

Local

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald July 30, 1971

Oregon Game Department workers were at the Baker airport yesterday loading fish into an airplane. The brook trout were loaded into a special tank in Don Doyle's Cessna for transport of 54 pounds of fish, or nearly 14,400 fish, to five lakes.

25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald July 29, 1996

"Nanook," the infamous AA fuel altered dragster will be one of the featured attractions during the Thunder Mountain Motor Sports races Aug. 25.

The races, at the Baker City Airport, will be held in conjunction with the 1996 Memory Cruise and Show and Shine Aug. 24-25 at Geiser Pollman Park and downtown Baker City.

The racing competition is open to all vehicles. Gates open at 8 a.m.

10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald July 29, 2011

Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative customers will pay more for power starting Oct. 1, but the rate hike won't be as steep as one earlier estimate.

Here's why: The Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), from which OTEC buys almost all of its electricity, isn't boosting its wholesale price as much as it had projected.

This spring, BPA officials said during a public meeting in Baker City that the wholesale cost hike could be as much as 15 percent.

But this week the federal power marketing agency announced that the actual increase will be 7.8 percent.

ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald July 30, 2020

Superintendent Mark Witty isn't ready just yet to change plans for reopening Baker schools, with limited in-person classes.

But based on recent trends in the number of COVID-19 cases in Baker County, the new state requirements that Gov. Kate Brown unveiled Tuesday could force school district officials to revise their plans before classes start, likely on Sept. 8.

The school district plans to offer in-person classes for elementary students in Grades K-6 Monday through Thursday. Students in Grades 7-12 are to be divided into two groups to rotate through in-person and online instruction every other day, Monday through Thursday. Families who preferred total online instruction for their children, regardless of grade, also would have that option.

Under Tuesday's guidelines as announced by Dr. Dean Sidelinger, state epidemiologist, schools can have in-person instruction, including the hybrid model Baker has proposed for grades 7-12, in counties where the weekly COVID-19 infection rate is 10 or fewer per 100,000 population for three straight weeks.

The county's rate of positive tests must also be 5% or below for three consecutive weeks, and Oregon's statewide positivity rate must also remain at 5% or below for three straight weeks.

"Each of these metrics must be achieved for three consecutive weeks in order to roll out our 20-21 instructional plan," Witty stated in a press release Tuesday.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, July 26

16 - 19 - 21 - 23 - 25 - 27
Next jackpot: \$1 million

POWERBALL, July 24

1 - 4 - 11 - 59 - 67 PB 10
Next jackpot: \$186 million

MEGA MILLIONS, July 27

2 - 35 - 36 - 54 - 64 Mega 11
Next jackpot: \$166 million

WIN FOR LIFE, July 26

3 - 18 - 44 - 71

PICK 4, July 27

• 1 p.m.: 5 - 3 - 6 - 6

• 4 p.m.: 4 - 5 - 9 - 9

• 7 p.m.: 5 - 0 - 5 - 9

• 10 p.m.: 1 - 5 - 9 - 4

LUCKY LINES, July 27

4-8-10-13-20-23-28-30
Next jackpot: \$41,000

SENIOR MENUS

- **FRIDAY:** Baked ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans, rolls, green salad, ice cream
- **MONDAY (Aug. 2):** Chicken strips, mashed potatoes with country gravy, corn, biscuits, cottage cheese and Jell-O salad, ice cream
- **TUESDAY (Aug. 3):** Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, peas and carrots, rolls, ambrosia cookies
- **WEDNESDAY (Aug. 4):** Meatloaf, au gratin potatoes, mixed vegetables, rolls, coleslaw, lemon squares
- **THURSDAY (Aug. 5):** Breaded pork loin, red potatoes, carrots, rolls, fruit cup, cinnamon rolls

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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SURGE

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Staten said the surge is not merely statistical.

She said Health Department officials have heard from people who have had severe symptoms, including shortness of breath, fever and nausea, and sought medical treatment.

"We've had people tell us, 'I've never been this sick before,'" Staten said. "This is not just a simple cold. We find the symptoms people are experiencing right now very concerning."

Although Staten said the health department doesn't yet have data showing how many of the county's recent cases were the delta variant, state officials said this week that an estimated 80% of recent cases statewide are associated with that variant.

Staten said on Wednesday morning, July 28, that health department workers, with assistance from the Oregon Health Authority (OHA), had not interviewed all of the 19 people whose positive tests were reported on Tuesday, so it's not clear whether any of those people was vaccinated.

Staten said there have been several "breakthrough" cases in the county — fully vaccinated people who are infected — but across the state and nation, officials say

almost all recent cases are people who are not vaccinated.

Tuesday's total of 19 cases was four more than the county reported for the first half of the month, July 1-15.

