

Local

BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

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 26, 1971

Dick Haynes' Farmaterials is currently undergoing planned expansion.

About 3,200 more square feet in a 40 by 80-foot building are being erected as a separate building located at the rear of the main store.

25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald June 26, 1996

Behlen Mfg. Co. has confirmed a start-up date for its Baker City plant, and has acquired another plant in Alabama.

Behlen's Baker City operation is scheduled for initial production in August, according to A.F. "Tony" Raimondo, company president and CEO. The Baker City plant will complement livestock equipment plants in Indiana, Georgia, Texas and a feeder plant in Columbus, Neb.

10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald June 27, 2011

Designation of a vacant Baker City school building as one of Oregon's Most Endangered Places should help to focus efforts aimed at bringing the building back to life.

The 94-year-old Central Building, at Fifth Street and Washington Avenue, was closed by the Baker School District in 2009. It has been declared surplus property and is for sale. While there has been some interest in the building, there are no firm offers on the table, according to district administrators.

ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald June 27, 2020

Oregon wildlife officials are considering making the biggest change to archery hunting rules in Eastern Oregon in about 40 years.

The proposal, which the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission will consider Sept. 11, would, starting in 2021, change the annual deer and elk archery season east of the Cascades from general seasons, in which an unlimited number of hunters can buy a tag, to controlled hunts in which hunters must apply through the state's lottery system.

That means archery hunting would be handled the same as rifle hunts for eastside units — hunters must apply for a tag and hope the state's computer picks their name.

Archery hunts, by contrast, have been general seasons for both elk and buck deer since 1979. The current season structure — about 30 days from late August to late September — has been in place since 1983.

The proposal the Commission will consider in September would retain that one-month season, said Nick Myatt, the project leader for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's (ODFW) multiyear review of big game hunting regulations.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, June 23

1 — 4 — 19 — 27 — 30 — 37

Next jackpot: \$4.5 million

POWERBALL, June 23

13 — 20 — 40 — 51 — 63 PB 1

Next jackpot: \$75 million

MEGA MILLIONS, June 22

1 — 26 — 48 — 51 — 59 Mega 25

Next jackpot: \$50 million

WIN FOR LIFE, June 23

4 — 7 — 48 — 67

PICK 4, June 24

• 1 p.m.: 8 — 0 — 1 — 8

• 4 p.m.: 2 — 2 — 1 — 0

• 7 p.m.: 7 — 2 — 4 — 3

• 10 p.m.: 1 — 4 — 3 — 2

LUCKY LINES, June 24

4-5-12-16-17-21-28-29

Next jackpot: \$72,000

SENIOR MENUS

- **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
- **FRIDAY (July 2):** Pork roast with gravy, red potatoes, carrots, rolls, potato salad, 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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FLIGHT

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Growing up, Dyess said she was always around military aircraft, going to air shows and the Air Force Museum with her family, where she fell in love with vintage military aircrafts.

She was also a competitive figure skater, and one day Dyess' friend, who is a pilot, asked her if she would like to take a "Young Eagles" flight to Utah for a skating event.

"She let me take the controls and fly and I fell in love with it," Dyess said. "And I just knew I wanted to keep pursuing that."

As an instructor with Baker Aircraft, Dyess helps people who want their private pilot's license learn the ins and outs of aviation. Every day she comes to work, meets her students and makes a game plan for the day.

She starts by teaching student pilots how to pre-flight an airplane — making sure the craft is airworthy.

They then fly for about an hour and work on whatever maneuvers are needed for a certain certificate or rating.

Some days Wynnae will take her students on flights to John Day or Pendleton. The training takes anywhere from 50 to 60 hours, depending on how quickly students digest the information and hone their skills until they're ready for their initial solo flight.

"It's so rewarding because you get to see the students' first time soloing an aircraft by themselves," Dyess said. "When they take those controls, it's a very proud



Joanna Mann/Baker City Herald

Wynnae Dyess moved to Baker City in June 2020 to work as a flight instructor for Baker Aircraft at the Baker City Airport.

moment as an instructor, to see them meet those accomplishments."

Dyess' favorite part of flying is seeing the country from an entirely different perspective than the ground. Sometimes the job is hard, she said, but it never feels like work because she loves flying so much.

On days when Dyess doesn't have a student pilot to work with, she pursues another goal — obtaining her airplane mechanic's license.

Dyess also wants to learn to fly helicopters and to further her education by learning everything she can about aviation.

No prior knowledge is needed for those who want to learn how to fly, she said. The most important attributes are a willingness to learn and to review the concepts over and over again to avoid mistakes. There are several factors that keep pilots on their toes, such as weather, landings and different air spaces.

