

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 17, 1970

Senator Robert Packwood announced today the Pine Valley watershed project in Baker County has been authorized by the Senate public works committee.

25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald July 17, 1995

The official ground-breaking at Marvin Wood Products Thursday morning not only meant that an approximately \$4 million plant expansion will happen, but that more people will now have jobs.

10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald July 16, 2010

Baker County officials want to know what the public thinks about a preliminary business plan describing conditions under which the county might temporarily operate Ski Anthony Lakes pending creation of a 501 (c)3 nonprofit organization to take over the resort.

“We are listening to citizens, who want to remain open, but don’t want to use county tax dollars to do it, and I agree wholeheartedly,” said Fred Warner Jr., chairman of the Baker County Board of Commissioners.

The owners of Ski Anthony Lakes have offered to gift the resort to Baker County, including all buildings, triple chairlift and other equipment.

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

For the first time since 2017, the West Nile virus has been detected in mosquitoes trapped in Baker County.

The virus, which mosquitoes can transmit to people, was found in mosquitoes trapped earlier this summer in Keating Valley, about 15 miles east of Baker City, according to the Baker Valley Vector Control District.

Last year, for the first time in several years, there were no positive tests for West Nile virus in mosquitoes caught in Baker County. Matt Hutchinson, who manages the 200,000-acre Vector Control District, which includes most of Baker, Bowen and Keating Valleys, sent more than 250 “pools” of mosquitoes to a lab in Corvallis for virus testing.

(Each pool consists of 10 to 50 adult mosquitoes.)

During the previous several years the first confirmation of West Nile virus in Baker County mosquitoes typically happened in July or early August.

The absence of a positive test during the 2018 mosquito season was “really surprising,” Hutchinson said.

So far this summer, West Nile virus has been detected in mosquitoes in Baker and Umatilla counties, according to the Oregon Health Authority. There have been no human cases of the virus this year in Oregon. Last year there were two, one in Harney County and one in Clackamas County.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, July 13

3 — 12 — 15 — 22 — 24 — 37

Next jackpot: \$4 million

POWERBALL, July 11

14 — 19 — 61 — 62 — 64 PB 4

Next jackpot: \$87 million

MEGA MILLIONS, July 14

6 — 26 — 55 — 56 — 64 Mega 22

Next jackpot: \$104 million

WIN FOR LIFE, July 13

2 — 5 — 36 — 37

PICK 4, July 14

• 1 p.m.: 9 — 6 — 3 — 4

• 4 p.m.: 1 — 1 — 9 — 5

• 7 p.m.: 3 — 6 — 0 — 9

• 10 p.m.: 4 — 5 — 6 — 1

LUCKY LINES, July 14

2-79-15-19-24-28-29

Next jackpot: \$35,000

SENIOR MENUS

- **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.
- **WEDNESDAY (July 22):** Hot turkey sandwich, stuffing and gravy, mixed vegetables, sauerkraut salad, bread pudding
- **THURSDAY (July 23):** Pork tips over fettuccine, broccoli-blend vegetables, bread, cottage cheese with fruit, sherbet

Public luncheon, 2810 Cedar St., 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; \$4.50 donation (60 and older); \$6.75, under 60. Meals must be picked up; there is no dining on site.

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Commissioners award bid for roof

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Baker County Commissioners on Wednesday awarded a

\$108,432 bid from Landmark Contracting LLC of Baker City to replace the roof at the county road department shop

in Halfway. The county also received a bid of \$281,465 from Gyllenberg Construction. Commission Chairman Bill

Harvey said the county has been planning the project for 2 years.

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OBITUARIES

Beth Johnson

Baker City, 1987-2020

Beth Johnson, 32, of Baker City, died July 5, 2020.

Due to COVID-19 guidelines, a virtual candlelight vigil will take place Sunday, July 19. On this day, her family asks that you take a moment to light a candle in memory of Beth, wherever you are, no matter what time. If you are able, please take a picture of your candlelight and share it to Tami’s Pine Valley Funeral Home Facebook page as we remember Beth’s life together, while apart.

Beth was born on Sept. 30, 1987, at Madras. She was raised and educated in Baker City and graduated from Baker High School in 2006.

Beth had many jobs throughout her life including working as a waitress, a delivery driver and a housekeeper. Most recently, she worked at Chaves Consulting Inc. as a customer service representative.

Beth was a talented artist, an avid photographer, and was infatuated with the outdoors. Her favorite color was purple, she loved pink roses, and she idolized Marilyn Monroe. She had a special sparkle in her eyes, her laughter was infectious, she was determined, passionate and sometimes even stubborn. Beth overcame many obstacles during her life. Her philosophy was, “to live life to the fullest, with a love so strong for everything that it’s addicting.”

She would often say, “Live life and never stop loving; I do what I want; and never judge a book by its cover.” Beth had a big heart. She was a social butterfly who loved making new friends. She always saw the good in everybody and never failed to be there for whomever needed her.

