

Local

BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

FRIDAY, JUNE 25

■ **Baker City Golf Board:** 8 a.m. at Quail Ridge Golf Course, 2801 Indiana Ave.

MONDAY, JUNE 28

■ **Baker City Parks and Recreation Board:** 5:30 p.m. at City Hall, 1655 First St. Agenda items include the parks master plan update and parks community survey.

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald June 24, 1971

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Sen. Robert W. Packwood, R-Ore., will urge the Senate next week to ban dams on the Snake River “forever.”

The senator said today he would offer a “ban-the-dams” bill as a substitute for one establishing a seven-year moratorium on such construction.

25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald June 24, 1996

The Mann Block Building, 1802 Main St., location of TCI Cablevision, was recently chosen in a statewide competition as the Best Design Project in Oregon’s Downtown Development Association.

It was the third time in the past four years a Historic Baker City Destination Downtown project has claimed this award.

10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald June 24, 2011

The City Council’s third try at revising the city’s 52-year-old outdoor burning rules restores some provisions, including limiting fires to the 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. period daily, that were taken out of an original proposal this spring.

Mayor Dennis Dorrah summarizes the latest proposal this way:

“Let common sense prevail.”

ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald June 25, 2020

Although the coronavirus pandemic continues to affect Baker County, on Tuesday evening the familiar sound of aluminum bats hitting baseballs echoed at the Baker Sports Complex.

High school athletes recently began summer workouts following guidelines issued by the Oregon School Activities Association (OSAA).

On Tuesday, BHS head baseball coach Tim Smith and assistant coaches Al McCauley and Taylor Gulick helped some current Bulldogs — and a few former players — work through a variety of drills.

Baseball, along with other spring sports, were canceled across Oregon due to the pandemic.

Buell Gonzales Jr., the Baker School District athletic director, has been keeping in touch with parents as Baker County entered phase 2 of the state’s reopening plan and student-athletes started working on their skills.

“The intention was just to give parents another venue to gather information, I’ve been trying my best to keep everyone apprised through emails and social media,” Gonzales said.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, June 21
1 — 7 — 8 — 21 — 25 — 46
Next jackpot: \$4.4 million

POWERBALL, June 19
4 — 22 — 35 — 38 — 39 PB 20
Next jackpot: \$63 million

MEGA MILLIONS, June 22
1 — 26 — 48 — 51 — 59 Mega 25
Next jackpot: \$50 million

WIN FOR LIFE, June 21
51 — 57 — 62 — 74
PICK 4, June 22
• 1 p.m.: 2 — 4 — 3 — 6
• 4 p.m.: 1 — 1 — 3 — 4
• 7 p.m.: 8 — 4 — 2 — 1
• 10 p.m.: 1 — 1 — 7 — 5
LUCKY LINES, June 22
3-79-13-19-22-27-29
Next jackpot: \$70,000

SENIOR MENUS

- **FRIDAY:** Baked cod, clam chowder, vegetables, rolls, pea-and-onion salad, apple crisp
- **MONDAY (June 28):** Chicken cordon bleu, rice pilaf, peas, rolls, fruit cup, cookies
- **TUESDAY (June 29):** Ground beef steak with onions and gravy, mashed potatoes, carrots, rolls, macaroni salad, sherbet
- **WEDNESDAY (June 30):** Barbecued ribs, baked beans, corn, cornbread, broccoli-bacon salad, birthday cake
- **THURSDAY (July 1):** Meatloaf, red potatoes with gravy, mixed vegetables, rolls, pasta salad, cinnamon rolls

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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Police warn about rash of bike thefts

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Bicycle theft is on the rise in Baker City, according to a press release from the Baker City Police Department.

More bikes are being stolen from residents’ yards, carports and garages. Even bikes secured to vehicles of visitors are being removed, and locks are not saving them, according to the press release.

The Baker City Police Department recommends that bicycle owners bring their bike inside their house or hotel/motel room rather than leaving it outside. Writing down the make, model, serial number, color and taking a photograph of the bike can help owners recover their bike if it’s located later.

