

# Local

## BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7

■ **Baker County Board of Commissioners:** 9 a.m.; Commission meetings will be streamed live. A link will be available on the county's website, [www.bakercounty.org/online/meetings.html](http://www.bakercounty.org/online/meetings.html)

## TURNING BACK THE PAGES

### 50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald October 6, 1970

Fourth-graders in Baker schools will have an opportunity to enroll in the Oregon Heart Association's heart sound screen program Oct. 5 through Oct. 9. The program, financed through contributions to the February Heart Fund drive conducted in cities throughout the nation, was launched yesterday at Brooklyn School.

### 25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald October 6, 1995

Tim Mahoney of Baker City is one of eight Oregonians who will be recognized for their outstanding contributions to Oregon's mental health system during a Tuesday awards ceremony at the State Capitol in Salem.

The state is giving the awards in connection with Mental Illness Awareness Week.

### 10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald October 6, 2010

Last October started with snowballs.  
This October started with sunburns.

Or anyway there was the distinct possibility of acquiring a burn, if you stayed out too long without protection on the first few days of the month.

It's small wonder that meteorologists call autumn and spring the seasons of transition, since they tend to resemble both the season just ended and the one soon to come.

Before last week, however, October had never mimicked summer quite so convincingly around here.

### ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald October 7, 2019

School leaders and community partners took a run at improving test scores over time last week when they traveled to early learning centers throughout the state in the hope of establishing such a center for Baker students.

Superintendent Mark Witty noted that the District's 2018-19 test scores, released recently by the state Department of Education, showed improvement in both English/language arts and math.

"Growth across all grades came in at 2.9% for ELA (English/language arts) and 1.2% for math," Witty stated in the release.

And compared with state results, 56.2% met state benchmarks in ELA, compared to a 54.9% state average. In math, however, 35.3% of Baker students met benchmarks, compared to a 39.4% state average.

"The District is continuing to invest in new strategies to improve student achievement in mathematics," Witty said. "This year we hired a math tutor to work with Baker High School students needing additional support."

Witty noted that Baker Web Academy and Baker Early College showed improved participation rates for 2018-19.

## OREGON LOTTERY

### MEGABUCKS, Oct. 3

9 — 24 — 27 — 29 — 31 — 34  
Next jackpot: \$2.7 million

### POWERBALL, Oct. 3

18 — 31 — 36 — 43 — 47 PB 20  
Next jackpot: \$52 million

### MEGA MILLIONS, Oct. 2

9 — 38 — 47 — 49 — 68 Mega 25  
Next jackpot: \$50 million

### WIN FOR LIFE, Oct. 3

2 — 13 — 32 — 34

### PICK 4, Oct. 4

• 1 p.m.: 6 — 4 — 8 — 9

• 4 p.m.: 0 — 5 — 0 — 1

• 7 p.m.: 1 — 8 — 6 — 5

• 10 p.m.: 5 — 8 — 5 — 6

**LUCKY LINES, Oct. 4**  
4-18-10-14-17-21-27-29  
Next jackpot: \$26,000

## SENIOR MENUS

- **WEDNESDAY:** Pork roast, parslied red potatoes, green beans, roll, pea-and-onion salad, tapioca
- **THURSDAY:** Parmesan chicken, rice pilaf, corn, bread, green salad, cinnamon roll
- **FRIDAY:** Salisbury steak, potatoes and gravy, mixed vegetables, roll, beet-and-onion salad, cake
- **MONDAY (Oct. 12):** Spaghetti with meat sauce, cauliflower, garlic bread, green salad, brownie
- **TUESDAY (Oct. 13):** Pork tips over mashed potatoes, peas, bread, carrot-raisin salad, bread pudding

Lunches 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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## TRAINING

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"Idaho received this money as a pilot project and they wanted to run a heavy highway construction school where heavy equipment operation was a cornerstone but we also are getting them other skills and certifications for heavy highway construction," Dalton said.

"This is just another of the many ways the Federal Highway Administration works with its Idaho partners to grow the specialized talent we need to keep America's roads and bridges safe," Michael Caliendo of the Federal Highway Administration said in a press release. "The most important investment we can make in our nation's highway system is in the people entrusted to protect it."

Students will have a chance to show their skills while officials from contractors watch on Wednesday. Contractors also will be talking with students about possible job openings.

"We're hoping to place all 20 students in heavy highway construction jobs at the end of this," Dalton said.

Among the companies participating are Knife River Corporation, John Deere, Coastline Equipment and the



Contributed photo

Training conducted by the Baker Technical Institute is designed to deal with a shortage of skilled workers for highway construction projects.

*"Our entire team is honored to be part of such an amazing project."*

— **Doug Dalton, president, Baker Technical Institute**

Idaho Rural Water Association.

"Our entire team is honored to be part of such an amazing project," Dalton said. "It is easy to see why this

project has drawn national attention for its innovative approach to collaboration between agencies. Programs like this can put the participants' lives on a new trajectory and into a respected career field."

Dalton said Idaho transportation officials would like to repeat the training every year.

And he said officials from other states are watching the program.

"People really want to look and see if the pilot is successful," he said.

