

Local

BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 18

■ **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

THURSDAY, NOV. 19

■ **BAKER SCHOOL BOARD:** 6 p.m. via Zoom computer app; for more information, call the District Office, 541-524-2260.

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald November 13, 1970

Burl Brown, manager of the Ellingson Timber Company plywood division, explained this week the reasons behind the recent shutdown of the plant.

“We tried to run it,” he said, “but we had no choice. There were no plywood orders, there still aren’t, so we had to shut it down.”

25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald November 13, 1995

The federal government may stop paying its bills later this week, but Baker County residents probably won’t have an excuse to do the same.

The cessation of “non-essential” government services that could start at midnight tonight may affect several agencies that have offices here, but the U.S. Postal Service probably won’t be one of them.

10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald November 12, 2010

HALFWAY — Patrons of the Pine-Eagle School District have high expectations as their children’s educational programs are being transformed this year.

The district has been reorganized as a charter school, taking advantage of a \$500,000 federal grant that has helped integrate career options into the curriculum and provide the most up-to-date technology for students.

ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald November 13, 2019

More than 50 people who support a proposal to stop freight trains from blowing their whistles at crossings in Baker City made their case to the City Council Tuesday night.

Councilors voted 6-0 to direct city staff to file a notice of intent to apply for a Quiet Zone designation.

There is no cost to file the notice of intent, and it doesn’t obligate the city to file an application.

Dennis Dougherty and Peter Fargo, Baker City residents and members of the group promoting a quiet zone, Neighbors for a Safer, Quieter and Healthier Baker City, presented a slideshow explaining what a Quiet Zone is, and listing ways that train whistles can affect people. They focused mainly on students at South Baker Intermediate School, which is next to the railroad tracks.

Anna Fargo, who’s also a member of the group, discussed the health effects of train whistles. They can reach 110 decibels, she said, and the World Health Organization recommends 54 decibels “to avoid adverse health impacts” and “44 (decibels) at night for good sleep.”

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, Nov. 9

1 — 11 — 14 — 19 — 21 — 22
Next jackpot: \$4.3 million

POWERBALL, Nov. 7

14 — 16 — 37 — 48 — 58 PB 18
Next jackpot: \$158 million

MEGA MILLIONS, Nov. 10

23 — 45 — 53 — 58 — 62 Mega 13
Next jackpot: \$165 million

WIN FOR LIFE, Nov. 9

44 — 63 — 66 — 68

PICK 4, Nov. 10

• 1 p.m.: 4 — 4 — 5 — 3

• 4 p.m.: 8 — 5 — 4 — 8

• 7 p.m.: 4 — 4 — 2 — 1

• 10 p.m.: 3 — 2 — 8 — 7

LUCKY LINES, Nov. 10

3-5-10-15-18-21-26-29

Next jackpot: \$20,000

SENIOR MENUS

- **FRIDAY:** Baked cod, cup of clam chowder, green beans, roll, brownies
- **MONDAY (Nov. 16):** Chicken-fried chicken, potatoes and gravy, mixed vegetables, roll, coleslaw, cheesecake
- **TUESDAY (Nov. 17):** Pork roast, parslied red potatoes, broccoli-blend vegetables, bread, fruit ambrosia, ice cream
- **WEDNESDAY (Nov. 18):** Boneless chicken breast with cream gravy, mashed potatoes, carrots, roll, pea-and-onion salad, cookie
- **THURSDAY (Nov. 19):** Roasted turkey with cranberry sauce, stuffing and gravy, green beans, roll, broccoli-bacon salad, dessert

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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Baker man gets prison term for meth

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A Baker City man who was arrested during a law enforcement sweep of a southeast Baker City property known in the neighborhood for rampant drug activity has been sentenced to 33 months in prison for dealing in “substantial quantities” of methamphetamine.

John Gordon Hanna, 54, who police describe as a transient, was one of six arrested on drug-related charges by officers from the Northeast Oregon Regional SWAT Team and Baker County Narcotics Enforcement Team who executed a search warrant at 1690 Indiana Ave., the morning of Sept. 15.

The property is owned by Stacey Bork, who also was among those arrested.

Hanna was convicted Nov. 3 in Baker County Circuit

Court of delivering a substantial quantity of methamphetamine and being a felon in possession of a firearm.

One other count of delivering methamphetamine, two counts of possessing methamphetamine and one count of obliterating a firearm identification number were dismissed in a plea agreement with the District Attorney’s Office, court documents state.

Judge Matt Shirtcliff sentenced Hanna to 33 months in prison for delivering a substantial amount of marijuana and 18 months in prison for the felon in possession of a firearm conviction. Shirtcliff recommended that Hanna obtain substance abuse treatment while in prison.

The sentences will be served concurrently.

Hanna also must complete three years’ post-prison supervision upon release. As

terms of his supervision, the court recommended substance abuse treatment, no contact with Bork or Amanda Crews, who also was arrested on drug charges on Sept. 15, and Shebb Bassman. Hanna was ordered to forfeit all items seized during his arrest, including firearms, the court records state.

Crews, 42, no fixed address, was sentenced to 21 days in jail and placed on three years’ probation after pleading guilty last month in Baker County Circuit Court to one count of delivering methamphetamine as a commercial drug offense and first-degree theft by receiving.

