

# Local

## BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

### 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 20, 1970

Forest Service workers should complete by Thursday the resurfacing of the bottom of the swimming area at Union Creek Campground, said Baker District ranger Art Schimke today. It is the first stage in improving swimming facilities at Phillips Lake.

### 25 YEARS AGO

from the *Baker City Herald*  
November 20, 1995

Forty-three employees from the U.S. Bureau of Land Management's Baker Resource Area returned to work this morning after missing four days last week because of the partial federal government shutdown.

### 10 YEARS AGO

from the *Baker City Herald*  
November 19, 2010

Haines voters have elected Dennis Anthony as the city's mayor in a race that could not have been closer.

Literally.

Anthony, who is a Haines city councilor, defeated incumbent Mayor Connie Pound by a single vote — 95 to 94.

The margin was so close that it prompted an automatic recount of the ballots by hand, County Clerk Tami Green said. The results were identical to the tally from the county's ballot-counting machine.

### ONE YEAR AGO

from the *Baker City Herald*  
November 20, 2019

Recycling remains a challenge in Baker County, but a proposed test project could turn some types of trash into compost rather than burying it in the landfill.

David Henry, president of Baker Sanitary Service, said the recycling situation has been relatively stable for the past year or so.

But that comparative tranquility followed a period of upheaval during which Baker Sanitary, which owns both a recycling center in Baker City and the county's major landfill about five miles southeast of town, stopped accepting certain types of plastic containers (September 2017) and mixed paper (December 2018) at the recycling center at 12th and Campbell streets.

In both cases the issue was China's decision to stop importing those materials from the U.S.

The lack of domestic buyers for those recyclables forced Baker Sanitary, and many other garbage collectors across the state and nation, to start burying the materials in landfills instead.

That hasn't had a major effect on Baker Sanitary's landfill, Henry said, since plastics and mixed paper constitute relatively small volumes.

Although the tonnage of trash disposed of at the company's landfill increased by 11.6% in 2017 — from 12.43 tons in 2016 to 14.10 tons — Henry said the increase was due more to a busy construction market.

## OREGON LOTTERY

### MEGABUCKS, Nov. 16

2 — 4 — 10 — 35 — 39 — 48

Next jackpot: \$4.6 million

### POWERBALL, Nov. 14

7 — 15 — 18 — 32 — 45 PB 20

Next jackpot: \$178 million

### MEGA MILLIONS, Nov. 17

8 — 13 — 35 — 46 — 68 Mega 16

Next jackpot: \$188 million

### WIN FOR LIFE, Nov. 16

17 — 45 — 51 — 68

### PICK 4, Nov. 17

• 1 p.m.: 5 — 6 — 6 — 3

• 4 p.m.: 3 — 7 — 0 — 5

• 7 p.m.: 0 — 1 — 4 — 3

• 10 p.m.: 7 — 5 — 7 — 6

### LUCKY LINES, Nov. 17

3-5-10-13-17-22-25-32

Next jackpot: \$27,000

## SENIOR MENUS

- **FRIDAY:** Salisbury steak, potatoes and gravy, mixed vegetables, roll, carrot-raisin salad, cinnamon roll
- **MONDAY (Nov. 23):** Breaded pork loin, parsleyed red potatoes, broccoli-blend vegetables, roll, gelatin with fruit, brownie
- **TUESDAY (Nov. 24):** Chicken cordon bleu with hollandaise sauce, baked potato, green beans, roll, broccoli-bacon salad, lemon bar
- **WEDNESDAY (Nov. 25):** Barbecued pork ribs, scalloped potatoes, corn, roll, pea-and-onion salad, birthday cake
- **THURSDAY (Nov. 26):** Thanksgiving Day; no meals.

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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# Turkey Trot turns virtual

By Jayson Jacoby

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Baker City's 13th-annual Turkey Trot fundraiser will happen on Thanksgiving Day, but like so much else this year the event will be different.

Runners and walkers will still complete the 3.1-mile course.

But they'll do so whenever it's convenient between now and 11 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day.

Event coordinators Brian and Corrine Vegter had hoped as recently as last weekend to put on the Turkey Trot as usual, albeit with minor changes to encourage social distancing, as well as a virtual option for people who wanted to complete the course at their leisure.

But with COVID-19 cases surging, and Gov. Kate Brown enacting a 2-week "freeze" with additional restrictions in place statewide from Nov. 18 to Dec. 2, Brian Vegter said it was sensible to make the Turkey Trot a fully virtual event rather than have hundreds gather on Main Street in downtown Baker City.

"We feel the health and safety of our community is most important at this time and yet we still want you all to have an option to get out and be active as individuals or as a family," Vegter said.

The Turkey Trot, which typically attracts from 250 to 500 entrants, is a fundraiser for the Northeast Oregon Compassion Center.

The Compassion Center, based in Baker City, helps local residents with a variety of needs, including paying bills, supplying firewood to homeowners and running a food bank.

Competitors can register online until midnight on Nov. 25. A link to the registration is available on the Compassion Center's website: <http://neoregoncompassioncenter.org/turkey-trot/>



Contributed Photo

Walkers and runners won't gather as usual on Main Street in Baker City for the Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving Day. The event will still take place virtually.

