

**COVID-19**

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The weekly totals for new cases since Jan. 15 were 14, seven, 13 and nine.

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) updates risk levels for each of the state's 36 counties every two weeks.

Risk levels for the next two-week period — Feb. 26-March 11 — will be based on statistics for the period Feb. 7-20.

For that period, Baker County had 15 new cases through Feb. 16.

To remain at lower risk, the county has to have 29 or fewer cases during that two-week period. That means the county can't have more than

14 new cases for the four-day period, Wednesday, Feb. 17, through Saturday, Feb. 20.

Baker County's risk level is also based on its test positivity rate. To remain at lower risk, the county has to have a positivity rate below 5% from Feb. 7-20.

As of Tuesday, the county's positivity rate was about 3.6%, according to OHA figures.

**Vaccinations**

The Baker County Health Department administered its entire supply of 315 doses of the Moderna vaccine during a clinic on Feb. 12 at Baker High School, said Nancy Staten, the depart-

ment's director.

Most of the people who received their first dose that day are 80 or older, Staten said.



**Staten**

That group became eligible for the vaccine, based on state guidelines, on Feb. 8.

As of Feb. 15, people 75 and older are eligible, and starting Feb. 22, the eligibility threshold will drop to age 70.

Staten said on Monday, Feb. 15, that the Health Department will receive 100 doses this week. She said the county will concentrate this week on administering second doses to people this week, making them fully vaccinated.

Staten said she hopes the county will receive enough

doses next week to schedule another large vaccination clinic on Feb. 26.

She said she's optimistic that will be possible based on a recent announcement by state officials that Oregon's weekly allocation of doses is increasing from 75,000 to 82,000.

Although the county doesn't have a tally of residents who are 80 or older, Staten said the county made good progress during the Feb. 12 clinic at administering the first dose to that age group.

If the Feb. 26 clinic happens, Staten said she expects that people 75 and older will have appointments during that event. Residents can call 541-523-0015 to be placed on a waiting list.

She said it was "amazing to

watch" the county employees and volunteers help people get their first dose during the Feb. 12 clinic.

Staten said that if the state allocated enough doses, the county could administer more than the 315 shots given that day.

The Baker City Safeway and Albertsons pharmacies, both of which received 100 doses of the Moderna vaccine earlier this month, together administered about 85 first doses between Feb. 12 and Feb. 16, said Jill McGinnis, director of communications and public affairs for the company that owns both grocery chains.

Customers who are 75 or older can make an appointment online at [www.safeway.com/covid-19](http://www.safeway.com/covid-19) or [www.albertsons.com/covid-19](http://www.albertsons.com/covid-19)

Starting Feb. 22, people 70 and older will be eligible to be vaccinated based on Oregon's priority guidelines.

McGinnis said shipments of additional doses to the Baker City pharmacies were canceled this week, possibly due to winter weather across the country.

But deliveries of vaccines to the pharmacies will resume next week, she said.

As of Tuesday, Feb. 16, a total of 1,550 Baker County residents had received their first dose of vaccine, and 493 were fully vaccinated, according to the OHA.

That means 12.1% of the county's population of 16,800 is partially (9.2%) or fully (2.9%) vaccinated.

That's slightly above the statewide figure of 11.4%.

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO  
from the Democrat-Herald  
February 19, 1971

Mr. and Mrs. George N. Holcomb, Richland ranchers, were in Washington yesterday to receive the Medal of Honor from President Nixon in behalf of their son, John, who was killed in Vietnam December 3, 1968.

25 YEARS AGO  
from the Baker City Herald  
February 19, 1996

Investigators have determined that an operational error, not a mechanical failure, caused a gondola on the Wallowa Lake Tramway carrying radio gear, but no people, to break loose from its cable Jan. 25.

No one was injured in the accident, the first of its kind in the tramway's 25-year history.

10 YEARS AGO  
from the Baker City Herald  
February 18, 2011

Work is officially under way to restore the water-damaged Courthouse this week, with the completion date set for May 15.

Mark Johnson of Sid Johnson & Co., the contracting firm hired to make the repairs, said Thursday that his employees are continuing the job they started just after Thanksgiving weekend.

ONE YEAR AGO  
from the Baker City Herald  
February 18, 2020

Athletic Director Buell Gonzales Jr. will present information about establishing a Clay Shooting Club to the Baker School Board Thursday night.

The board will meet at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 1655 First St.

The club would be for students in Grades 6-12 with a spring league beginning in April, a state tournament in June and the National Trap Shooting Championship in July, a list of frequently asked questions included in the board's meeting packet states.

