determine the cause of Sunday’s fire that destroyed the Wallowa Mountains Visitors Center in Enterprise.

“Structures are ATF’s specialty,” said Judy Wing, public affairs officer for the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest, which ran the visitors center.

The Forest Service had leased the 20,500-square-foot log building from its private owner since the structure opened in April 1990.

ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald July 15, 2019

For four days Baker City rumbled with the roaring of motorcycle engines. Harleys, Suzukis, Indians, street bikes, cruisers, 800-pound touring bikes, beat-up choppers with ape-hangers, pristine show bikes, custom-built amalgamations of spare parts welded together — if it had a throttle and two or three wheels it could be found on Main Street during the annual Hells Canyon Motorcycle Rally.

During the day, vendors lined Main Street downtown selling everything from food to leather riding gear to jewelry. A stunt crew performed wheelies and jumped over fire in front of Umpqua Bank, and people danced in the street to music played by We’re Not Brothers. At night, bikers flocked to bars and restaurants.

Todd Godfrey, marketing manager for High Desert Harley-Davidson in Meridian, Idaho, was in his first year organizing the Rally, which brings thousands of riders to Baker City.

Although participants aren’t required to register, Godfrey estimates 1,500 riders did so, about a 45% increase from previous years, he said.

“That’s all due to the community and business supporting the rally,” Godfrey said.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, July 11
8 — 14 — 15 — 19 — 29 — 41
Next jackpot: \$3.9 million

POWERBALL, July 11
14 — 19 — 61 — 62 — 64 PB 4
Next jackpot: \$87 million

MEGA MILLIONS, July 10
10 — 15 — 20 — 49 — 53 Mega 22
Next jackpot: \$91 million

WIN FOR LIFE, July 11
31 — 34 — 46 — 59

PICK 4, July 12
• 1 p.m.: 6 — 9 — 5 — 0
• 4 p.m.: 9 — 0 — 2 — 7
• 7 p.m.: 1 — 0 — 0 — 1
• 10 p.m.: 2 — 0 — 9 — 2

LUCKY LINES, July 12
2-8-9-14-17-22-27-29
Next jackpot: \$33,000

SENIOR MENUS

- **WEDNESDAY:** Breaded pork loin, baked potato, green beans, roll, fruit cup, cheesecake
- **THURSDAY:** Chef’s salad, breadsticks, pea-and-onion salad, apple crisp
- **FRIDAY:** Beef pot roast, parslied red potatoes, carrots, roll, broccoli-bacon salad, tapioca
- **MONDAY (July 20):** Baked ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans, biscuit, coleslaw, cheesecake
- **TUESDAY (July 21):** Beef enchilada casserole, Spanish rice, refried beans, fruit cup, cinnamon roll.

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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Reward up to \$2,000 in cat abuse case

By **Sam Anthony**
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An anonymous community member has increased to \$2,000 the reward for evidence leading to the arrest of the individual or individuals responsible for trapping cats,

both domestic and feral, and allowing hound dogs to maul the felines.

Police are aware that there might be a video being circulated that could assist law enforcement in finding those responsible, but officers have

not yet been able to view it.

The original reward was set at \$500 and put up by the nonprofit Best Friends of Baker, a local animal rescue organization. Shelly Curtis and Lisa Millsap boosted the reward to \$700, and the new-

est, anonymous, donor added another \$1,300.

You can remain anonymous and collect the reward by emailing officer Amanda Baker at abaker@bakercity.com, or calling 541-524-2014 extension 651.

OBITUARIES

Dennis Oliver

Halfway, 1940-2020

Dennis “Denny” Oliver, 79, of Halfway, died July 6, 2020, at his home with his wife by his side.

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

Dennis was born on July 23, 1940, at Halfway. He was the second son of Bill and Edwardine Oliver. He was born on the original Oliver Ranch, which was established in 1880 by his great-grandfather, Charlie Oliver.

