

Local

BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16

■ **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*
June 14, 1971

The congregation of the Baker First Lutheran Church celebrated both the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Baker church and the retirement of the mortgage on the church last weekend.

25 YEARS AGO

from the *Baker City Herald*
June 14, 1996

SUMPTER — The Sumpter City Council voted to apply for a state grant after meeting with a representative of the State Health Division Thursday night.

10 YEARS AGO

from the *Baker City Herald*
June 15, 2011

Baker County's cool, wet spring has already been hard on gardeners.

For the county's paid mosquito-hunter, though, the tough times are still ahead.

Jim Lunders, who manages the Baker Valley Vector Control District, expects this will be a busy summer for him and his crew.

ONE YEAR AGO

from the *Baker City Herald*
June 16, 2020

On Friday afternoon about 50 people gathered along a section of Baker City's busiest street to show their support for law enforcement.

Many black-and-white flags with a blue line — a symbol of support for police — waved, and the occasional MAGA hat, President Donald Trump's "Make America Great Again" slogan, was seen in the crowd.

"We really love our police, we need to support them, they're the ones that protect us," said Patti Hanley, a life-long Baker City resident. "There's always bad apples and they need to get rid of them however they can, but I do support the police."

The event was prompted through a Facebook post by Ken Hackett of Baker City.

Ida Scott said that she attended the event to show her support for both law enforcement and first responders.

"This is the first time I've gone to a rally," Scott said.

Since the killing of George Floyd May 25 during his arrest in Minneapolis, rallies have erupted across the country, and in some cases protesters have called for reducing police department budgets or replacing departments.

Tom Wilcoxson, a Baker City resident and former police officer, thinks the people calling for such changes are misguided.

"I did 25 years in law enforcement, and I think our officers are being discriminated against, I think they're being categorized by people who don't want to be categorized themselves," Wilcoxson said. "I think they're trying to pigeonhole officers into all being criminals and we're not criminals, we're not prejudice, we're not racist."

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, June 12

1-5-8-12-25-31
Next jackpot: \$4 million

POWERBALL, June 12

8-25-34-38-41 PB 10
Next jackpot: \$40 million

MEGA MILLIONS, June 13

4-43-56-63-68 Mega 13
Next jackpot: \$22 million

WIN FOR LIFE, June 12

10-16-62-73

PICK 4, June 13

• 1 p.m.: 4-0-3-7
• 4 p.m.: 4-5-8-7
• 7 p.m.: 8-3-3-9

LUCKY LINES, June 13

4-8-9-13-17-23-28-31
Next jackpot: \$61,000

SENIOR MENUS

- **WEDNESDAY:** Hot beef sandwich, mashed potatoes with gravy, carrots, Jell-O with fruit, sherbet
- **THURSDAY:** Chicken with gravy over a biscuit, mixed vegetables, coleslaw, brownies
- **FRIDAY:** Breaded pork loin, stuffing with gravy, peas and carrots, rolls, sauerkraut salad, cheesecake
- **MONDAY (June 21):** Chicken and broccoli fettuccine, carrots, rolls, three-bean salad, brownies
- **TUESDAY (June 22):** Herb-baked chicken breasts with gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, rolls, fruit cup, lemon squares

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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Monthly averages dating back to last fall:

- November 2020: 4.7 per day
- December 2020: 6.3 per day (the highest of any month during the pandemic)
- January 2021: 3.4 per day
- February 2021: 2.5 per day

HOUSING

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The buildable lands inventory shows the city has more than enough residentially zoned property to meet the projected need of 235 to 460 more homes by 2040 — the inventory can accommodate about 2,440 additional homes.

With housing prices rising dramatically over the past year, the timing is ideal for this update, said Holly Kerns, director of the Baker City-County Planning Department.

"The housing market is very tight right now, and Baker City needed up-to-date information on housing needs in order to make decisions that will help meet all of our community's needs go-

ing forward," Kerns said in a press release. "The data from the housing needs analysis gives us a clear picture of where we are now, and what the needs are projected to be in the future. Baker City has enough residential land available but there are current demands for housing of all different price levels that aren't currently being met. We need the community's input on how the City can play a role in addressing housing needs going forward."

In addition to adopting the housing needs analysis, the Planning Commission is considering making other changes to the development code, including:

- Modifying setback requirements for self-storage facilities
- Modifying the maximum size al-

lowances in the General Commercial zone

• Correcting Development Code errors.

The Baker City Council is scheduled to have a joint meeting with the Planning Commission on July 14, and later this summer, probably starting in late July, the City Council will also have public hearings on the proposed changes to the development code and comprehensive plan.

The City Council has the final authority on those regulations.

A list of proposed changes, as well as copies of the housing needs analysis and buildable lands inventory, is available on the city's website, <http://baker-city.com/2157/Planning-Department>.

OBITUARIES

Doug Townsend

Baker City, 1954-2021

Doug Robert Townsend, 66, of Baker City, died June 3, 2021 at Saint Alphonsus Medical Center-Baker City.

At his request, there will be no service.