The program is for boys and girls who have a league-approved firearm safety certificate, the information states. It is organized through the State High School Clay Target League.

Team members practice weekly at a shooting range. Individual and team scores are then submitted and compared online with other schools in their conference to qualify for state and national competition.

OREGON LOTTERY

**MEGABUCKS, Feb. 15**  
2 - 5 - 6 - 18 - 31 - 45  
Next jackpot: \$2 million

**POWERBALL, Feb. 13**  
20 - 28 - 33 - 63 - 68 PB 20  
Next jackpot: \$66 million

**MEGA MILLIONS, Feb. 16**  
1 - 36 - 44 - 54 - 66 Mega 10  
Next jackpot: \$20 million

**WIN FOR LIFE, Feb. 15**  
13 - 33 - 37 - 40

**PICK 4, Feb. 16**  
• 1 p.m.: 0 - 9 - 7 - 2  
• 4 p.m.: 2 - 6 - 9 - 6  
• 7 p.m.: 0 - 6 - 2 - 3

• 10 p.m.: 1 - 3 - 1 - 7  
**LUCKY LINES, Feb. 16**  
2-5-12-13-19-22-27-29  
Next jackpot: \$16,000

SENIOR MENUS

- **FRIDAY:** Pork roast, stuffing, peas, roll, green salad, brownie
- **MONDAY (Feb. 22):** Chicken strips, mashed potatoes with gravy, carrots, roll, ice cream, ambrosia
- **TUESDAY (Feb. 23):** Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, peas, roll, cottage cheese/Jell-O salad, pudding
- **WEDNESDAY (Feb. 24):** Soup and sandwich: cream of broccoli soup and turkey, Swiss, lettuce and tomato sandwich; pea-and-onion salad, birthday cake
- **THURSDAY (Feb. 25):** Ham and beans, Brussels sprouts, cornbread, broccoli-bacon salad, cookies.

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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**Scott Griffith**

Baker City, 1955-2021

Scott George Griffith, 65, of Baker City, passed away Feb. 4, 2021, with his family by his side.

A celebration of his life will be scheduled later.

Scott was born on July 18, 1955, at Baker City to Ira and Carleen Griffith. He graduated from Baker High School in 1973. He worked for Cook & Emele from 1973 until his retirement.



**Scott Griffith**

Scott married Donna Smock on July 6, 1974. Together they raised three sons. He loved to go fishing and hunting, camping in the mountains, and harassing his grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife, Donna Griffith of Baker City; his mother, Carleen Griffith of Baker City; brothers, Kevin Griffith of Baker City and Lawrence Griffith of Vanderpool, Texas; his sons, Jeremy Griffith (Heather) of Boise, Brian Griffith of Baker City and Joseph Griffith (Morgan) of Baker City; and his grandchildren, Isaac, Liam, Johnny, Jayden and Jordan, and special granddaughter, Shelby; and numerous family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Ira C. Griffith; his brother, David Griffith; and his sister, Suzann Griffith.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation through Gray's West & Co., 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814.

**Jack Pfaff**

Richland, 1954-2021

Jack Pfaff, 66, formerly of Baker City, died Feb. 4, 2021, at his home in Richland.

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

Jack Albert Pfaff was born on May 8, 1954, at Tacoma, Washington. He was raised and educated in Spanaway, Washington. He attended Bethel High School and earned his GED when he went into the Army.



**Jack Pfaff**

Jack served in the U.S. Army Signal Battalion from 1971 to 1975. He was stationed at Kaiserslautern, Germany, and later at Fort Hood, Texas.

Jack met Nancy Young in Roy, Washington, at a Roy Rodeo dance. They were married on Sept. 21, 1971.

Jack began his working career as a house painter with his parents. In the U.S. Army he learned all phases of construction and worked doing miscellaneous projects. Jack joined the Baker City Police as a reserve officer. He loved this job and later became Chief of Police for Huntington. He then moved to Burns where he was a patrol officer for the Burns City Police and a police sergeant for the Burns Tribal Police before he retired.

Jack enjoyed archery, hunting, fishing and telling all of his favorite stories. He loved to ride horses and bulls. He rodeoed in his younger days around Tacoma and the European Rodeo Association.

Jack is survived by his wife of 49 years, Nancy Pfaff; his daughter, Jacquyn (Bryon) Shepard; his son, Buddy (Bridgette) Pfaff; his brothers, John, Jim, Rick and Fred Pfaff; his sister, Dorothy Sisson; his grandchildren, Jesse, Cameron, Jacob, Raylin, Bailie, Davon, Jayden, Ashley and Tyler; and his great-grandchildren, Ariel, Adan and Elijah.

