

# Local

## BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

■ **Baker County Board of Commissioners:** 9 a.m. at the Courthouse, 1995 Third St. Due to COVID-19 limits participants are encouraged to attend remotely via a link at [www.bakercounty.org/webexmeetings](http://www.bakercounty.org/webexmeetings)

## TURNING BACK THE PAGES

### 50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald July 21, 1970

The new St. Elizabeth Hospital will be formally dedicated on Saturday, Sept. 12, at 1:30 p.m. It was announced today by the hospital advisors staff.

The flag raising ceremony and dedication will follow a noon luncheon at the Shangrila Cafe attended by the Sisters local guests and out-of-town guests.

### 25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald July 21, 1995

U.S. Forest Service firefighters today continued to monitor a small lightning-caused fire that's smoldering, rather than burning, in the North Fork John Day Wilderness.

Officials expect to finish a "burn plan" for the one-twentieth-of-an-acre fire late today or early Saturday, said Angelica Johnson, information assistant for the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest's Burnt-Powder Fire Zone.

That plan will document how fire experts expect the blaze to progress, and establish how large they will allow it to grow before sending firefighters to put it out.

### 10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald July 21, 2010

Idaho Power Company officials planning to build a major power line through Baker County heard concerns during a Tuesday open house in Baker City about potential interruptions of farming and ranching, damage to viewsheds, harm to sage grouse, and right of way acquisition policies.

"I don't want it, zero, none," said Wannie Mackenzie, who ranches in the Baker Valley north of Baker City.

### ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald July 22, 2019

Marvin Wood Products in Baker City on Wednesday celebrated its recertification as a star site through the state's Voluntary Protection Program (VPP), a reflection of the company's successful health and safety programs.

Michael Wood, administrator for Oregon OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration), said Marvin Wood Products, which employs about 175 people, was first certified for the program in 2003.

Businesses must be recertified every three to five years, and there are currently just 21 companies statewide that qualify for the program, which can reduce their workers compensation cost.

"People assume that recertification is just a routine but the truth is we lose sites every cycle," Wood said during a ceremony at the Baker City plant on 17th Street. "There are folks who come in for recertification that don't quite cut it and so the fact that they're back time and again is more impressive than getting certified the first time."

Oregon OSHA Policy Manager Renee Stapleton presented a VPP Flag to Ray Illingsworth, safety coordinator for Marvin Wood Products.

## OREGON LOTTERY

### MEGABUCKS, July 18

1-9-23-25-30-42

Next jackpot: \$4.2 million

### POWERBALL, July 18

13-16-32-58-59 PB 9

Next jackpot: \$106 million

### MEGA MILLIONS, July 17

12-13-21-46-57 Mega 21

Next jackpot: \$113 million

### WIN FOR LIFE, July 18

3-4-65-72

### PICK 4, July 19

• 1 p.m.: 6-8-0-9

• 4 p.m.: 5-3-6-3

• 7 p.m.: 2-1-2-9

• 10 p.m.: 9-7-2-2

### LUCKY LINES, July 19

1-5-9-14-17-21-26-31

Next jackpot: \$13,000

## SENIOR MENUS

- **WEDNESDAY:** Hot turkey sandwich, stuffing and gravy, mixed vegetables, sauerkraut salad, bread pudding
- **THURSDAY:** Pork tips over fettuccine, broccoli-blend vegetables, bread, cottage cheese with fruit, sherbet
- **FRIDAY:** Sloppy Joes on a bun, potato salad, corn, fruit ambrosia, cookies
- **MONDAY (July 27):** Salisbury steak, potatoes and gravy, succotash, bread, three-bean salad, brownie
- **TUESDAY (July 28):** Chicken strips, rice pilaf, mixed vegetables, roll, carrot-raisin salad, 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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Oregon Department of Transportation photo

Traffic signals in Baker City will have high-intensity yellow aluminum borders installed this week. The photo above shows signals in Nyssa that have the borders.

## Traffic signals to get bright border

By Sam Anthony  
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Baker City's traffic signals will become more visible this week.

The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) plans to install high-intensity reflective aluminum borders around the signals.

"I was skeptical at first, but I really like them now," said Joe Gastanaga, an

electrical supervisor for ODOT. "I think they could really help."

The yellow borders will be installed on the outside of existing lights at each of the eight intersections in Baker City with traffic lights.

A study from South Carolina showed that when high-intensity borders were installed, accidents were reduced by 26.7%, injuries were reduced by 36.7%, and the

number of late night and early morning accidents were reduced by 49.6%.

Gastanaga said the borders were helpful in other situations as well.

"When there's a power outage these actually show up pretty well in the dark," he said. "And I've already gotten a couple of compliments, especially from the elderly who have a hard time seeing the traffic lights without the borders."

