

Local

BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2

■ **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

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald May 31, 1971

Mike Bennett won three events and the Baker Bulldogs piled up 100 points in the District 7-AAA meet in Bend Saturday. But it was not enough to overcome the depth of the Bend Lava Bear squad nor the perennially difficult Ontario Tigers.

Bend won the meeting, scoring 143 points and winning seven events. Ontario was second with 111 points, picking up wins in five events.

25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald May 31, 1996

Baker City will be the host for the 17th annual Judicial Education Conference Monday through Friday at the Sunridge Inn.

The continuing legal education conference is sponsored by the National Judges Association, a group of non-attorney judges from across America.

10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald June 1, 2011

All the major boat ramps on Brownlee Reservoir could be underwater within a couple weeks.

Most of the ramps have been left stranded above the water the entire spring as federal officials mandated that Idaho Power Company, which owns and operates Brownlee Dam, keep the reservoir low to make room for higher-than-average spring runoff.

ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald June 2, 2020

Baker County's rate of testing for coronavirus should accelerate soon.

Saint Alphonsus Medical Center-Baker City has been asked to participate in a testing program through the Oregon Health Authority, said Priscilla Lynn, CEO of the hospital.

The goal is to test up to 15 people per week who come to the hospital for an issue other than the virus, Lynn said.

The purpose is to test people who have no symptoms consistent with COVID-19, she said.

Lynn emphasized that Saint Alphonsus is not asking people to come to the hospital solely for testing.

The program is designed to test patients who have come to the hospital for treatment, she said.

Lynn said she hopes there will be enough patients to meet the goal of 15 tests per week, but she conceded it's possible that won't happen.

She expects many people would welcome the chance to be tested, for free, for the virus.

Tests would be voluntary — hospital officials will ask patients if they are willing to undergo a test, Lynn said.

The hospital's goal is to start testing the second week in June, she said. The program will continue for a year.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, May 29

5 - 9 - 14 - 15 - 18 - 44

Next jackpot: \$3.4 million

POWERBALL, May 29

11 - 13 - 22 - 27 - 46 PB 20

Next jackpot: \$268 million

MEGA MILLIONS, May 28

10 - 14 - 20 - 47 - 70 Mega 15

Next jackpot: \$34 million

WIN FOR LIFE, May 29

1 - 15 - 21 - 22

PICK 4, May 30

• 1 p.m.: 3 - 6 - 4 - 7

• 4 p.m.: 6 - 5 - 6 - 8

• 7 p.m.: 4 - 7 - 6 - 9

• 10 p.m.: 7 - 8 - 6 - 1

LUCKY LINES, May 30

3-5-9-14-17-21-28-31

Next jackpot: \$47,000

SENIOR MENUS

- **WEDNESDAY:** Old-fashioned steak, red potatoes, mixed vegetables, rolls, pea-and-onion salad, cheesecake
- **THURSDAY:** Chicken strips, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn, rolls, green salad, brownies
- **FRIDAY:** Pot roast, red potatoes, broccoli, rolls, Jell-O with fruit, apple crisp
- **MONDAY (June 7):** Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn, biscuits, fruit cup, ice cream
- **TUESDAY (June 8):** Meatloaf, mashed potatoes with gravy, mixed vegetables, rolls, pea-and-onion salad, tapioca

Public luncheon at the Senior Center, 2810 Cedar St., from 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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Michael Wiles

Baker City

Michael Alan Wiles, 59, of Baker City, died April 30, 2021, at his residence.

No services are planned at this time.

Mike loved life. He was an avid outdoorsman and animal lover and fisherman. He loved when his friends accompanied him, and he got excited for them when they caught one.



Michael Wiles

Although he had no children of his own, he loved kids and they thought the world of him. He always enjoyed when his friends brought their children over for barbecues, and he would play with them no matter how old they were. He also loved playing pool and enjoyed the people he shot games with.

Mike was a self-proclaimed jack of all trades, but master of none. He loved working outdoors most of all, and that is exactly where he found most of his jobs. Mike was proud of his Native American heritage and he walked the path of the red man.

He is survived by his wife, Shannon Wiles; his mother, Carolyn Thom; and two sisters, Laurie Wiles and Teresa Freeman.

Mike was preceded in death by his younger sister, Starlene Wiles, in 1998.

To offer online condolences to Mike's family, go to www.grayswestco.com.

Francis Williamson

Baker City, 1925-2021

Family member, fisherman, gardener and friend, Francis Anton Williamson, 95, of Baker City, Oregon, left us on May 24, 2021, after living what he often said was a great life with no regrets.

Mass of Christian Burial was Saturday, May 29 at St.

Francis de Sales Cathedral in Baker City, with Father Suresh Kumar Telagani officiating.

A graveside interment with military honors took place this morning, June 1, at Mount Hope Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Legion, St. Francis de Sales Cathedral, or to a charity of one's choice through Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814.

Francis was a breath of positivity and beloved by many. He will be greatly missed by all who were lucky enough to know him.

Francis was born on Oct. 12, 1925, at David City, Nebraska, to Anton and Minnie Williamson, the oldest boy of nine children. His father worked as a sharecropper before they packed up the family in an old "Oakland" flatbed truck and headed west. They settled at Bourne, six miles north of Sumpter, in 1940, where his father began work in the gold mines.

Francis would sometimes tell the story of the snow being so deep around their house in Bourne that they would have to jump out an upstairs window. After a few years in Bourne, the family moved to Baker City.