According to court records, visiting Malheur County Circuit Court Judge Lung S. Hung found that based on Crews’ criminal history, she was eligible by Oregon law for an optional probationary

sentence under these special factors:

“An appropriate treatment program is likely to be more effective than the presumptive prison term in reducing the risk of offender recidivism; the recommended treatment program is available and the offender can be admitted to it within a reasonable period of time; and the probationary sentence will serve community interests by promoting offender reformation.”

As part of special conditions of probation, Crews was ordered to have no contact with Hanna, Bork, Jace Prowell, who also was arrested in the sweep of Bork’s property on Sept. 15, and Garrett Lovell.

Crews also must forfeit any property, including weapons, seized in the case and attend NA (Narcotics Anonymous) meetings.

HOSPITAL

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This year, due to the coronavirus pandemic, the Festival has been canceled.

“The board decided early on from the uncertainty and the financial strain that we would not host the festival this year,” Yencopal said. “I know we will miss putting it on and many people will miss attending it as it kicks off the Christmas season, at least for me.”

Last year’s Festival funds purchased a device to assist dermatological procedures. Other projects over the years included the emergency department remodel in 2018, various surgery equipment, a new ultrasound for the Birth Center, and a new helipad for safer transport of patients and safety of colleagues.

This year, because the Festival isn’t happening, a link to donate has been set up for the Baker City COVID-19 Relief Fund at <https://donate.saintalphonsus.org/Baker>.

All donations benefit the Baker City hospital.

COVID-19 challenges

Challenges at the hospital continue in

“Don’t delay care. We’re still here.”

— **Priscilla Lynn, CEO, Saint Alphonsus Medical Center-Baker City**

the midst of the pandemic.

But this has led to creative solutions, Lynn said.

For instance, visitors are restricted, yet family members still need vital information.

“Nurses and physicians are coming up with new ways to educate caregivers,” Lynn said.

The drive-up clinic is another example. A respiratory evaluation service has been in place for months, providing an easy way for the community to have their symptoms assessed and receive a COVID-19 test if necessary. Hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The clinic is on the east side of the hospital, near the emergency room entrance off Midway Drive.

Several types of tests are available, including a rapid test that gives quick results for people who have symptoms consistent with COVID-19.

Lynn said the number of tests has increased in the last few weeks.

OBITUARIES

Dorothy Peer

Pine Creek, 1937-2020

Dorothy Peer, 82, of Pine Creek near Oxbow, died on Nov. 6, 2020, at her home.

Her memorial service will take place on Friday, Nov. 13 at 2 p.m. at the VFW Hall in Halfway.

Lillian Dorothy was born on Dec. 28, 1937, at Payette, Idaho, to John and Ruth (Hunt) Kelly. She was raised in Emmett, Idaho, and attended schools in Payette and Meridian, Idaho.

Dorothy was swept off of her feet by her high school sweetheart, Jerry L. Peer. They wed on Nov. 24, 1956, and were married just short of 64 years.

Dorothy and Jerry lived at Brownlee and Oxbow for a large part of their lives. She and Jerry retired to a home on Pine Creek, just a couple

of miles from Oxbow. During her life, she was a member of the Locust Grove Grange in Boise.

Dorothy was an amazing wife and outstanding mother to their five children. Dorothy loved working in her flower beds and grew many different varieties of iris. She canned the family vegetables and was very crafty at making things for her kids. This included baking many wedding and anniversary cakes for her family and friends in the valley. She also enjoyed playing cards and games with the grandkids.

Dorothy is survived by her husband, Jerry; her daughters, Trisha Lindsay, and Karene and her husband, Rene; her sons, Roger and his wife, Beth, Gerald and his wife, Edrie, and Darryl and his wife, Kathy; 17 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her sister and brothers; two grandchildren

and one great-grandchild.

The family suggests donations in memory of Dorothy be made to the VFW Post No. 7847 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

June Halley

Richland, 1939-2020

June Halley, 80, died at her home on Nov. 1, 2020.

A celebration of June’s life will take place later, with the date, time and place to be announced.

Elizabeth June was born on Nov. 10, 1939, at Sawyer, Oklahoma, to Henry and Dottie (LaRue) Mannan. June was raised in Oklahoma City, attending Westwood Grade School, then Capitol Hill Junior High. She graduated from Pasadena High School in Pasadena, Texas, in 1957-1958.

June met her future husband, Greg Halley, on a blind date in 1971. They married and had three children together.

During June’s life, she was a supervisor for a furniture/

carpet manufacturer until her marriage. Then she became a rancher and “enjoyed it immensely.”

She enjoyed sewing, golfing and especially ranching. June enjoyed the fall and spring, daisies and roses. A special pet included a donkey named Sarah. Her philosophy was “live and let live.” She will be remembered as having such a great sense of humor, her love of the perfume “Red Door,” one who wanted to hold onto life for as long as she possibly could. She enjoyed visiting, living in Richland and her beautiful view.

June is survived by her sons, Shane Christopher Halley and his wife, Kari, Dirk Halley, and Bret Halley and his wife, Mimi; her grandchildren, Joshua, Jaden, Jack, Andrew and Jacob; and nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Greg.

For those who would like to make a donation in memory of June, she asked that they be made to the Eagle Valley Ambulance 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



Dorothy Peer



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