

Local

BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

THURSDAY, MARCH 11

■ **Baker School Board:** 6 p.m.; 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; meeting reset from usual third Thursday.

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald March 11, 1971

Baker's welfare department may yet be forced into acting as an employment agency like some Oregon counties in order to reduce welfare rolls and stay within its budget.

Even though welfare departments in Deschutes, Jefferson and Crook counties have become employment agencies, the public welfare commission in Baker has not started looking for jobs for its clients.

25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald March 11, 1996

A reward of up to \$2,000 is being offered for the arrest and conviction of a cattle rustler who shot and butchered a pregnant cow on Telocaset Road in late February.

Ron Lay of Baker City said he was moving cattle between Pondosa and Thief Valley when he discovered one of his cows was lame. He left her to travel at her own pace, and discovered her missing the next day, he said.

10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald March 11, 2011

Large groups of small children visited Betty's Books on Thursday in downtown Baker City.

Owners Tom and Carolyn Kulog welcome the little ones to look around. They look forward to the kindergartners' pilgrimage to their store with their teachers and, in many instances, their parents.

"It's fun to watch them choose books," Carolyn said.

Small gift certificates combined with store discounts encourage purchases. And the trip helps to encourage enjoyment of reading now and in the future.

ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald March 12, 2020

State wildlife biologists confirmed that wolves attacked and injured a newborn calf on a private, fenced pasture near Richland last week.

The 2-day-old calf was in a 350-acre pasture near Highway 86 as it climbs the Halfway Grade a couple miles northeast of Richland, said Justin Primus, assistant district wildlife biologist at the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's (ODFW) office.

The calf's owner found the injured calf on Sunday, and ODFW investigated on Monday.

Biologists estimate the calf was attacked by a wolf or wolves about three days before the animal was found.

The calf was able to stand but "walked stiffly and was more lethargic than the other calves in the field," according to ODFW's report.

Primus said Wednesday morning that he was not sure whether the calf would survive, although the animal was alive on Monday.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, March 8

8 — 13 — 22 — 28 — 38 — 39
Next jackpot: \$2.9 million

POWERBALL, March 6

11 — 31 — 50 — 52 — 58 PB 18
Next jackpot: \$155 million

MEGA MILLIONS, March 8

4 — 33 — 46 — 58 — 65 Mega 13
Next jackpot: \$79 million

WIN FOR LIFE, March 8

52 — 59 — 63 — 68

PICK 4, March 8

• 1 p.m.: 1 — 3 — 0 — 7

• 4 p.m.: 8 — 1 — 1 — 6

• 7 p.m.: 9 — 6 — 8 — 7

• 10 p.m.: 9 — 4 — 5 — 7

LUCKY LINES, March 8

1-8-12-13-20-21-25-32
Next jackpot: \$37,000

SENIOR MENUS

- **FRIDAY:** Beef pot roast, red potatoes, green beans, roll, coleslaw, cookies
- **MONDAY (March 15):** Chicken-fried chicken, mashed potatoes with country gravy, Capri vegetables, biscuit, three-bean salad, lemon squares
- **TUESDAY (March 16):** Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, roll, mixed vegetables, macaroni salad, brownie
- **WEDNESDAY (March 17):** Corned beef and cabbage, red potatoes, carrots, roll, pea-and-onion salad, tapioca
- **THURSDAY (March 18):** Liver and onions, red potatoes, peas and carrots, three-bean salad, roll, berry cheesecake

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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SUMPTER

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Sproul said riders will be coming from Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Utah.

"Sumpter has the facilities for a wonderful snowmobile event," he said.

It certainly has the snow.

More than 4 feet fell in Sumpter, elevation 4,400 feet, during February, said Mike Bogart, president of the Sumpter Valley Blue Mountain Snowmobile Club.

Like Sproul, Bogart is excited about this weekend's races.

Part of their anticipation has to do with the racing machines, which are not the sorts of sleds you're likely to see on groomed trails.

This weekend's races are for "vintage" snowmobiles, Sproul said.

Those are machines built before 1985 and that have leaf-spring suspensions rather than the comparatively sophisticated independent suspensions that modern sleds have.

Sproul said this weekend's races will also have a separate class for somewhat newer snowmobiles, those built as recently as 1997.

Sproul, who has been racing snowmobiles since 1985, said vintage racing started about a decade and a half ago.

"The idea behind it was vintage snowmobile shows," he said. "A lot of the guys who were very passionate about snowmobiles were racers back in the day. And some of them said, 'I wish we were still racing them.'"

Sproul said one of the first vintage races in the West took place more than a decade ago at West Yellowstone, Montana, as part of that resort city's annual World Snowmobile Expo.

"And it's grown quite a bit since then," he said.

But not in the winter of 2020-21.

Not in the year of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sproul said restrictions related to the pandemic have prompted organizers to cancel several events across the region.



Jim Smith/Contributed Photo

Vintage snowmobile races at the Sumpter Fairgrounds will start Saturday, March 13, at 9:30 a.m. and Sunday, March 14, at 9 a.m.

That includes a major three-race series at Priest Lake in Northern Idaho.

Sproul said that when he heard those races were canceled, he immediately thought of Sumpter as an alternate venue.