The true loves of Beth’s life were her three beautiful children whom she cherished more than anything. Special times were spent in the mountains making memories together. She loved each of them deeply with all of her heart and soul.

Beth is survived by her beloved children, 12-year-old Jordan, 10-year-old Jayden, and 8-year-old Joleene Little; her mother, Thelma and stepfather, Mike Chandler of Baker City; her brother, Brock (Sierra) Johnson of Baker City; her stepsister, Michelle Holcomb of Wetherford, Texas; her grandma, Betty Major of Madras; her uncles, Earl Major

and Robert Adams of Baker City; her favorite aunt and role model, Tarry Picard of Madras; her cousins, Daniel Blood, Jason Picard, William Adams and Sara Strommer; and numerous cousins, nieces, nephews and friends, all of whom loved her dearly.

Beth was preceded in death by her grandparents, Bill and Hattie Major; and her aunt, Carol Adams.

For those who would like to make a donation in memory of Beth 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

Thierno Bah

With profound sadness his family announces the passing of Thierno Bah, our beloved foster son, brother, family and friend to all whose lives he touched. He went missing on July 3, 2020, while camping with us in Richland. He was found on Friday, July 10 in the Powder River due to a tragic water accident.

Thierno was laid to rest on Sunday, July 12.

In his 17 years Thierno triumphed more in his life than many others. An orphan from a young age from Guinea in West Africa, he was raised by his uncle until the age of 15. Not allowed to go to school and not much of a future to look forward to, he set off to Brazil to start a new life on his own. After arriving in Brazil, Thierno decided to venture to America, again on his own. He survived many dangerous feats as he traveled by bus, by boat and by foot from country to country for 3 months.

We were given the blessing to cross paths with Thierno, his family said. In our nine weeks together, we can wholeheartedly attest that this beautiful angel of a young man had an unwavering faith in God that inspired us all. Despite all his struggles, Thierno was extremely resilient, calm, focused, kind and humble, and his interactions with everyone around him exuded the utmost respect. We are grateful for the time we shared together as we believe we were blessed to have had Thierno in our lives.

Those who knew Thierno, even just a little, lost a shining light in their lives. He will never be forgotten. We pray Thierno is now joined with his beloved



Beth Johnson



Thierno Bah

parents in a better place.

Online condolences can be made at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com

Doris Ritch

Baker City, 1935-2020

Doris Jane (Hoadley) Ritch, 85, of Baker City, died July 5, 2020, at her residence in Memory Lane Homes.

A private memorial service will take place at a later date.

Doris was born on May 23, 1935, at Liberty Lake, Washington, to Mary Mable (Bierman) Hoadley and Preston Wayne Hoadley. She attended Cove High School and graduated in 1953. After high school, Doris attended Baker Business College for one year.

Doris was married to Lloyd Edward Ritch, who passed away in 2018.

She worked for the Baker Democrat-Herald and the Forest Service, but ultimately, she was proud to be a homemaker caring for her family. She enjoyed crocheting and cake decorating.

Doris is survived by her children, Rodney Ritch of Baker City, Beverly Ritch of Baker City, and Jesse Ritch of Arlington, Washington. She is also survived by seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lloyd Ritch.

Memorial contributions may be made to Memory Lane Homes through Gray’s West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814.

To light a candle for Doris or to leave a condolence for her family, go to www.grayswestco.com

Lloyd Ritch

Baker City, 1935-2020

Lloyd Ritch, 83, of Baker City, died Dec. 9, 2018.

A private celebration of life will take place in the future.

Lloyd was born on August 10, 1935, at Baker City to Allen Rodney Ritch and Gladys Virginia (Colson) Ritch. He attended high school in Baker City. After high school, he worked for Boeing and the Renton Treatment Plant until his retirement.

He was married to Doris Jane (Hoadley) Ritch, who died on July 5, 2020.

Lloyd is survived by his children, Rodney Ritch of Baker City, Beverly Ritch of Baker City, and Jesse Ritch of Arlington, Washington. He is also survived by seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

To light a candle for Lloyd or to leave a condolence for his family, go to www.grayswestco.com

DEATHS

Dan Sword: 73, of Baker City, died July 14, 2020, at his home, surrounded by his family. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami’s Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Online condolences can be made at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com

FUNERALS PENDING

George Braughton: Celebra-

tion 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.

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 Naza-

rene Church officiating. To light a candle for Raelene, or to leave a condolence for her family, go to www.grayswestco.com

POLICE LOG

Baker City Police

FIRST-DEGREE BURGLARY:

At 2275 Plum St. between July 10 and July 11; James Frederick Bachman, 41, of that address, reported that a burglar entered the unlocked side door of the

attached garage at his home and removed two bicycles, a snow board and bindings, tool boxes, and miscellaneous tools, including power saws, sanders, a router and screwdrivers. Police said the value of the stolen items totaled \$2,826.

Baker County Sheriff’s Office

PROBATION VIOLATION

(Three counts): Jerad Paul Patton, 34, transient, 3:19 p.m. Tuesday, at Haines; jailed.

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