Entry fee is \$15 per person.

In addition to registering, competitors should download the free Strava app (versions available for Android and Mac iOS). The app includes the route, which is the same as usual, starting in front of Kicks Sports at Main Street and Valley Avenue. Here's a link: <https://www.strava.com/routes/2763537509705479510>

You open the app on your phone or watch and then click "Use Route" and then click start when you begin.

Competitors can run or walk the course any time before 11 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day.

Those who register will be eligible for prizes. They will be given to the top three women and men individual runners, and to the top three teams.

Team members should all run the Strava app when they run or walk the

route. Team members should upload their results and all use the same name to keep team results in order.

Vegter encourages people to donate food for the Compassion Center as well.

People can drop off food at Kicks, 1801 Main St.; The Trailhead, 1828 Main St.; or the Compassion Center, 1250 Hughes Lane, during their business hours.

Competitors who are eligible for a T-shirt can pick them up at the Compassion Center on Tuesday, Nov. 24, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Vegter said he's optimistic that people who usually participate in the Turkey Trot will do so this year despite the changes.

"People still have an opportunity to do something helpful for other people," he said. "I hope this will give them the motivation to come out and do the course."

# Shop With a Hero event canceled

Baker City Police Chief Ray Duman announced Tuesday the cancellation of this year's Shop With a Hero event.

The shopping spree that pairs elementary students with local heroes who join them to shop for gifts for each child's immediate family members was cancelled because of "unforeseen circumstances related to the COVID-19 virus," Duman stated in a press release.

This would have been the

third year for the event in which Baker City Police officers, Baker County Sheriff's deputies, Oregon State Police troopers and Baker City firefighters join students for the Christmas shopping trip.

"With due regard to the safety and health of our first responders and citizens of the community, it's impossible to host this year's event," Duman stated.

In the past, students have

been selected from Brooklyn Primary School and South Baker Intermediate to "shop with a hero" to buy gifts to distribute to their families.

Last year, the Baker City Police Department partnered with Bi-Mart for local shopping, Blue Mountain Baptist Church provided lunch for the children, Thatcher's Ace Hardware made gift-wrapping supplies available for all gifts, Community Connection sup-

plied transportation and the Nazarene Church provided the venue for activities.

Duman expressed appreciation to sponsors and community members who donated to this year's event and assured them that all contributions will be held over "to make next year a fun filled time for community youth and families."

Duman urged anyone with questions to call him at 541-524-2014, extension 601.

# Oxbow man seriously hurt in crash

By Chris Collins

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Oregon State Police officers are investigating a crash that left an Oxbow man seriously injured when he was ejected from his pickup truck as it rolled down a steep embankment near Oxbow about 5 p.m. on Nov. 12.

Damon Taylor Molina, 41,

remained in serious condition at Saint Alphonsus Medical Center in Boise, Mark Snider, hospital spokesman, said Tuesday afternoon.

OSP Sr. Trooper Nicholas Hagedorn stated in his media log report that Molina was traveling west on Highway 86 about 5 miles south of Oxbow when he drove his 2006 Chev-

rolet pickup truck straight through a corner. Hagedorn said the vehicle crossed a wide gravel pullout and then traveled down the steep earthen embankment.

Molina, who was not wearing a seatbelt and was alone, was ejected from the vehicle as it rolled. The vehicle came to rest upside down about 50 feet

from the embankment.

Molina was first taken by Halfway Rural Fire Department ambulance to a site where the Life Flight air ambulance could pick him up for transfer to the Boise hospital.

"Impairment is being investigated as a contributing factor in the crash," Hagedorn stated in his report.

## OBITUARY

### Nancy Murray

Formerly of Baker City, 1944-2020

Nancy Jane Savage Murray, 75, of Seattle, and formerly of Baker City, died peacefully on Nov. 3, 2020.

Nancy was born on Nov. 12, 1944, at Lewiston, Idaho. The family moved from Asotin,

Washington, to Baker City in 1945. Nancy attended school in Baker City, graduating from Baker High School. She went on to graduate from Blue Mountain Community College with a degree as a dental assistant. While working as a technician for Dr. Jones in Pendleton, she met her future husband, Paul Murray. They were married and lived in Heppner for a couple of years before moving to Seattle, where they lived for over 40 years.

Nancy worked as a dental assistant for a while and then for the Highline School District, where she worked with special needs children for many years.

Nancy always put other people's needs ahead of her own. She loved knitting and

quilting, giving many beautiful quilts and knitted items to family and friends. She always had a smile for everyone, lending a hand wherever she could. She was deeply loved and will be missed.

Nancy is survived by her brother, Robert (Marie) of

Baker City; her sisters, Judy Vancil (Bob) of Redmond, and Janet Norton (Bill) of Visalia, California; her sister-in-law, Deanne Savage of Frisco, Texas; her daughters, Sharon Thielman (Paul), Bonnie Malgarini (Mike), Kimberly Murray and Tina Murray;

and her grandchildren, Lee Anne, Jacob, Lynnsey, Donald, Marissa and Mia.

Nancy was preceded in death by her parents, Richard (Spud) and Nan Savage; her brother, Richard Savage; and her husband, Paul Murray.



Nancy Murray

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