

Local

BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

■ **BAKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:** Wednesday, July 21, 9 a.m. at the Courthouse, 1995 Third St.

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO
from the *Democrat-Herald*
July 19, 1971

Baker's All-Stars and the top Ontario team, the Beavers, bump heads for the District three regional Babe Ruth tournament championship tonight at seven o'clock as a result of their performances Saturday and Sunday.

25 YEARS AGO
from the *Baker City Herald*
July 19, 1996

BURNS — Baker's Little League all-star baseball team needs to win just one more game to earn a berth at the state tournament in Gresham.

Baker beat the Pendleton Americans 8-4 in a semifinal game Thursday at the district tournament. Baker has won all four of its games.

Derrick Riggs struck out five Pendleton batters in five innings and allowed six hits and four runs.

Sean Kinney pitched the final inning and struck out three.

Baker had 11 hits against Pendleton's best pitcher. Doug Hofmann hit a two-run home run in the fourth inning.

10 YEARS AGO
from the *Baker City Herald*
July 20, 2011

The federal government has decided against formal protection for the whitebark pine, a high-elevation tree that is common in the Elkhorn and Wallowa mountains but has been harmed over the past 30 years by beetle infestations, a fungal disease and the absence of fire.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced Monday that although the whitebark's plight warrants its listing as a threatened or endangered species, other species are a higher priority.

ONE YEAR AGO
from the *Baker City Herald*
July 21, 2020

A fire season that's so far been tranquil in Northeastern Oregon could become more boisterous later this week.

The National Weather Service is forecasting the recent run of warm temperature to persist for at least several more days, along with an increasing chance of thunderstorms starting Wednesday.

The possibility of storms is important because lightning sparks a majority of wildfires on public lands in the region.

"That's one of our bigger concerns," said Noel Livingston, fire staff officer for the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest.

Fire danger now is moderate on the Wallowa-Whitman.

A computer model that estimates how much energy a fire would release — a key indicator of the fire danger — has been near or below average since June 1 but as of Monday was rising to near average in parts of the forest, Livingston said.

"It's starting to dry up," Livingston said.

Widespread rain during the latter half of May and the first half of June pushed the fire danger below average.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, July 17

5 — 19 — 34 — 42 — 43 — 46

Next jackpot: \$5.5 million

POWERBALL, July 17

15 — 22 — 38 — 54 — 66 PB 3

Next jackpot: \$161 million

MEGA MILLIONS, July 16

24 — 25 — 47 — 52 — 57 Mega 24

Next jackpot: \$128 million

WIN FOR LIFE, July 17

31 — 57 — 58 — 60

PICK 4, July 18

• 1 p.m.: 3 — 5 — 1 — 3

• 4 p.m.: 2 — 2 — 6 — 0

• 7 p.m.: 7 — 9 — 0 — 6

• 10 p.m.: 2 — 9 — 4 — 2

LUCKY LINES, July 18

1-6-12-16-20-23-28-29

Next jackpot: \$32,000

SENIOR MENUS

- **WEDNESDAY:** Pot roast with gravy, red potatoes, spring vegetables, rolls, pasta salad, apple crisp
- **THURSDAY:** Hot beef sandwich, mashed potatoes with gravy, capri vegetables, broccoli-bacon salad, sherbet
- **FRIDAY:** Roasted turkey, stuffing with gravy, peas, cottage cheese-Jell-O salad, lemon squares
- **MONDAY (July 26):** Chicken-fried chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, biscuits, corn, coleslaw, pudding
- **TUESDAY (July 27):** Lasagna, garlic breadsticks, Italian vegetables, three-bean salad, pineapple sherbet

Public luncheon at the Senior Center, 2810 Cedar St., from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; \$5 donation (60 and older), \$7.50 for those under 60.

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SMOKE

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That blaze, which exceeded 300,000 acres on Sunday, July 18, is the nation's biggest.

On Monday morning, the air quality in Baker City was the worst of any measuring stations in Oregon.

During the morning, the air quality index, measured by a sensor on the roof of the David J. Wheeler Federal Building, 1550 Dewey Ave., ranged from 156 to 165.

That's in the "unhealthy" category on the air quality index (see boxed story, at right).

As of 8 a.m. on Monday, only one other measuring station — at Cove City Hall — was recording air quality in the unhealthy category. Cove's reading at 8 a.m. was 151, compared with 156 in Baker City.