BTI will train students to operate a variety of equipment used in highway projects.

For more information about the heavy equipment operator school at BTI, or to enroll in one of the organization's various other programs, visit [bakerti.org](http://bakerti.org) or call 541-524-2651.

## OBITUARY

### Paul Bennett

Baker City, 1935-2020

Paul Bennett, 85, of Baker City, died peacefully at his home on Oct. 2, 2020, surrounded by his son and grandkids.

A celebration of his life will take place at a later date.

Paul was born on Jan. 31, 1935, at La Grande. He spent the majority of his youth in Oregon City where he attended a variety of schools. He completed his education early with a diploma from the eighth grade, which he received in Aurora, Oregon. Due to family circumstances he was unable to continue his education, as he was needed to provide for his family.

Paul joined the United States Air Force in 1952. He was stationed in Iceland during the Korean Conflict. In his free time he pitched and played softball and joined a band where he played the spoons.

In 1955, Paul married Patricia Mey-

ers at Sacramento, California. They later divorced.

On Nov. 29, 1969, he found love again when he married Alice Horsch at Vancouver, Washington. They, too, divorced.

Following his 4 years in the Air Force, Paul worked for Aerojet Gen. Corporation at Sacramento, for Boeing at Portland, and for Western Electric at Vancouver. He then began his own company, N.W. Salvage, doing demolition and wrecking for 45 years. He retired at 80 years old.

Paul enjoyed fishing, gardening and listening to local bands. His hobby was transporting entertainers back and forth from the airport to different venues around Oregon and Washington. During that time he acquired about 400 autographed photographs of the performers he transported. Many of these pictures hung on the wall of his home and he loved to tell the stories of the stars and the friends he made along the way.

Paul adored his little Havanese dog,

Charlie, and they were always together these past 14 years. Paul lived by the philosophy of "do unto others as you wish to be done unto you." Paul will be remembered for his generosity to others and always paying it forward.

Paul is survived by his son, Michael Bennett of Baker City; his daughter, Deena Smith of St. Joseph, Missouri; his brothers, James Bennett of Sedona, Arizona, and Fred Dennis of Dufur; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Paul was preceded in death by his parents, Charles Higgins and Laura Bennett; his sisters, Betsy Mercer and Irene Pedersen; his brothers, James Bennett and Charles Willis; and his furry companion, Charlie.

The family suggests contributions in memory of Paul be made to Community Connection or the American Cancer Society 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)



Paul Bennett

## NEWS OF RECORD

### DEATHS

**Cathy Swain:** 63, of Baker City, died Oct. 2, 2020, at her home. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Online condolences can be made at [www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com)

### FUNERALS PENDING

**David Hicks:** A remembrance of David Hicks will be held on Saturday, Oct. 10, from noon to 3 p.m. at The Little Pig, 3685 10th St.

**Jan Haga:** A memorial service and celebration of his life will take place Friday, Oct. 16, at 1 p.m. at Harvest Church, 3720 Birch St. in Baker City. COVID-19 precautions will be in place, and people attending should bring a mask and follow social distancing requirements. The family suggests donations in Jan's memory be made to Harvest Church 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)

**Robert T. 'Bob' Gilkison:** His graveside service will take place Saturday, Oct. 17, at 1 p.m. at the Haines Cemetery. Contributions in memory of Mr. Gilkison may be made to the Eastern Oregon Museum in Haines through Coles Tribute Center, 1950 Place St., Baker City, OR 97814. To light a candle in his memory, go to [www.colestributecenter.com](http://www.colestributecenter.com)

### POLICE LOG

**Baker City Police Arrests, citations**  
THIRD-DEGREE CRIMINAL MISCHIEF: Raleigh David Rust, 45, of Baker City, 3:57 p.m. Sunday, in the 3100 block of Grove Street; cited and released.

CONTEMPT OF COURT (Baker County Justice Court warrant): Starlynn M. Brown, 41, of Baker City, 3:21 p.m. Saturday, on Edgewater Street; cited and released.

THIRD-DEGREE THEFT: Pearl Naomi Adair, 30, of Baker City, 9:23 p.m. Saturday, at Broadway

and Resort streets; cited and released.

**Baker County Sheriff's Office**

**Arrests, citations**  
SECOND-DEGREE CRIMINAL TRESPASSING: Isaac Jeremiah Kolb, 20, of Huntington, 10:49

a.m. Sunday, at Pleasant Valley; cited and released.

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF INTOXICANTS: Brice Charles Brinton, 19, of 2490 D St., 9:28 p.m. Saturday, on Highway 30 at North Powder; cited at the jail and released.

## Paradise Awaits

### 2021

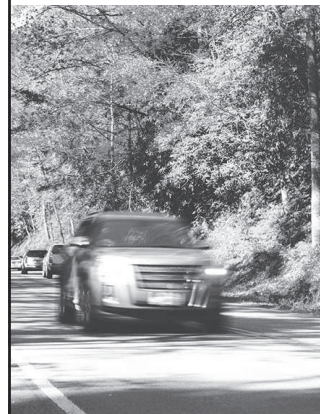
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