

Local

BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12

■ **Baker City Tree Board:** noon at Baker City Hall, 1655 First St. Agenda items include a tree-pruning outreach plan.

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald November 7, 1970

By industry standards, Ellingson lumber and timber co.'s wood products business is small potatoes compared to Boise Cascade and Georgia Pacific. But Ellingson's little business is one of the mainstays of the economy of Baker County.

25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald November 7, 1995

A Riley rancher will have to move his domestic sheep from the two remaining grazing allotments on the Oregon portion of the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area by Oct. 31, 1996.

Dick Ferraro, deputy regional forester for the U.S. Forest Service in Portland, upheld Wallowa-Whitman National Forest Supervisor Bob Richmond's decision to ban domestic sheep from the allotments held by Oliver Wentz.

10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald November 8, 2010

The Baker City Council will discuss extending Charter Communications' franchise agreement during its regular meeting Tuesday.

Charter has asked City Manager Mike Kee for a new extension to the franchise agreement through Oct. 31, 2011.

The current agreement, also an extension, was signed in 1998 and expired in July 2008.

Franchise agreements are held between cities and utility providers that use streets and public rights of way to maintain equipment.

ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald November 8, 2019

An effort that dates back nearly a decade to lift and straighten slumped or leaning gravestones in the veterans' section at Mount Hope Cemetery continued this fall when about a dozen volunteers gathered in the cemetery on Oct. 26.

The work party fixed 11 monuments and replaced concrete on another.

Although he said work remains to be done, Dennis Teskey, who has been involved in this public service campaign since its start, said volunteers have made considerable progress.

"We're pretty close to being done," said Teskey, retired owner of Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel.

Teskey emphasized that he was referring only to the task that prompted the project — dealing with markers in the veterans' section that are conspicuously out of alignment.

Keeping gravestones straight and level will require ongoing periodic maintenance since the freeze-and-thaw cycles that cause the problems will continue.

And Teskey can envision an even more ambitious goal of working on gravestones that are in other sections at Mount Hope.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, Nov. 4
14 — 32 — 37 — 38 — 39 — 44
Next jackpot: \$4.1 million

POWERBALL, Nov. 4
23 — 32 — 33 — 45 — 49 PB 14
Next jackpot: \$149 million

MEGA MILLIONS, Nov. 3
7 — 31 — 44 — 45 — 55 Mega 19
Next jackpot: \$142 million

WIN FOR LIFE, Nov. 4
4 — 31 — 38 — 59
PICK 4, Nov. 5
• 1 p.m.: 6 — 1 — 9 — 1
• 4 p.m.: 8 — 7 — 9 — 2
• 7 p.m.: 2 — 9 — 0 — 8
• 10 p.m.: 7 — 6 — 0 — 9
LUCKY LINES, Nov. 5
1-7-11-13-20-23-26-29
Next jackpot: \$15,000

SENIOR MENUS

- **MONDAY:** Chicken-fried chicken, potatoes and gravy, peas, biscuit, fruit cup, lemon bars
- **TUESDAY:** Spaghetti with meat sauce, cauliflower, garlic bread stick, green salad, apple crisp
- **WEDNESDAY:** Barbecued pork ribs, au gratin potatoes, corn, roll, pea-and-onion salad, ice cream
- **THURSDAY:** Breaded chicken strips, potatoes and gravy, mixed vegetables, bread, carrot-raisin salad, bread pudding
- **FRIDAY:** Baked cod, cup of clam chowder, green beans, roll, brownies

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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ALERTS

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The county will test the system on Nov. 19 between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m., and both Yencopal and Bachman hope the enrollment numbers have risen considerably by then.

Yencopal suspects that some people who had signed up for the county's previous alert system weren't transferred when the county switched to the current system, which offers users a wider range of potential alerts to receive.

Bachman thinks that might have happened to him.

He said he thought he was signed up for emergency alerts from the county but he didn't get one on his cellphone on Oct. 27.

That was not an issue for him in that case, since he was among the city employees scrambling to deal with the water issue and was well aware of the details.

But Bachman said he wants to ensure that residents who aren't in that position — which, after all, is most residents — also have access to the same important information as soon as it's available.

The alerts are especially vital for water issues, he said, since problems with underground pipes, unlike, say, a fire, aren't obvious.



Jayson Jacoby / Baker City Herald

Baker City Fire Department crews pour water on a warehouse fire the morning of Oct. 27. Baker County used its emergency alert system to notify residents that fire-suppression foam had gotten into the water system.

The city and county will distribute fliers, which have information about how to sign up, at grocery stores, government offices and many businesses in the county, Bachman said.

When signing up for emergency alerts, users can set up multiple addresses, Yencopal said.

That allows them to receive alerts for issues that affect their home as well as, for instance, the home of a relative who might need help during an emergency.

Yencopal, who administers the system, can set alerts to go to a specific area. The first

of two alerts sent on Oct. 27, for instance, went only to a several-block area near where the fire-suppression foam entered the water system. The second alert went citywide. Residents who have only a landline don't need to sign up to receive alerts, Yencopal said.

However, people who live within the Baker City limits, have a landline only and either didn't receive a call on Oct. 27, or wonder whether their number is in the system, can call the Baker County Emergency Operations Center at 541-523-0015. That number will have a recorded

message that includes information on how to sign up, or have someone call back to check their enrollment.

