

Local

BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

TUESDAY, AUG. 11

■ **Baker City Council:** 7 p.m., City Hall, 1655 First St.; this meeting will be in-person and open to the public, however due to COVID-19 social distancing guidelines, and to keep meeting numbers to a minimum, only 8 audience members will be allowed at one time.

THURSDAY, AUG. 13

■ **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 August 11, 1970

“Oregon has the Painted Desert and Oregon has a tainted desert,” said James H. (Smoky) O’Connor, chief of resource management at the Bureau of Land Management. O’Connor is alerting Baker County residents of the critical need for more properly managed solid waste disposal dumps in the county.

“Baker has the only sanitary landfill in the entire county,” O’Connor declared. “Haines, Huntington, Halfway and Richland still operate open dumps.”

25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald August 11, 1995

Baker County is competing against five other Eastern Oregon counties for a 50-bed state juvenile prison.

Harney, Malheur, Umatilla, Wallowa and Grant counties also want the minimum-security prison.

By Aug. 28 the Oregon Youth Authority will trim the six-county list, probably to two counties, said Wayne McNan-nay of the youth authority, which will build the prison.

10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald August 11, 2010

The Baker City Council voted unanimously Tuesday night to hire Michael Kee as city manager.

Kee, 52, is a 1976 Baker High School graduate.

He has worked for the Ontario Police Department since 1983, and as its chief since 1998. Kee served as Ontario’s interim city manager for about seven months in 2008.

ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald August 12, 2019

Megan Langan always wanted to compete in a demolition derby.

Saturday night at the Baker County Fairgrounds, the 32-year-old Baker City woman finally got her chance.

Langan was able to enter the Haines Stampede Demolition Derby when a family friend let her use a 1986 Ford LTD.

Every night for two weeks she and her husband, Justin, worked on the car, welding it to get it ready.

“It’s a great way to get anger out,” Megan Langan said.

The goal of the demolition derby is to be the last car moving. Drivers crash into other cars in an attempt to get their opponents’ vehicles to stop working.

There were a few rules that tried to control the chaos in the two heats and the main event.

Any hit on the driver’s side door (from the back of the front tire to the front of the back tire) was illegal. The cars also could not engage in head-to-head collisions.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, Aug. 8
6 — 8 — 14 — 18 — 24 — 36
Next jackpot: \$5.1 million

POWERBALL, Aug. 8
2 — 3 — 14 — 40 — 51 PB 24
Next jackpot: \$169 million

MEGA MILLIONS, Aug. 7
4 — 44 — 53 — 64 — 70 Mega 3
Next jackpot: \$24 million

WIN FOR LIFE, Aug. 8
19 — 29 — 49 — 76

PICK 4, Aug. 9

- 1 p.m.: 9 — 9 — 4 — 7
- 4 p.m.: 5 — 8 — 3 — 6
- 7 p.m.: 9 — 0 — 7 — 6
- 10 p.m.: 6 — 7 — 4 — 4

LUCKY LINES, Aug. 9
4-5-11-13-17-24-25-31
Next jackpot: \$34,000

SENIOR MENUS

- **WEDNESDAY:** Boneless chicken breast with cream gravy, rice pilaf, green beans, bread, carrot-raisin salad, cinnamon rolls
 - **THURSDAY:** Meatloaf, potatoes and gravy, broccoli-blend vegetables, roll, fruit ambrosia, sherbet
 - **FRIDAY:** Baked cod, cup of clam chowder, mixed vegetables, roll, coleslaw, lemon bar
 - **MONDAY (Aug. 17):** Salisbury steak, potatoes and gravy, Brussel sprouts, biscuit, cottage cheese with fruit, brownie
 - **TUESDAY (Aug. 18):** Breaded pork loin, parslied red potatoes, mixed vegetables, roll, sauerkraut salad, ice cream
- 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, under 60. Meals must be picked up; there is no dining on site.*

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STREETS

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The signs will be installed at these intersections:

- 17th and Campbell streets
- Second Street and Auburn Avenue
- Resort Street and Washington Avenue

The intersections have relatively high traffic volumes and a history of near-collisions, Owen said.

“At these close-call intersections, we’re trying to do something a little more noticeable,” she said.

The city put up barricades with signs at each of the intersections to let people know the new flashing signs would be installed.

Owen said the city has received one comment from a resident opposed to the flashing sign at 17th and Campbell,

saying the lights could make it difficult for drivers to see deer at night.

