

# Local

## BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

### THURSDAY, FEB. 18

■ **Baker School Board:** 6 p.m., District Office; meeting will be via the Zoom computer app. For information about how to join, call the District Office, 541-524-2260, or visit the District website at baker5j.org and scroll down to the calendar section in about the middle of the page.

## TURNING BACK THE PAGES

### 50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald February 13, 1971

Compared to other costs the 8 cent stamp proposed by the United States Postal Service will still be one of the best buys for the money that exists anywhere in the world, Postmaster G. Lowell Fuller said.

### 25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald February 13, 1996

A Baker City student was among those selected to attend the National Young Leaders Conference in Washington, D.C., Jan. 30-Feb. 4.

Jenny Coughlin, a junior at Sunriver Preparatory School and the daughter of Lisa and David Coughlin of Baker City, was among 350 outstanding national scholars to attend the conference.

### 10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald February 14, 2011

Alfalfa that lies dormant today beneath Baker County's snowy fields could be fattening Chinese cattle before the end of the year.

The world's most populous country, and other Asian nations, are a growing market for high-quality alfalfa and grass hay, said Cory Parsons, Baker County's agriculture extension agent for the Oregon State University Extension Service.

### ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald February 13, 2020

Baker County has filed a lawsuit asking a judge to order the company that owns three motels in Baker City to give the county records related to lodging taxes paid by motel guests in parts of 2017 and 2018.

Patrick M. Gregg, an attorney from Pendleton, filed the suit Jan. 21 on the county's behalf.

The defendant is DK Hotel Management LLC. The company owns the Quality Inn Sunridge Inn, 1 Sunridge Lane; the Super 8 by Wyndham, 250 Campbell St.; and Motel 6 Baker City, 175 Campbell St., according to the complaint.

Officials from the company could not be reached for comment.

At issue is the Baker County lodging tax.

An ordinance requires owners of motels, bed-and-breakfasts and other lodging businesses in most of Baker County, including Baker City, to collect a 7% tax on each room rate and give that money to the county.

A county ordinance requires that 70% of the tax revenue be spent for tourism promotion, 25% for economic development and 5% for administrative expenses the county incurs in collecting the tax.

Lodging tax revenue dropped from \$625,000 in fiscal 2016-17 to \$538,000 in fiscal 2017-18.

## OREGON LOTTERY

**MEGABUCKS, Feb. 10**  
17 — 18 — 27 — 32 — 34 — 48  
Next jackpot: \$1.8 million

**POWERBALL, Feb. 10**  
15 — 39 — 58 — 63 — 67 PB 7  
Next jackpot: \$56 million

**MEGA MILLIONS, Feb. 9**  
7 — 18 — 21 — 31 — 40 Mega 9  
Next jackpot: \$82 million

**WIN FOR LIFE, Feb. 10**  
9 — 21 — 41 — 63

**PICK 4, Feb. 11**

• 1 p.m.: 0 — 1 — 7 — 6

• 4 p.m.: 6 — 2 — 3 — 1

• 7 p.m.: 5 — 1 — 8 — 5

• 10 p.m.: 5 — 8 — 7 — 3

**LUCKY LINES, Feb. 11**  
4-8-10-13-18-24-27-31

Next jackpot: \$11,000

## SENIOR MENUS

- **MONDAY:** Office is closed in commemoration of Presidents Day.
- **TUESDAY:** Spaghetti with beef sauce, green beans, garlic bread, green salad, lemon squares
- **WEDNESDAY:** Pulled pork with bun, potato wedges, mixed vegetables, garlic bread, macaroni salad, pudding
- **THURSDAY:** Hot beef sandwich, mashed potatoes, baby carrots, Jell-O with fruit, peach crisp
- **FRIDAY:** Pork roast, stuffing, peas, roll, green salad, brownie

Public 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 for those under 60. Meals must be picked up; no dining on site.

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## VACCINE

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Bennett, who has served as the county's incident commander throughout the pandemic, said people started arriving at BHS at 8 a.m. on Friday.

"They want the shots," he said.

The city-owned Quail Ridge Golf Course, which is managed by Anthony Lakes, donated the use of nine golf carts for the event, allowing staff and volunteers to drive people from their vehicles in the BHS parking lot to the entrance.

Once inside, people had an escort to help them through the process.

"It's kind of complex," Bennett said.

Because of the size of the event, employees from multiple county departments, including the watermaster's office, assisted, he said.

LeAnne Bourne, office manager at the Baker County Health Department, said employees entered patient information into the state's immunization site.

Nancy Staten, the Health Department director, said officials have been planning the event for three weeks.

Bennett said more than 1,000 people phoned the county's call center this week inquiring about vaccinations.

"We did the 80 (year-old) plus, and then we're also doing some educators," Staten said.

Teachers, child care providers and employees at early learning centers have been eligible for the vaccine since late January, and Staten has said that the county will continue to try to inoculate everyone from those groups who want the vaccine even as older residents also become eligible.

"I think for the most part people are really excited to come get their vaccine," Staten said. "They've been waiting and they've been very patient and so, most people are really anxious to get the vaccine. I think that's a positive."

Staten said Friday's clinic is part of the county's ongoing effort to vaccinate residents as



Samantha O'Conner/Baker City Herald

The Baker High School gymnasium was the site of Baker County's biggest COVID-19 vaccination clinic. On Friday, Feb. 12, about 300 county residents, most of them 80 or older, received their first dose of a vaccine.

### Nearly 10% of county residents have had one or both doses

As of Thursday, Feb. 11, 1,158 Baker County residents had received their first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, and 433 had had both doses. The total of 1,591 people is about 9.4% of the county's population of 16,800. Friday's vaccination event at Baker High School will push that figure to about 11.3%.