Doug was born on July 28, 1954, at Kennewick, Washington, to Louis Lee Townsend and Joan Marlene (McCoy) Townsend. He had an older brother, Raymond. Later on, Dean and Paul joined the family. Doug's dad owned a construction company. This led to the family moving around a lot while Doug and his brothers were growing up. After his parents' divorce, Louis and the boys moved to Eastern Oregon and settled in Baker City.

Doug continued to wander into adulthood, living in Washington, Oregon, Florida, Montana and wherever he thought it sounded interesting. He married Lynn Leary in 1972. Later that year, his son, Paul Robert, was born in Kennewick. Later, the couple separated and Doug would go on to marry Sharon Alexander in Baker.

Doug worked a variety of jobs throughout his life but became best known for his lawn care business in Baker. He loved yard care and growing plants. He was also a member of Best Friends of Baker, and his dogs were perhaps his greatest source

of happiness in life. Once Doug wrote that he wanted to follow the circus out of town, make friends with the animals, and live happily ever after. He found an understanding with animals that he couldn't always find with people, and enjoyed to keep to himself and take his motorcycle on long rides around Sumpter. Doug lived in the moment, and left tomorrow to figure itself out. He enjoyed lively conversation about politics and theology and taking his nieces and nephews to the movie theater to see the newest cartoons.

His last years were not easy. He suffered a stroke in 2019 that limited him greatly. Although Doug left a mysterious and complex legacy, he had faith that one day he would be freed in death and enjoy a new life with Christ in his Kingdom. Now that time for Doug has passed, and his family rejoices for his newfound freedom. They know that there's a circus full of animals there, all waiting to be his friends.

Doug is survived by his son, Paul Robert Townsend; his brothers, Raymond and Paul Townsend, Doris Townsend, and Kenneth McKinney.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Louis Townsend and Joan Fujii; and his brother, Dean Townsend.

For those who would like to make a memorial donation in memory of Doug the family suggests Best Friends of Baker or Community Con-

nection's Meals on Wheels 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.

'Bob' Turner

Baker City, 1941-2021

Robert "Bob" Turner, 79, of Baker City, died June 9, 2021, at his home following a long battle with Parkinson's disease.

A private family service will take place at a later date.

Bob was born on Nov. 11, 1941, at Salt Lake City to Yoland Jensen Turner and Glen James Turner. He grew up in Salt Lake City and after graduating high school he followed his love of horses and began training horses in Utah and then in Idaho. There he met Jill Mathews of Buhl, Idaho, and they were married on May 2, 1971.

Bob and Jill settled in Baker City in 1971. He began working as a floor coverings installer and supported his family by this trade. He always enjoyed raising and training horses — quarter horses and Appaloosas were his love. Bob and Jill traveled

around the country showing horses in both halter and performance.

He raised and trained several horses over his career with which he earned several championships. They built their 15-acre horse ranch outside of Baker City over the decades, where Jill still resides. One special enjoyment of the couple was their work with the Wishing Star Foundation, where they donated stud fees to help raise money for the organization. Bob also supported the Appaloosa Horse Club by working as a Certified Pedigree Option (CPO) Inspector in the 1990s.

In 2005, Bob was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease. As the disease progressed, he gradually began to retire from the floor coverings industry and enjoyed his time on his ranch with Jill.

Bob is survived by his wife, Jill; his sons, Clint Anderson and Brian Anderson; his daughters, Angie Turner, Lacey Risdal and Haley (Troy) Drinkard; and his grandchildren, Tyler, Kamryn and Tristyn Anderson, Taylor Devine, Karlie, Hallie and Mylee Anderson, Jordynn and Lance Risdal, and Colton and Braden Drinkard.

Donations in Bob's name can be made to the Wishing Star Foundation at wishing-star.org.



Bob Turner

NEWS OF RECORD

DEATHS

David Alan Betz: 66, of Baker City, died June 10, 2021. To leave an online condolence for David's family, go to www.grayswestco.com.

Robert Glen 'Bob' Turner: 79, of Baker City, died June 9, 2021, at his home. To leave an online condolence for Bob's family, go to www.grayswestco.com.

POLICE LOG

Baker City Police Arrests, citations
RECKLESS BURNING, OFFENSIVE LITTERING, FIRST-DEGREE CRIMINAL TRESPASSING: Pearl Naomi Adair, 41, Baker City, 3:55 a.m. Saturday, June 12 on Rose Street near the railroad tracks; cited and released.

CONTEMPT OF COURT (3 Baker County Justice Court warrants), SECOND-DEGREE CRIMINAL TRESPASSING, ATTEMPTED SECOND-DEGREE CRIMINAL TRESPASSING: Joshua Adam Carpenter, 35, Baker City, 11:48 p.m. Friday, June 11 at 2533 10th St. No. 12; cited and released.

Baker County Sheriff's Office

CONTEMPT OF COURT, CRIMINAL TRESPASSING (Baker County Circuit Court warrants): Bill Todd Schisler, 40, Baker City, 7:05 p.m. Friday, June 11 at 10th and Campbell streets; cited and released.

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLU-

ENCE OF INTOXICANTS: Jason Richard Harris, 48, Baker City, 3:21 p.m. Friday, June 11 on Slough Road; cited and released.



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