There have been two vintage races at the Sumpter Fairgrounds this winter, the first in January, put on by the Sumpter snowmobile club, and the second in February, which the Grant County Snowballers coordinated.

Sproul called Bogart to ask about scheduling a third race at the Fairgrounds.

"We said sure," Bogart said.

He said he's grateful for the assistance of Sproul and other members of the Grant County Snowballers, because they have the knowledge of vintage snowmobiles and the experience needed to host races.

He said the Fairgrounds is a good site for the races because there's ample room for people to spread out.

"Our footprint out here is so large it's really not an issue," he said.

There is no admission charge for the races, which start at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday and at 9 a.m. on Sunday. Sproul expects races to

wrap up between noon and 1 p.m. both days.

Volunteers from Sumpter will operate food booths, and Sproul said multiple snowmobile dealers plan to have demonstration sleds as well as one with "snow bikes" — motorcycles equipped not with wheels but with a snowmobile-like track in the rear and a ski in the front.

According to Oregon health regulations, for counties in the moderate-risk category — which Baker County will move into starting Friday, March 12 — there is a 150-person limit for "outdoor recreation and fitness establishments," which includes "outdoor recreational sports."

There are no capacity limits for outdoor parks.

Sproul said many of the racers he talked with were "ecstatic" to find out about the Sumpter event.

"A lot of these guys have spent a lot of money building racing snowmobiles this year and they had no place to go," he said.

Sproul and Bogart said they're happy that Sumpter will be hosting the races instead.

So is Daisy Garber.

She and her husband, Jeff, bought the Depot Inn motel in Sumpter in December 2019. She said their rooms

have been booked for about three weeks, mainly by vintage racers.

Garber said the earlier races, in January and February, also brought people to town.

"We like it," she said. "They're a nice group of people."

Justin Long, who owns the Sumpter Nugget restaurant and marijuana dispensary, said he also expects a boost in business from this weekend's races.

That was the case with the races in January and February, Long said.

"I think most of the business owners here in town are hoping to have that traffic, especially given the past year," he said.

Future snowmobile events in Sumpter

Sumpter has long been renowned as a destination for recreational riders, with its reliable snow and location as the hub for hundreds of miles of groomed trails.

But Sproul said the area's potential as a site for vintage snowmobile races, shows and other events has scarcely been tapped.

"We could have a heck of a big deal there every year," he said. "I would like to see that happen."

OBITUARY

Dorothy Hunt

Formerly of Baker City, 1925-2021

Dorothy M. Hunt, 95, of La Grande, and formerly of Baker City, died on March 3, 2021, at her home.

At her request there will be no public service. Private burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery in Baker City. Arrangements under the direction of Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center.

Miss Hunt was born on April 19, 1925, at Portland to Herbert E. and Sybil A.



Dorothy Hunt

(Carpenter) Hunt. The J.R. Hunt and U.S. Carpenter families were early settlers in Baker Valley. Dorothy was raised and attended school in Portland and Baker City, graduating from Baker High School in 1944. Following high school, she joined the Cadet Nurse Corps and completed the nursing program at Sacred Heart School of Nursing in Spokane, Washington, and a nursing degree program at the University of Washington.

In 1953 she served two years of active duty in the U.S. Army Nurse Corps, stationed at Fitzsimmons Army Hospital in Denver. After her

tour of duty with the Army, she returned to the Puget Sound area in Washington and was employed by the U.S. Veterans Administration. She worked at V.A. medical centers in Seattle and Tacoma until her retirement in 1982.

In 1988 she moved from the Puget Sound area back to Eastern Oregon, settling in La Grande. She enjoyed outdoor activities, crafts, traveling and volunteer work.

She was a member of the Presbyterian Church and the Grande Ronde Hospital Auxiliary.

She is survived by her nephews, Mark Masterson of La Grande and Glen and Nancy Masterson of Arizona and Michigan.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Marjorie Masterson.

Contributions in Dorothy's memory can be sent to the charity of one's choice.

NEWS OF RECORD

FUNERALS PENDING

Taran Arthur Moothart:

There will be a celebration of Taran's life at 2 p.m., Saturday, March 20, 2021, at Harvest Church, 3720 Birch St., in Baker City. Pastor Brad Phillips will officiate. Memorial contributions may be made to the Taran Memorial Fund at Old West Federal Credit Union, 2026 Broadway St., Baker City, OR 97814, or through Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel at 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814. To leave an online condolence for the family, go to www.grayswestco.com

Tommy G. West: Graveside services will be Wednesday, March 24, at 2 p.m. at Mount Hope Cemetery, with military honors. Those wishing to make memorial contributions in Tommy's memory can direct them to a charity of one's choice through Coles Tribute Center, 1950 Place St., Baker City, OR 97814. To light

a candle in memory of Tommy, go to www.colestributecenter.com

POLICE LOG

Baker City Police Arrests, citations

CONTEMPT OF COURT (Baker Justice Court warrant): Katherine D. Schaaf, 35, of Baker City, 10:52 p.m. Monday, at Washington Avenue and Oak Street; cited and released.

Baker County Sheriff's Office

Arrests, citations
VIOLATION OF RESTRAINING ORDER: Joshua Leon Deen, 29, of Halfway, 9:23 p.m. Monday, at Halfway; jailed.

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