As of Friday, 610 county residents have tested positive for COVID-19. The rate of new cases the past three weeks has been the lowest since mid-October.

quickly as possible. The county is working with its partners, Saint Alphonsus Medical Center, which had a clinic for about 70 people in the 80-plus age group on Thursday, Feb. 11, and the Pine Eagle Clinic in Halfway.

Once people received their first dose in the BHS gym, nursing staff had them wait for 15 minutes to ensure none had side effects.

"I think it's a wonderful

thing, I'm very grateful," said Maureen Beverlin, who received her first dose. "I just wish everyone could get it now."

"I think it's wonderful, it's a testament to science and how quickly we can overcome such adversity," said Sarah Cuddy, who also was vaccinated Friday. "So, it's an exciting day."

The nurses who administered the vaccine were also excited.

"I think it's been awesome, finally getting the vaccines in and being able to come here today and have this clinic, getting everybody vaccinated," Tracy Lovisonne said.

Alicia Hills, the Health Department's nursing supervisor, agreed.

"This has been great to work together as a group and get everything set up," Hills said. "The partnership between the school and the County Emergency Management, the Sheriff's Office, Search and Rescue, the Health Department, everybody partnering together to put this together. It's been a great experience and it's a lot of fun."

People who are vaccinated receive a card listing when they're scheduled to receive their second dose, about 28 days later with the Moderna vaccine.

Staten has said in previ-

ous interviews that second doses are allocated separately from first doses, to ensure people don't have to wait for the second dose.

In addition to the Health Department, hospital and Pine Eagle Clinic, the pharmacies at Baker City's Albertsons and Safeway stores each received 100 doses of vaccine this week.

People can try to schedule an appointment online at [www.albertsons.com/COVID-19](http://www.albertsons.com/COVID-19) and [www.safeway.com/COVID-19](http://www.safeway.com/COVID-19). Starting Feb. 15, people 75 and older will be eligible, according to state guidelines.

"We have definitely seen a lot of interest," said Christal McKay, pharmacy manager at the Safeway store. "Many of our regular customers, especially those who are high-risk or elderly, have been checking in routinely. Because of this high level of interest, we are very excited to be able to soon begin our vaccinations in Baker City."

The Baker City stores will add appointments as vaccine doses are available, said Jill McGinnis, director of communications and public affairs for the company that owns both Safeway and Albertsons stores.

Jayson Jacoby of the Baker City Herald contributed to this story.

## SHOT

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Brock said a different nurse gave her dad his first shot.

She was happy to be able

to handle the second inoculation that fully protects him.

Bennett owns the Pondosa Store, along Highway 203 near Medical Springs, about 20 miles northeast of Baker City.

Besides being a veteran, he is a former first responder with the Medical Springs Rural Fire Protection District, and he donated the property where the district's fire station was built.

Bennett said that although his store — the only place to get a cold soda or an ice cream sandwich between Baker City and Union on the relatively lightly traveled

Highway 203 — has been closed for the past couple of months, he plans to reopen the first of March.

He moved to Baker City in 1983 after taking an early retirement from a Georgia Pacific mill in Springfield, Oregon.

Bennett said he took over operating the Pondosa store from his brother-in-law, who died in 1983.

## NEWS OF RECORD

### DEATHS

**Diane Carlisle:** 79, of Baker City, died Feb. 11, 2021, at Ashley Manor Assisted Living in Baker City. 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

**Lloyd Harry Bigler:** A military honors ceremony will take place at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 20, at Union Park. Those attending must wear a mask and practice social distancing. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions to the Union VFW Post, 518 N. Main St., Union, OR 97883. Online condolences may be made at [www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com](http://www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com)

**Thor Edvalson:** A celebration of Thor's life and memorial service will take place Friday, Feb. 26, at 11 a.m. at the Harvest Church, 3720 Birch St. in Baker City. To make a donation in Thor's memory, his family suggests the Cancer Support Group through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Online

condolences can be made at [www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com)

### POLICE LOG

**Baker City Police Arrests, citations**  
SECOND-DEGREE THEFT:  
Trevor James Heath, 25, of Baker City, 11:02 p.m. Wednesday; cited and released; police said Heath is accused of taking a bicycle parked in the parking lot of The Dollar Tree, 2300 Resort St., at about 3:25 p.m. Wednesday; police are seeking another person, who reportedly was involved in the theft of a second bicycle, which later was abandoned; both bicycles, valued at \$400 each, were recovered and returned to their owners, Chastity Givens, 46, and Kimberly Givens, 27, both of Baker City.

## GRAY'S WEST & CO. PIONEER CHAPEL

Thank you to all our friends and neighbors for their support during our time of need. The flowers, cards, and food were much appreciated. Our deep felt thanks to all the staff at Heart 'n Home Hospice for their care of our dear Larry. Our thanks to Gray's West & Co. for the time they spent with Larry when he pre-planned his services. He would be pleased his wishes were followed so well.

From the bottom of our hearts,  
**The family of Larry Adkinson**



## GRAY'S WEST & CO. PIONEER CHAPEL

Thank you to all our friends for their kind expressions of love and caring during our recent loss. We would also like to thank Home Health, Heart 'n Home Hospice, and Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel.

**The family of  
Charles Chapman.**

## GRAY'S WEST & CO. PIONEER CHAPEL

With deepest gratitude, we extend this word of thanks for the many kind acts of sympathy expressed by thoughtful friends. Thank you.

**The family of  
Raymond Lee Hubert.**