Bikesmart.com lists the top five best bike locks as Kryptonite Fahgettabout-

dit, TiGr Mini, Evolution Chain, Bordo Granit and Master Lock Street Cuffs. If you do use a lock, it is best to place it through the frame, because the seats and tires can be removed.

The police department, 1768 Auburn Ave., offers free bicycle licensing, and residents can bring their bikes down to the station for assistance with receiving a license.

COVID

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May was the quietest month of the pandemic since October 2020.

June started with a slight rise in the daily average, but the trend has accelerated considerably since June 9 — 42 of the 60 cases in June were reported from June 10-22.

Staten said the sources of the new cases include two workplace outbreaks. She declined to name the businesses, and a weekly workplace outbreak report from the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) wasn’t available by press time.

OHA defines a workplace outbreak as a workplace with at least 30 employees that has five or more cases.

Some cases have also been traced to private social gatherings, Staten said.

Others are “sporadic,” meaning the county’s contact tracers haven’t been able to identify the infection source, she said.

Age range changes

One significant shift from May involves the age ranges of people infected.

There were no cases in May among residents 70 and older.

But from June 13-22, four county residents 70 or older were infected, Staten said.

Baker County vaccination rates

AGES 12-15

11.7% — 85 of 725 residents

AGES 16-19

21% — 135 of 643 residents

AGES 20-29

26.2% — 341 of 1,301 residents

AGES 30-39

27.6% — 538 of 1,947 residents

AGES 40-49

36.5% — 600 of 1,644 residents

AGES 50-59

39.2% — 898 of 2,289 residents

AGES 60-69

50.9% — 1,570 of 3,082 residents

AGES 70-79

64.2% — 1,407 of 2,192 residents

AGES 80 AND OLDER

67.2% — 743 of 1,106 residents

— Oregon Health Authority

The biggest shift, though, was among residents in their 50s. There were six cases in that age range during May, accounting for about 11.7% of the total cases.

But from June 13-22, there were 11 cases in that age group — 29% of total cases, the highest percentage of

any age range in that 10-day period.

The second-largest group was people in their 40s, who accounted for seven cases (18% of total, June 13-22).

From June 13-22, about 68% of the county’s cases were people 40 or older.

That age range accounted

for 25% of the county’s total cases during May.

Vaccinations

Staten said Baker County has had fewer than five “breakthrough” cases — people who are infected after being fully vaccinated.

She said none of the 19 cases on June 21-22 was a breakthrough case.

Staten points out that the recent rise in infections has been concentrated in age groups that have relatively low vaccination rates.

The 50-59 age range, for instance, which accounted for almost one-third of new case over the past 10 days, has a vaccination rate of 39.2%. Statewide, the rate for that age range is 65.6%.

Staten encourages people to get vaccinated, and everyone 12 and older is eligible.

Vaccines, which are free, are available through the Health Department and at local pharmacies, the hospital and some other health care clinics.

More information is available by calling the Health Department at 541-523-8211 and on the county’s COVID-19 website, www.baker-countycovid19.com.

As of Wednesday, June 23, Baker County’s vaccination rate — 43.9% of residents 16 and older — ranked 27th among Oregon’s 36 counties.

OBITUARY

Lana Lazott

Rainier, 1947-2021

Lana Jean Lazott, 74, of Rainier, died June 14, 2021.

The Lazott family will have a celebration of her life at their dream property in Goldendale, Washington, at a later date.

Lana was born on March 20, 1947, at Prairie City to Delbert William Donaldson

and Norma Jean Donaldson (Tureman/Forsea).

Lana lived and loved her life to the fullest. She enjoyed canning the foods she grew, hunting and fishing. She made an impression on everyone she met.



Lana Lazott

She is survived by her husband of almost 37 years, Charles Raymond Lazott of Rainier; her three daughters, Kelley Ohlensehlen of Goldendale, Washington, Traci and Brent Lewis of Longview, Washington, and Jessica and Bart Brandrup

of Hillsboro; her sisters, Connie Forsea and Toni Corning of Richland, and Niki Donaldson of Crouch, Idaho; her brother, Jimmy and Sue Donaldson of Grass Valley, California; 11 grandchildren and one great-grandson.