## Baker resident a delegate to GOP convention

By Sam Anthony  
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Suzan Jones, chair of the Baker County Republican Party, has been selected as an at-large delegate for the 2020 Republican National Convention.

Jones, who has a ranch in southern Baker County with her husband, Keith, will be one of 28 delegates representing Oregon at the convention.

Jones said that as an "at-large" delegate, she's essen-

tially a first string choice who will personally cast a vote for Donald Trump as the Republican nominee.

"I'm thrilled to be chosen as an at-large delegate," Jones said.

Jones, who also served as delegate at the 2016 Republican National Convention, said that this year the selection process was a bit different.

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## OBITUARY

### Theresa Hilderbrand

Halfway, 1935-2020

Theresa Hilderbrand, 85, of Halfway died July 19, 2020, at her home.

Her graveside service will take place Friday, July 24, at 11 a.m. at the Pine Haven Cemetery in Halfway. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, people attending are asked to bring their own chair and to follow social distancing.

Theresa Viola Hilderbrand was born on Feb. 4, 1935, at Norman, Arkansas, to Daniel and Charlotta Hendrix. She was 10 years old when her family rode the train to Oregon. The train was full of soldiers as it was the end of World War II in Europe. Theresa said, "When we lived in Arkansas, we lived by a train track and the soldiers that were being shipped to the war would throw out letters from

the train. My brothers and sisters and I would pick them up and give them to my mom who would mail them at the local Post Office."

When Theresa was in 11th grade her family moved to Prineville to work. Theresa met her future husband, Jimmy Hilderbrand, when he asked her to accompany him to the boat races. They were married on Feb. 9, 1955, after he had returned from Korea.

Theresa worked at the local diner washing dishes. She spent most of her time as a hardworking mother and wife, stacking hay with her husband and canning fruit that her family had gathered. Theresa's favorite color was blue, she loved roses and enjoyed camping and cross-stitching. She especially loved caring for her little dogs and was proudest of her boys.

Theresa's life philosophy was to work hard, do a great job and be good to people.

She is survived by her sons, Jimmie (Sheilah) Hilderbrand, Lee Hilderbrand and Johnny (Dondi) Hilderbrand; her sister Lennie's boys, whom she raised as her own, Tony of Ontario and Monty and his wife, Sarah, of Emmett, Idaho; her brothers, Charlie, John and Earl Hendrix; her sisters, Carolyn, Martha and Jancie; nine grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Theresa was preceded in death by her husband, Jimmie Hilderbrand; her granddaughter, Ashley; brothers Bill and Dan; and sister, Lennie.

For those who would like to make a donation in memory of Theresa the family suggests Best Friends of Baker (animal rescue and care) 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](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com)



Theresa Hilderbrand

## NEWS OF RECORD

### DEATHS

**Florence Hardy:** 84, of Unity, died July 19, 2020, at Edgewood Spring Creek Assisted Living Senior Care Facility in Fruitland, Idaho. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Online condolences may be made at [www.tamis.pinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tamis.pinevalleyfuneralhome.com)

### FUNERALS PENDING

**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.

**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](http://www.grayswestco.com)

### POLICE LOG

**Baker City Police**  
CONTEMPT OF COURT (Baker

County Justice Court warrant): Jamie Joseph Weiss, 55, transient, 12:11 a.m. Saturday, at Third and Madison streets; cited and released.

CONTEMPT OF COURT (Baker County Justice Court warrant): Timothy Kelly Slaney, 31, of Baker City, 9:31 p.m. Saturday, at First and Baker streets; cited and released.

FAILURE TO APPEAR (Baker County Justice Court warrant): Trevor James Heath, 24, of Baker City, 12:20 p.m. Friday, at Geiser-Pollman Park; cited and released.

CONTEMPT OF COURT (Baker County Justice Court warrant): Kimberly L. Winter, 27, of Baker City, 10:24 p.m. Friday, at Church and First streets; cited and released.

FAILURE TO APPEAR, two counts (Baker County Circuit Court warrants), and CONTEMPT OF COURT, three counts (Baker County Justice Court warrants): Edward Allen Braswell, 45, of Baker City, 10:24 p.m. Friday, at Church and First streets; cited and released.

**Baker County Sheriff's Office**

FAILURE TO APPEAR (Malheur County Circuit Court warrant):

Nickolas Richard Watson, 32, of Huntington, 5:27 p.m. Friday, at Huntington; cited and released.

CONTEMPT OF COURT (Baker County warrant): Gage Michael Niehaus, 20, of Haines, 12:11 p.m. Thursday, at Haines; cited and released.

**Oregon State Police**

THEFT: At Farewell Bend State

Park; park attendant Crystal Lynn Harding, 37, of Huntington reported at 7:04 a.m. Sunday

that two payment drop boxes at the park were targeted for theft. One was successfully opened and an unknown amount of money taken; the other remained intact. Sr. Trooper Levi Macy wrote in his log report.



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