Dennis spent the first 15 years of his life growing up on this 160-acre piece of prime farm ground. It was a typical farm, with all the hard work and hardships of the 1940s. Dennis saw it all as a happy child, seeing the bright side of it all — a trait that stayed with him all of his life.

Dennis attended elementary school in Halfway and was a good student in the classes he liked. It was in those early educational years that Dennis learned that you do not force people to learn and you respect the individual differences in people. He maintained this philosophy for the 30 years that he taught school. Dennis always enjoyed sports, competing in most all from elementary school through college. He graduated from Pine Valley High School in 1958 and was named Athlete of the Year.

He attended Eastern Oregon State College for four years, playing football both ways as offensive and defensive linebacker. Dennis worked for Idaho Power, playing football, while attending E.O.S.C. earning a bachelor’s degree in science and math. Following graduation he got a job with the state and then decided to returned to college, earning his degree in secondary education with a double major in science and social science. He later finished a Master of Arts in teaching from Lewis and Clark College in 1978.

The day after graduation in 1965, Dennis married Elaine Bieswenger. They both had job offers in Ketchikan, Alaska, teaching in the high school. They taught there for 4 years. While in Alaska they had two children — Shannon, born in 1967, and Matt in 1969. Dennis taught and coached cross-country, track, basketball and started the wrestling program. Along with his teaching and coaching, Dennis was a commercial fisherman, owning three boats. He loved being a fisherman and had many stories of those times.

In the early 1970s, Dennis moved his family back to Oregon where he began selling insurance for Mutual of Omaha. He has many plaques he accumulated



Dennis Oliver

during this period of time as Top Insurance Man of the Year.

In 1973, a teaching job became available at the high school in Halfway. Dennis took the job and taught the next 25 years for Pine-Eagle High School. He always said, “They had the greatest kids to work with as well as an excellent staff”

After a divorce, Dennis married Janet “Jan” Hank in 1980, combining a family of four kids — Tim, Bill, Shannon and Matt. During those high school years Dennis taught, coached football and girls basketball. He coached his girls to win the 1984 Oregon Class A basketball championship with a 53-48 triumph over Sherman County in the Pendleton Armory. Coaching his niece, Liz Gulick, and daughter, Shannon Oliver, to a state championship, was an experience he was to always remember.

Married for 40 years, Denny and Jan had a great life together. In the early years, there were Forest Service trail clearing jobs in the summer, horseback camping, deer and elk hunting trips, boating and fishing on the river.

Dennis loved and lived life to the fullest. Family meant a lot to him. He was a man of few words. His granddaughter, Jamie, said of him: “Actions speak louder than words” and he was a wonderful grandpa, hunting, fishing, boating and snowmobiling, enjoying the moments with kids, grandkids and friends.

He was a lifelong member of the Panhandle Snowmobile Club and spent many years organizing the Annual Poker Run. Dennis was on the Board of Directors for the Pine Valley Cemetery.

Survivors include his wife of 40 years, Jan Oliver, of Halfway; his children, Matt (Annette) Oliver of Yamhill, Shannon (Joe) Oliver Kennedy of Albuquerque, New Mexico, Tim (Kris) Hank of Phoenix, Arizona, and Bill (Karen) Hank of Elko, Nevada; his grandkids, Matty Oliver; Theresa Oliver Kennedy, Rachael Oliver Kennedy, Jamie (Jordan) Hank Finck, Timothy Hank, Tabor Hank and Charlotte Hank; his brothers, Bill (Susan) Oliver of Kodiak, Alaska, and Charlie (Linda) Oliver of Denver; his sister, Frances (Terry) Gulick Vaughn; and many nieces and nephew.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a baby sister.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Pine Valley Cemetery or Panhandle Snowmobile Club 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

‘Charlie’ Brown

Baker City, 1945-2020

Charles “Charlie” Virgil Brown, 74, of Baker City, died July 3, 2020, with

his favorite person in the world, Dino, by his side.

Charlie was born on Oct. 28, 1945, at Van Nuys, California. He moved to an orphanage in Portland at 2 weeks of age. When he turned 8 years old he moved to Fairview State Hospital in Salem where he lived off and on until eventually moving to various group homes throughout Oregon.