NEWS OF RECORD

FUNERAL PENDING

Beth Johnson: A celebration of her life will take place Saturday, June 26 at 11 a.m. at the Church of the Nazarene, 1250 Hughes Lane in Baker City. Online condolences can be made at www.tamispinevalleyfuneral-home.com.

Dan Harmon: Celebration of life potluck (his family will provide the meat) will be Saturday, June 26 at noon at Dan’s Home, 17501 Deer Park Loop. Online condolences can be made at www.tamispinevalleyfuneral-home.com.

Eric Dale Taylor: Traditional funeral Saturday, June 26 at 11 a.m. at the Pine Valley Fair-ground Exhibit Hall in Halfway. Interment will be at Pine Haven Cemetery. Friends are invited to join the family for a reception at the Exhibit Hall, immediately following the interment. For those who would like to make a memorial donation in Eric’s memory, the family suggests the Pine Valley Fair Association 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.

James Richard Young: Memorial service Saturday, June 26 at 2 p.m. at the Harvest Christian Church, 3720 Birch St. For those who would like to make a donation in honor of Jim, the family suggests either Heart ‘N Home Hospice or Best Friends of Baker 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.

Mildred A. Wall: Memorial Mass will be Sunday, June 27 at 2 p.m. at St. Francis de Sales Cathedral, 2235 First St. Friends of Millie are welcome. If you wish, Millie would always appreciate a donation to the Oregon Humane Society or the ASPCA.

James Oliver (J.O.) Maxwell: Graveside memorial service with Air Force military honors, Monday, July 5 at 10

a.m. at the Haines Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Haines Elementary School or a charity of your choice through Gray’s West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814. Pam Maxwell is compiling a memory book for the family. If you have a fond memory or copy of a photo, please send them to Pam Maxwell, 15177 Muddy Creek Lane, Haines, OR 97833.

Don Phillips: A celebration of his life will take place Saturday, July 17 at 1 p.m. in the Family Life Center at the Nazarene Church, 1250 Hughes Lane in Baker City. The family asks that if you have any special memories you’d like to share, please mail them to Tami’s Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services, P.O. Box 543, Halfway, OR 97834. Online condolences can be made at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

POLICE LOG

Baker City Police Arrests, citations
SECOND-DEGREE CRIMINAL TRESPASSING: Michael Myers-Gabiola, 39, transient, 2:48 a.m. Wednesday, June 23 in the 1500 block of Campbell Street; cited and released.

VIOLATION OF RESTRAINING ORDER: Sean Dean Taylor, 30, Baker City, 3:35 p.m. Tuesday, June 22 at 15th and H streets; jailed.

FAILURE TO APPEAR (out-of-county warrant): Steven Michael McBride, 39, Baker City, 5:36 a.m. Tuesday, June 22 on D Street near Walnut Street; cited and released.

CONTEMPT OF COURT (Baker County Justice Court warrant): Kaitlan Galvan, 23, Baker City, 11:45 p.m. Monday, June 21 in the 2300 block of Baker Street; cited and released.

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The family of **Mike Beam** would like to express a heartfelt thank you to all who reached out after Mikey's passing. The outpouring of love and support shown through cards, flowers and phone calls was comforting and appreciated.

We would like to extend an invitation to all those who knew and loved Mikey, to join us at Wade Williams park for a memorial potluck on Saturday, June 26th @ 1:00pm.

Meat will be provided. Please bring a side dish, lawnchairs and come spend the afternoon catching up and sharing your favorite memories of Mikey.

With Sincere Thanks,
The Family of Mike Beam

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A Retirement Party IN HONOR OF

DR. MARK BERTHELSEN

DROP BY THE MISSOURI FLAT GRANGE TO SHARE DESSERTS AND CONGRATULATIONS

SATURDAY, JUNE 26TH 1:00 TO 4:30 PM

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~ NO GIFTS PLEASE ~