The chip-sealing schedule:

Monday, Aug. 17

- G Street from 10th to Eighth, and from Fifth to College
- A Street from 11th to Ninth, Ninth to College (not including intersections at Seventh and Fifth streets), and College to Main (not including intersections at First and Second streets)

Tuesday, Aug. 18

- Washington Avenue from Main to Second
- Chestnut Street from Church to Baker, and from the south side of Baker to Madison
- Seventh Street from Broadway to Campbell
- F Street from Fifth to College

OBITUARIES

Hallie Spivey

Baker City, 1933-2020

Hallie Spivey, 87, of Baker City, died Aug. 3, 2020, at Ashley Manor with her family at her side.

A celebration of her life will be held at a later date.

Hallie was born on Jan. 22, 1933, at The Dalles. She was raised in Pondosa and Big Creek, near Medical Springs. Hallie attended grade school at Blue Mountain where she rode her horse to and from school. During school, she was both a member of the Rainbow Club and the FFA. She graduated from Union High School in 1951.

Hallie met Henry Spivey at a dance on Christmas Eve in 1950 in Pondosa. They were married on June 30, 1951.

Hallie worked at Neuberger-Heilner, Montgomery Ward, Sears and The Wheeler High School Library. She finished her later years as a manager in a craft store in Pendleton until retirement.

Hallie lived many places throughout her life including Kinzua, Fossil, Burns Junction, Basque Camp, Pendleton and back home to Baker City, Izee and Medical Springs.

Hallie enjoyed horseback riding, playing Bunco, sewing and reading. Her favorite color was blue. She adored horses, yellow and red wild roses, picking mushrooms, huckleberrying and the springtime. She also enjoyed painting and was writing memoirs about her life. Most of all she loved being with her family and grandkids. Hallie is lovingly remembered for saying “If you’re going to cry, I’ll give you something to cry about.”

Hallie is survived by her husband of 69 years, Henry Spivey of Baker City; her daughters, Yvonne (Barton) Wood, Lorraine Harrison, and Jeanette (Michael) Miller, all of Baker City; her son, Daryl (Lynn) Spivey of Boise; her sisters, Helen Stanley of Morrow, Oregon,



Hallie Spivey

and Donna (Larry) Hack of North Powder; her sister-in-law, Marjorie Davis of Bend; 10 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Hallie was preceded in death by her parents, Lloyd and Ruth Davis; her sister, Patricia Grove; her brother, Leon Davis; and her granddaughter, Amber Kristina Wood.

For those who would like to make a donation in memory of Hallie the family suggests either the Alzheimer’s Organization or Ashley Manor of Baker City 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

Walter Saunders

Richland, 1925-2020

It has happened. Walter Saunders, 95, passed into the future on Aug. 1, 2020, at his home in Richland, 10 steps from where he was born.

A graveside service with military honors took place Monday at the Eagle Valley Cemetery in Richland.

Walter was born on April 14, 1925. He visited many places in this world but Eagle Valley was his home. Because of combat in World War II, he said, “I cannot forget what I want to forget and I cannot remember what I want to remember.”

The Bend Heroes Foundation gave Walter a WWII Honoree which says: “Activity During WWII: Private first class, was drafted into the army on 28th of March 1944 at Fort Lewis in Tacoma, Washington. After he trained in intelligence and reconnaissance, he served in European Theatre of War with 20th Armored Division, 65th Armored infantry battalion as a scout, rifleman, and reconnoitered forward positions of the enemy. He also spent time attached



Walter Saunders

to 20th tank battalion where he manned a .50-caliber machine gun on the turret of a tank and reconnoitered forward at night searching for intelligence on enemy positions. His unit, the 20th armored, 42nd infantry regiment, 45th infantry division liberated the Dachau concentration camp. He lost the hearing in his left ear as a direct result of his duties. He was awarded the combat infantryman badge, presidential unit citation, bronze star for meritorious achievement, and other medals.”

After military service, he worked many different jobs including sheep herding, carpentry work, ranching, and elementary teaching. In all these capacities, he made an abundance of friends and mentored many people. Some have said he was a father figure who influenced their lives. Walt’s mind was quick to the end of his life, which allowed wonderful visits by friends and family. He loved writing and wrote many letters every week.

Walt is survived by his three children: Jan Bonn and her husband, Anthony, and their three daughters, Irene, Elizabeth and Gabrielle; Peggy Webster and her husband, Calvert; and Wade Saunders and his wife, Kathy, and their two children, Christopher and Chelsea; 11 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Walter was the youngest of nine children and was preceded in death by all of his brothers, sisters, brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law; his first wife, Geneva; his second wife, Phyllis; his dear friend, Aggie; and his granddaughter, Hilary.

Those who would like to make a donation in memory of Walt may do so to the Hilary 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

From General Douglas MacArthur: “Old soldiers never die, they just fade away.”

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