Enterprise's air quality index at that

time was 102, La Grande's was 83, and Ontario's was 78. Other stations in the region were in the "good" category, including John Day (50), Burns (48) and Hermiston (25).

Baker City's air quality, which had been in the good category Friday, July 16, began to deteriorate Saturday afternoon. The index rose into the "moderate" category as of 5 p.m. Saturday, then into the "unhealthy for sensitive groups" range at 2 a.m. on Sunday.

The index dropped back to the moderate range Sunday afternoon but then jumped by 50 points, from 107 to 157, between 10 p.m. and 11 p.m. Sunday.

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality issued an air quality advisory for Baker County Monday morning, and the agency expects the advisory to continue at least through Wednesday, July 21. Hourly updates at <https://oraqi.deq.state.or.us/home/map>

Air Quality Index

GOOD

0 to 50

MODERATE

51 to 100

UNHEALTHY FOR SENSITIVE GROUPS

101 to 150

UNHEALTHY

151 to 200

VERY UNHEALTHY

201 to 300

OBITUARIES

Rowena Royal

Baker City, 1931-2021

It is with heavy hearts that her family marks the death of one of the sweetest ladies on this earth, Rowena Mary Royal, 89, who died peacefully in her sleep June 24, 2021, early in the morning at Settler's Park Memory Care in Baker City.

Rowena Mary Paulus was born on Aug. 11, 1931, at Los Angeles to Walter and Mabel (Briggs) Paulus, and sister, Joan Sanders, who was to become her best friend — they laughed all the time! As a young child, she contracted tuberculosis, depending heavily on her family, especially her mother, for two years of her life. Rowena attended Franklin High School in Los Angeles and was a member of the drill team.

She married Benedict C. Lager (Lucky), and they had two sons, Terry Michael Lager and Thomas Allan Lager. They later divorced. When the boys and her nephew, James Sanders, were young, Rowena and her sister took pride in choosing a theme and sewing matching Halloween costumes for the local school parade. On a few occasions, they walked away with awards for their creative efforts.

On Sept. 9, 1967, she married the love of her life, Leland Harry Royal, in Saugus, California. Rowena worked as a bank teller at Crocker Citizens National Bank until she and Lee moved to Pinehurst, California. She never missed a sporting event that the kids participated in from Pop Warner through high school. Lee ran a road crew through the Kings Canyon Park while she enjoyed reading and sewing as she was an accomplished seamstress (and knitting as well). She would sew shirts for the whole family and could repair and patch any article of clothing, which she did on a regular basis for the neighbors' kids as well. She also loved to cook and feed people, making sure everyone always had enough to eat. She ALWAYS had chocolate chip cookies for everyone, just like her mother had.

Upon Lee's retirement, they moved to Baker City, with plans to be near her sister and her son, Thomas.

Unfortunately, her sister passed away only months before their arrival.

Rowena was happiest when she was with her family and she never got tired



Rowena Royal

of spending time with her grandchildren. She enjoyed very special relationships with several of her friends, her daughter, Linda Royal, and her niece, Michele Juba.

Her last 3 1/2-plus years were spent at Settler's Park Assisted Living and then Memory Care. She loved the people there and they loved her (they even let her keep her cat, Taffy, in her room). We will forever be grateful for the loving care that they provided for her there; and also the tender care of the Heart 'N Home Hospice staff, her family said. Thank you!

It's interesting how many wonderful memories come flooding back at a time like this, it's so strange the sadness and the relief combined that also comes. For the Lager, Royal, Juba, and Sanders families, knowing she is at peace and reunited with Lee, her folks and sister is very comforting to us all. We will always remember her smile and her laughter! She will surely be missed.

Rowena is survived by her sons, Terry Lager, Tom Lager and his wife, Betty; Lee's children (who she considered her own), Linda Royal, Brad Royal and Cliff Royal; her grandchildren, Errin (Neil) Rust, Kelly (Tim) Nork, Misty Roberts, Jake Lager, Grace Lager, and her step-granddaughter, Tami (Ken) Simon; as well as several great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; her niece, Michele (Robert) Juba and her nephew, James (Sharen) Sanders.

Rowena was preceded in death by her parents, Walter and Mabel Paulus; her beloved husband, Leland Royal; and her sister, Joan Sanders.