In 1995 Charlie moved to the remote town of Fox in Grant County to live with Steven and Regenia “Dino” Valentine. Although no one could have known it at the time, Charlie had finally found his forever family.

Charlie had to adjust to rural living, having only lived in populous areas. Once he did, however, he learned to appreciate the simple joys of helping Steve feed cows, going fishing and on four-wheeler rides and, especially, a trip to town to get a hamburger and french fries. After Fox, Charlie and his new family moved a few more times before ultimately residing in Richland.

Charlie very much enjoyed traveling. He could often be found going down the road with the “Yadies,” Dino and “Donno” (Donna Valentine). Telling Charlie he would be going on a trip with the Yadies was always fun and his reaction was pure joy. He also enjoyed taking a ride to the mountains to pick huckleberries or mushrooms.

With the Valentines came a large extended family and Charlie very much enjoyed their gatherings; he was known to everyone as part of the family. He had a very special bond with all of Steve and Regenia’s grandchildren, who considered him “Uncle” Charlie.

As time went by and age became an issue for everyone, Charlie moved from Richland to Baker City where he lived in a group home owned by Step Forward Activities. While it was a difficult transition for everyone it was also a blessing that he remained near so the family could still see him and take him for visits. The staff of Step Forward did a wonderful job caring for Charlie and the family would like them to know it is deeply appreciated.

His passing has left a huge hole in our hearts but we are thankful for the time he shared with us, his family said. He left behind wonderful memories for us to carry with us and, in the words of Charlie, we will ... “see you next time.”

For those who would like to make a memorial donation in memory of Charlie, the family suggests Step Forward through Tami’s Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services, P.O. Box 543 Halfway, Oregon 97834. Online condolences can be made at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com



Charlie Brown

NEWS OF RECORD

FUNERALS PENDING

Raelene Florene Maddox: Memorial service will take place Sept. 5 at 11 a.m. at Gray’s West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., with Pastor Lennie Spooner of the Baker City Nazarene Church officiating. To light a candle for Raelene, or to leave a condolence for her family, go to www.grayswestco.com

George Braughton: Celebration of life, Saturday, July 25, 11 a.m. at 2845 Hughes Lane, No. 12, in Baker City. JB Matthiesen will officiate with military honors. An outdoor potluck will follow. Please join the family in sharing stories and remembering a life lived to the fullest.

Baker City Police

SECOND-DEGREE DISORDERLY CONDUCT: Kristi Ann Moudy-Koos, 43, transient, 6:28 a.m. Saturday, in the 2600 block of 14th St.; cited and released.

CONTEMPT OF COURT: Juan Pablo Burgos, 59, Baker City, 1:42 p.m. Saturday, in the 1700 block of Washington Avenue; cited and released.

DRIVING WHILE OPERATOR’S LICENSE REVOKED: Ladd Wayne Kanyid, 59, of 1405 17th St., 10:37 a.m. Sunday, at his home; cited and released.

FAILURE TO APPEAR (Baker County Circuit Court warrant): Michael Steven Myers-Gabiola, 29, of 1038 Baker St., 5:57 p.m. Sunday, at his home; cited and released.

Baker County Sheriff’s Office

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF INTOXICANTS: Charles Gregory Hammond, 57, of 530 Washington Ave., 4:47 p.m. Saturday, on Highway 7 near the south Baker City limits; cited and released.

SECOND-DEGREE ASSAULT and RESISTING ARREST (Baker County Circuit Court warrant): Terrell Grant Callao-George, 25, of McDermitt, Nevada, 9 p.m. Sunday, at the Sheriff’s Office; jailed.

Baker County Parole and Probation OREGON STATE PAROLE BOARD WARRANT: Frank Nathan McNair, 40, of 825 G St., 11:26 a.m. Friday, at Indiana Avenue and Fourth Street; cited and released.

With summer here, there is lots of traveling. Be safe & have fun!



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