To sign up online, go to www.bakercounty.org and click on the link for receiving emergency alerts.

You can also use this direct link: <https://public.alertsense.com/signup/?regionid=1357>

Yencopal urges residents who sign up to watch for the test alert on Nov. 19. If you've signed up and don't get the test, either register at the above link or call the Emergency Operations Center number to check on your status.

RECORDS

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In the previous 77 Novembers, a total of 2,310 days, the temperature reached 70 degrees during November on just 4 of those days at the Baker City Airport.

(Which is .0017%, if you prefer percentages and multiple decimal points.)

This November pulled off that feat on 3 of the first 5 days.

(A hearty 60%.)

And it came close on one of the other two. This unseasonably balmy stretch has rewritten the record book for the Baker City Airport, where temperature records date to 1943.

On four straight days — Nov. 2-5 — the high temperature broke the daily record at the Airport.

The temperature topped 70 on the last 3 of those days — 71 on Nov. 3 and 4, and 72 on the 5th.

The average high temperature for those days is 52 on Nov. 3 and 4, and 51 on Nov. 5. The atmospheric impetus for this mild

interlude was a persistent southerly wind flow that pushed warm air from California into Eastern Oregon, said Jay Breidenbach, a meteorologist at the National Weather Service office in Boise.

The specific culprit was a ridge of high pressure that shunted cool, damp Pacific storms to the north, Breidenbach said.

But that pattern began to break down on Friday with the first in a series of Pacific cold fronts forecast to push through the region over the next several days, bringing the brand of weather much more typical of November — clouds, showers of rain and snow, and temperatures that will on some days fail to reach 40, much less 70.

"That finally shuts off the connection to the warm air, and is the start of a more wintry pattern," Breidenbach said. "It's a rapid transition to more seasonable conditions."

Although November's first 5 days were anomalous in their warmth, the fall in general has been mild.

In October, the high temperature was above average on 21 of 31 days. During September, 23 of 30 days were warmer than average.

This is November?

The first 5 days of November brought temperatures more typical of September at the Baker City Airport.

NOVEMBER 2

High temp: 68
Avg. high: 51

NOVEMBER 3

High temp: 71
Avg. high: 52

NOVEMBER 4

High temp: 71
Avg. high: 52

NOVEMBER 5

High temp: 72
Avg. high: 51

OBITUARY

Barbara Perez

Formerly of Halfway

Barbara Lee Perez, 75, formerly of Halfway, died Oct. 20, 2020, at an assisted living center in Meridian, Idaho.

A memorial service will be scheduled later. Her grave site will be dedicated at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 11, at Eagle Valley Cemetery in Richland.

Barbara was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ

of Latter-day Saints. She enjoyed helping in the nursery on Sunday, with the 3-year-olds and passing out snacks! She loved attending the temple and completing family history work for her family.

She loved sports! She was



Barbara Perez

an avid Dodgers fan and a BSU enthusiast. Her brother, James, made sure that she got to personally attend a few games.

Barbara is survived by her very best, longtime friend, Bob Glen; brothers, John Perez, Donald Edmondson and James Edmondson; sisters, Helen Perez and Cindy Carper; several nieces and nephews; and Marge Stallings, longtime friend, guardian and "sparring partner."

She was preceded in death by her mother, Mary Edmondson; her father, John Perez; and stepfather, Lee Edmondson.

Barb loved animals. Cats were her favorite. Donations on her behalf may be made to the Idaho Humane Society in Boise or donations of a sack of cat or dog food may be made to the shelter of one's choice. Online condolences may be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com

NEWS OF RECORD

DEATHS

Dorothy Peer: 82, of Halfway, died Nov. 6, 2020, at her home surrounded by family. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Online condolences may be made at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com

Lincoln County warrants): Sarah Lynn Reid, 40, of Baker City, 2:06 p.m. Wednesday, at the sheriff's office; cited and released.

FAILURE TO APPEAR (Baker County Circuit Court warrant): Mariah Diane Aldrich, 29, of Baker City, 11:27 p.m. Wednesday, at the sheriff's office; jailed.

POLICE LOG

Baker City Police Arrests, citations
FAILURE TO APPEAR (Union County warrant): Kyle Andrew Waldron, 35, of La Grande, 9:26 p.m. Wednesday in the 800 block of Elm Street; cited and released.
PROBATION VIOLATION (Two Baker County Circuit Court warrants): Jace T. Powell, 30, of Baker City, 11:04 a.m. Thursday, at Auburn Avenue and East Street; cited and released.
OREGON STATE PAROLE BOARD WARRANT: Christopher John Carroll Jr., 34, of Huntington, 3:24 p.m. Thursday, in the 3100 block of Riverpark Drive; jailed.

Baker County Sheriff's Office Arrests, citations
FAILURE TO APPEAR (Two

Oregon State Police RECKLESS DRIVING:
Henry Stafford Degroat, 82, of Lakeside, California, 7:17 a.m. Wednesday, on Interstate 84, about 15 miles south of Baker City; cited and released at a Baker City motel; police said the vehicle was secured at the scene at the driver's request.
UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF A FIREARM: Marcus Anthony Jones, 24, of Everett, Washington, 1:49 p.m. Wednesday; cited and released; also cited on a charge of speeding for reportedly driving 91 mph in a 70-mph speed zone.



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