A long-term goal for Dyess is to fly internationally in Africa and help deliver medical supplies. She also wants to do more charter and backcountry flights.

"I really love the freedom of flying," she said. "It reminds me a lot of skating. You just go out there and you're in your own little world. It's a freeing experience."

OBITUARIES

Verla Boles

Baker City, 1932-2021

Verla Boles, 88, of Baker City, would like you to know that her work here on earth is done. On May 3, 2021, she received a call to enter heaven's gates. What a glorious ring, for she knew there would be a reunion with Bill, her loved ones and friends she had not seen in a long time. Plus her vision would be 20/20. She would be able to read, sing, especially "The Good Old Hymns" to her heart's content. This was all guaranteed.

At Verla's request there will be no services.

Verla Iola Boles was born on Dec. 10, 1932, at Belle Fourche, South Dakota, to Hugh and Laura Cathey. Verla attended schools in South Dakota, Oregon, Washington, and California. After many moves she eventually returned to Oregon with her family in the 1940s.

She married William "Bill" Boles in 1947 and they welcomed two children, Steven and Lynette. She was a loving mother and grandmother. Verla cherished spending



Verla Boles

time in the kitchen and was a remarkable cook, preparing delicious dishes and meals for her family and friends, especially over the holidays. She also loved anything chocolate! For many years leading up to her passing she collected a large library of cookbooks and hand written recipes. Verla delighted in sharing her recipes with others.

She actively enjoyed her 31-year career with Safeway Stores meat department. She was acknowledged by Safeway Stores as one of the first female meat cutters in Oregon.

Verla was a gifted pianist and vocalist. She took lessons as a child and had a repertoire of memorized songs and lyrics like no other. Her favorite actress was Irene Dunne and favorite actor was Stewart Granger. Her favorite movie to watch with Bill was "Sleepless In Seattle."

Once retired, Bill and she enjoyed traveling, family and caring for others.

In 2017, Verla's first and

only cat was Miss Kitty, a name given to her from the TV series "Gunsmoke." Miss Kitty was feral, but Verla tamed her into a loving and most talkative, gentle cat.

Verla's family and friends will remember her as a faithful, loving and hardworking person, with many stories to share and her faith in God being her center. She was beautiful both inside and out. Verla will be deeply missed by all who loved her.

Verla is survived by her daughter, Lynette Allen, and her husband, Billy; her grandson, Steven "Luke" Boles; her great-grandson, Taygen Boles; and many nieces and nephews.

Verla was preceded in death by her loving husband of 70 years, William "Bill" Boles; her son, Steven R. Boles; her parents, Hugh and Laura Cathey; her sisters, Sharon Derrick and Velma Corwin; and her brothers, Vern and Lloyd Cathey.

For those who would like to make a memorial donation in honor of Verla, the family

suggests a charity or your choice through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home, P.O. Box 543, Halfway, OR 97834. Online condolences can be made at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

Robert Cartwright

Formerly of Baker City, 1946-2021

Robert A. Cartwright, 74, died June 9, 2021, at Omaha, Nebraska.

His memorial service, with full military honors, took place June 17 at West Center Chapel in Omaha.

Robert was born on June 10, 1946, at Baker City. He grew up at Weatherby.

He is survived by his wife, Carolyn; his children, Mike Cartwright and Marci Cartwright-Anderson (Jon); his grandchildren, Alex, Jane and Jill; his sister, Linda E. Smith; his brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Gary Heather (Lois), and Norm Martin (Sharon); and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Richard and Inez Cartwright.



HEAT

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If the forecast proves accurate for either June 29 or 30, and the temperature eclipses 102 on either day, that will set a new all-time heat record for June.

Since 1943, the temperature has topped 100 degrees at the airport on just two days during that month. Those happened to be consecutive days in June 1961, when the temperature reached 102 on June 17, and 101 on June 18.

June 1961 claims another steamy superlative that could be erased next week.

Helped considerably by those two triple-digit days, June 1961's average high temperature was 84.1 degrees — the hottest on record for the month.

(June's average is a comparatively balmy 74.6 degrees.)

Using the National Weather Service's forecast high temperatures for the final four days of the month, this June's average high would set the new standard, at 84.5 degrees.

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BAKER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS HERE FOR YOU

Baker County Health Department offers a variety of services

- Wellness exams for women (breast cancer and cervical cancer screening)
- Family planning services
- Preconception Health
- Pregnancy testing
- Testing and treatment for sexually transmitted infections
- Immunizations for adults and children
- Babies First! and CaCoon Home Visiting Program
- Tuberculosis testing
- Women, Infant and Children Program (WIC)
- Birth and death certificates

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