Memorial contributions can be made to Best Friends of Baker through Coles Tribute Center, 1950 Place St., Baker City, OR 97814.

To leave an online condolence for Rowena's family, go to www.colestrIBUTE-center.com.

Dorothy Martin

Baker City, 1927-2021

Dorothy Martin, 94, of Baker City died July 13, 2021, at Settler's Park, with family by her side.

A private family celebration of Dorothy's life will take place at the family ranch next month.

Dorothy Newton Thomas Martin was born on April 9, 1927, at Empire City, Oklahoma, to Oscar New-

ton Thomas and Claire Leslie Whisenhunt Thomas.

After graduation she moved to California and married Donovan Martin in 1948. She worked as a secretary during World War II and later moved to Cottage Grove, where they raised three sons and one daughter. They were active in the London Grange for over 50 years and she served as secretary and treasurer many times, and was active with family gatherings with extended family.

In 1982 they bought a ranch and moved to Keating outside of Baker City. Dorothy enjoyed gardening, quilting, spending time with her grandchildren, and was an avid reader. She was a kind, loving, supportive person who will be greatly missed by many.

Dorothy is survived by sons and their spouses, Dana and Linda Martin, Tom and Michaeline Martin, Tony Martin and his wife, Mari Bottoms; her daughter and son-in-law, Teri and Jim Bobo III; her grandchildren, Dean and his wife, Linda, Daphne, Crystal Lynn, Dean, Amie and her husband, Robert, Brenda and her husband, Tim, Crystal and her husband, Shane, Jessica, Jenny, Kate, Brad, Lisa and her partner, Wayne, and James. She also had numerous great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two sisters, Mary and Bernice, and her husband, Don.

For those who would like to make a memorial donation Dorothy's memory, the family suggests Best Friends of Baker (animal rescue) through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services, P.O. Box 543, Halfway, OR 97834.

Patricia Bork

Saint Helens, 1939-2021

Patricia Bork, 82, of Saint Helens, died June 30, 2021.

She was born on March 25, 1939.

She is survived by her son, Duane (Gaylene) Morris of Baker City; her grandson, Allen Morris of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; her brother, Thomas (Lynn) Allen of Jacksonville, Florida; and many in-laws, stepchildren and grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Madeline and Conrad Allen; her stepmother, Betty Allen; brother, John Allen II; her sisters, Susan Pierce and Pennie Dowdy; her husband, Alan Bork; and her sons, Patric and William Morris.

NEWS OF RECORD

DEATHS

Larry Wampler: 74, of Halfway, died July 18, 2021, with longtime friends who became his family at his side. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Online condolences can be made at www.tamispinevalleyfuneral-home.com.

FUNERALS PENDING

Denny and Charlie Oliver: Memorial service and celebration of their lives, Saturday, July 31 at noon at the Pine Haven Cemetery in Halfway. Friends are invited to join the family for a reception immediately following at the Halfway Lions Hall.

Laurie Gulick: Memorial service Sunday, Aug. 1 at 10 a.m. at the Gulick Ranch on Pine Town Lane in Halfway. Online condolences can be made at www.tamispinevalleyfuneral-home.com.

Robert Kent Nelson: Memorial service, Aug. 14 at 11 a.m. at the Baker City Church of the Nazarene, 1250 Hughes Lane. A reception will follow the service at the Nazarene Church's Family Life Center. Memorial contributions can be made to the Burnt River Community Church or the Northeast Oregon Compassion Center through Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814. To leave an online condolence for

Kent's family, go to www.gray-swestco.com.

POLICE LOG

Baker City Police

Arrests, citations

HARASSMENT: Kaden Patrick Bailey, 20, Baker City, 10:12 p.m. Saturday, July 17 in the 2100 block of Failing Avenue; cited and released.

CONTEMPT OF COURT:

Tamara Kay Fine, 47, transient, 6:10 p.m. Saturday, July 17 in the 2300 block of Chestnut Street; cited and released.

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF INTOXICANTS: Mariah Joe Mitchell, 29, Baker City, 8:39 p.m. Friday, July 16 at Campbell and Birch streets; cited and released.

RECKLESS ENDANGERING:

James Clinton Thomas, 60, Baker City, 1:34 p.m. Friday, July 16 at Saint Alphonsus Medical Center-Baker City; jailed.

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