Jack was preceded in death by his son, Jesse James Pfaff; his parents, John and Sadie Pfaff; his brother, Chuck Pfaff; his sisters, Betty Pierson, Kathy Biehl and Joanne Tharpe; and his grandchild, Alexis Shepard.

For those who would like to make a donation in memory of Jack, the family suggests the National Autism 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)

**Thomas Bronson Sr.**

Ironside, 1936-2021

Thomas James Bronson Sr., 84, of Ironside, died Feb. 1, 2021, at Boise due to heart complications.

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

Tom was born on July 20, 1936, at

Ontario to Otto and Loise (Dombly) Bronson. He grew up on the family ranch northeast of Ironside on Willow Creek. He and his little sister, Lavelle, attended grade school at Malheur City and Grouse Creek. He graduated from high school in Ontario in 1955.

In 1958, he joined the U.S. Air National Guard of Idaho, as a fuel supply specialist. When en route to basic training in Texas, the charter plane that he was in iced up and crashed. Tom and another airman were able to get to a nearby ranch to get help. He was honorably discharged in 1964.

Tom met the love of his life, Lois Afheld, in Ironside at a neighbor's ranch where she was baby-sitting, when he went to gather up some stray cows. The two were wed on May 20, 1959, at John Day.

Tom and Lois spent the rest of their lives on the Ironside family ranch, raising their four children, along with hay and cows.

Tom was a hard worker who loved to ranch, he was an excellent equipment operator and a hay truck driver. He was very generous in helping others and loved to play practical jokes on friends and family. He enjoyed hunting elk and fishing, if you could get him off the ranch.

He was a member of the Burnt River School Board and a member of the Ironside Road District for many years.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents, his sister and his wife.

Tom is survived by his children, TJ and Joann Bronson of Ontario, Eric and Rhonada Bronson of Huntington, Peter and Terri Bronson of Prineville and April Bronson of Burns; his grandchildren, James Bronson, Kyle Bronson, Robert Bronson, Wade Bronson, Aaron Langley, Audryonna Langley, Adrian Langley, Kathrine and Lee Butler, Jesse and Wendy Bronson, and Danielle Bronson; and his great-grandchildren, Tanner Harp, Stark Langley and Beorn Butler.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the FFA.



**Thomas Bronson**

**DEATHS**

**Michael Anthony Baldwin:** 42, of Baker City, died Feb. 11, 2021, at his residence on. Arrangements have been entrusted to Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel. To leave an online condolence for the family, go to [www.grayswestco.com](http://www.grayswestco.com)

**Cheryl Martinson:** 68, of Baker City, died Feb. 11, 2021, at her residence. Arrangements have been entrusted to Grays West & Co. Pioneer Chapel. To leave an online condolence for the family, go to [www.grayswestco.com](http://www.grayswestco.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. His family suggests memorial contributions to 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**  
PROBATION VIOLATION: Tyler Joseph Anders, 31, of Baker City, 12:03 a.m. Wednesday, in the 500 block of Campbell Street; jailed.  
FAILURE TO APPEAR (two Baker County Circuit Court warrants): Kenzie Renae Sherman, 20, of Baker City, 3:20 a.m. Wednesday, at Third Street and Washington Avenue; jailed.  
FAILURE TO APPEAR (Baker County Circuit Court warrant): Jamie Joseph Weiss, 55, of Baker City, 12:02 p.m. Monday, on Grove Street; cited and released.

**Baker County Sheriff's Office**

**Arrests, citations**  
UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE (Oregon State Parole Board warrant): Eric Lee Caywell, 30, 1:48 p.m. Monday, at the Baker County Jail where he is being held on other charges.

FOURTH-DEGREE DOMESTIC ASSAULT and HARASSMENT: Shirley Marie Carey, 68, of Baker City, 8:31 p.m. Monday, on Bear Lane near Sumpter; jailed and later granted a conditional release.

**Oregon State Police Arrests, citations**  
RECKLESS DRIVING: Rafik Karapetyan, 55, of Sun Valley,

California, 8:04 a.m. Friday, on Interstate 84, about 5 miles north of Baker City; cited and released. Sr. Trooper David Aydelotte wrote in his daily media log that Karapetyan was checked driving 91 mph in a large cargo van on the icy road surface. Aydelotte stated that he also observed additional

traffic violations. Variable speed signs set by the Oregon Department of Transportation at the time were recommending drivers observe a 55 mph speed limit because of the icy road conditions. Aydelotte said Karapetyan stated he had an important delivery to make and was in a hurry.



**ALEX**  
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5-31-1994 to 12-19-2020

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