At the age of 18, Francis joined the military to defend our country in the Second World War. A dedicated and skilled soldier, he received an award for being a "sharp-shooter" while in basic training. During the war, he fought in Okinawa, and the South Pacific Theater. He had some close calls; once, lightning struck near his foxhole and completely paralyzed him for a short time. Another time, a live mortar shell landed just



Francis Williamson

a few feet from him but fortunately did not explode. He was honorably discharged after the war ended, with the rank of staff sergeant. Francis said he was "very happy to be heading home and thanked GOD that he was alive."

Upon returning from the war, he married the love of his life, Margaret, and they welcomed a son, Robert, and a daughter, Kathy, into the world. A talented carpenter, Francis built the home where he and Margaret raised their family and he continued to live for over 65 years, a happy house that remains full of love to this day. He spent 44 years working in the local lumber industry, first at the Oregon Lumber Co. as a lumber sorter, then as a box car loader and dry kiln operator for the Burnt River Lumber Co./Ellingson Lumber Company.

Francis didn't slow down after retiring. He continued to socialize, run the shuffleboard table, and serve his community through the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) the Eagles and the Catholic Church. He loved camping and fishing, and you could often find him on his boat or bank fishing somewhere enjoying an Old Milwaukee with family members, just happy to be out, whether catching fish or not. When not at Unity Reservoir or Phillips Lake, you might find him with his grandchildren in the garage, endlessly taking things apart just so they could rebuild them together. He took pride in working on his property at "The Gulch," building bridges, waterwheels and beloved swingsets that made family barbecues and reunions that much more special.

Francis had a wonderful, supportive family and looked forward to his regular visitors in recent years. He spent the majority of his life in a closeknit neighborhood with his sister two houses away, his brother right next door, and his mother only four blocks away. Family was important to

him and Francis especially enjoyed meeting several cousins from Holland who traveled to Oregon for a visit. Francis' parents had immigrated from Holland, through Ellis Island, to the United States in the early 1920s.

Francis remained resilient, positive, and hardworking throughout his life. After a severe, life-threatening stroke in 2018, he set a personal goal of returning home and remaining independent. After a mere three months in assisted living at the "Bee-Hive" and with excellent staff help, he was able to obtain his goal of returning home. At 92, he was proud to get his driver's license renewed for another eight years. Even in his 90s, he took pride in maintaining his lawn and garden areas and caring for his dog. He was truly a great man, and he will be forever missed by his family and many friends.

Francis is survived by his children, Robert (Linda) Williamson and Kathy (Tom) Fisk; his grandchildren, Erin (Jordan Wilson) Williamson, Matt (Kara Fink) Fisk, Jennie (Matt Walker) Williamson, and Scott (Laura Helgerson) Fisk; his great-grandchildren, Nolan and Tyson Arvat, and Emrys and Henning Fisk; his brothers, Tony and Don Williamson; his sisters, Margaret (Don) Sagendorf and Shirley Sagendorf; many nieces, nephews and cousins; and his canine friend, Martie.

Francis was preceded in death by his parents, Anton Henry and Wilhelmina "Minnie" Williamson; his wife, Margaret (Curtiss) Williamson; his brothers, Leo (Frances) Williamson and John Williamson; his sisters, Mary (Andy) DeVos and Anne (Don) Wickert; his sister-in-law, Pat Williamson; his brother-in-law, Harry Sagendorf; his nephew, John Leo Williamson; and several canine companions.

To leave an online condolence for Francis' family, go to www.grayswestco.com.

NEWS OF RECORD

FUNERALS PENDING

Helen Marie Bogart:

Celebration of her life will take place Saturday, June 5 at 2 p.m. at Clyde Holliday State Park near Mount Vernon. Memorial contributions can be made to the John Day Senior Center through Driskill Memorial Chapel, 241 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day, OR 97845. To offer online condolences to her family, go to www.driskillmemorialchapel.com.

Dan Douglas: Graveside service with military honors will take place Sunday, June 6 at 2 p.m. at Pine Haven Cemetery in Halfway. Online condolences can be made at www.tamispi-nevalleyfuneralhome.com.

Robert Lee Butler: Graveside memorial service Tuesday, June 7 at 11 a.m. at Moon Creek Cemetery in Mount Vernon. Memorial contributions can be made to the Wounded Warriors Project or to the American Heart Association through Gray's West & Company Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814. To leave on-line condolences for Bob's family, go to www.grayswestco.com.

POLICE LOG

Baker City Police

Arrests, citations

ATTEMPTING TO ELUDE POLICE, RECKLESS DRIVING, ESCAPE, FAILURE TO APPEAR (out-of-county warrant), PROBATION VIOLATION: Alexander Allen Adams, 25, Baker City, 4:43 p.m. Saturday, May 29 at Seventh and Broadway streets; jailed.

PAROLE VIOLATION: Aaron Dale Duvall, 30, Baker City, 11:13 a.m. Saturday, May 29 in the 3300 block of K Street; jailed.

FAILURE TO APPEAR (Baker County Circuit Court warrant), SECOND-DEGREE CRIMINAL TRESPASSING: Michael Steven Myers-Gabiola, 29, Baker City, 8:20 a.m. Saturday, May 29 at Resort Street and Indiana Avenue; cited and released.

VIOLATION OF RESTRAINING ORDER: Justin Michael Shelton, 31, Baker City, 7:19 a.m. Friday, May 28 in the 400 block of Second Street; jailed.

Baker Co. Sheriff's Office

FAILURE TO APPEAR (Baker County Circuit Court warrant): Brandi Nicole Bowen, 32, Huntington, 2:27 p.m. Saturday, May 29 in Huntington; cited and released.



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We are celebrating our

100th Anniversary

June 13th, 10:00am

Anniversary Divine Liturgy with Bishop Dan Selbo of the NALC preaching.

A cake reception will follow worship and we will honor some of our special members.

More events are scheduled in July and August and can be found on our facebook page.

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