From July 16-28, the county's total was 27.

More than half of those cases — 17 of 27 — were among people in their 20s (six cases), 50s (five) or 60s (five).

The age breakdown of the 27 cases, followed by Baker County's vaccination rate for the age group, and then the Oregon average:

Ages 20-29

Six cases; Baker County vaccination rate, 29.3%; statewide rate, 58.1%

Ages 50-59

Five cases; Baker County vaccination rate, 41.2%; statewide rate, 68.5%

Ages 60-69

Five cases; Baker County vaccination rate, 51.9%; statewide rate, 74.6%

Ages 40-49

Four cases; Baker County vaccination rate, 38.5%; statewide rate, 67.8%

Ages 10-19

Four cases; Baker County vaccination rate (ages 12-19, people younger than 12 aren't eligible to be vaccinated),

20.5%; statewide rate, 49.6%

Ages 30-39

Two cases; Baker County vaccination rate, 29.2%; statewide rate, 64.4%

Ages 80 and older

One case; Baker County vaccination rate, 68.1%; statewide rate, 78.0%

Baker County has recorded about 1,076 cases during the pandemic. Health experts say people who were infected also have protection, by antibodies, against reinfection. That total is about 6.4% of the county's population.

Until the health department has finished contact tracing, Staten said she doesn't know whether some of the 19 cases reported Tuesday are connected to a specific event or gathering.

In response to a rise in new cases in many states, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on Tuesday recommended everyone, including people who are fully vaccinated, wear a face mask in indoor public places.

The OHA followed suit with the same recommendation, although this is not a requirement as was the case prior to June 30, when Oregon Gov. Kate Brown lifted statewide mandates.

Staten said she understands the CDC and OHA

recommendations.

"I'm fully vaccinated but I choose to wear a mask because I care about the people I'm around," she said. "I don't want to be exposed, or to potentially expose anyone."

Staten emphasized, however, that the vaccines are very effective at protecting people from all variants of the virus, including the delta variant.

Even though people who are vaccinated have a small risk of being infected, and then potentially spreading the virus, Staten said she wants to personally reduce that risk, including by wearing a mask even though she's vaccinated.

"That is another means to lower the risk of transmission," she said.

Staten said she understands that the new recommendations, that treat vaccinated and unvaccinated people the same, could create confusion or resentment.

She said she continues to encourage Baker County residents to be vaccinated.

"It is the best thing we can do," Staten said.

Baker County's vaccination numbers have been relatively steady over the past three weeks, averaging about 10 doses administered per day.

The county's overall vaccination rate ranks eighth-lowest among Oregon's 36 counties.

OBITUARIES

Nancy Curtiss

Baker City, 1954-2021

Nancy Curtiss, 66, of Baker City, died July 19, 2021, in hospice care.

Her graveside service took place Tuesday, July 27 at Mount Hope Cemetery.

Nancy was born on Oct. 28, 1954, at Irumagawa, Japan, to Fred L. and Dorothy I. (Mosley) Norwood. Being the daughter of an Air Force pilot, Nancy lived in New Mexico, Abilene, Texas, and Las Vegas, Nevada, before marrying the love of her life, Donald Curtiss, on Aug. 13, 1983, at Caliente, Nevada.

They then moved to Don's hometown of Baker City. Nancy loved spending time huckleberrying with Don, time with their grandchildren, gardening, and having visits from friends. She had a kind heart and helped anyone who needed it. She also made and donated lap quilts to cancer patients.

She is survived by her sisters-in-law, Wanda Norwood and Eilene Curtiss; her brothers-in-law, Archbishop Elden Curtiss and Tom Curtiss; her stepchildren, Jim (Janice) Curtiss, Michael Curtiss, Theresa Curtiss and John Curtiss; 12 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald L. Curtiss; her parents, Fred and Dorothy Norwood; her brother, Fred L. Norwood Jr.;

her stepsons, Don Jr., Mark and Joe Curtiss; and her brother-in-law, Dave Curtiss.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made to Heart 'N Home Hospice.

Allen Stevenson Jr.

Baker City, 1953-2021

Allen Dean Stevenson Jr. (PAPA), 68, of Baker City, died July 17, 2021, at his home.

The family will have a memorial service for Allen and his late wife, Vickie, who died in January 2021, on the afternoon of Saturday, Sept. 4 (Labor Day weekend) at 1101 Red Willow Road in Kendrick, Idaho.

Allen was born on May 11, 1953, at Glendale, California, to Dean and Phyllis Stevenson. Allen was raised in California with his sister, Linda and brother, Gary. Allen graduated from high school in Porterville, California, in 1971.

While working in Oregon, he met the love of his life, Vickie. She was a waitress at the restaurant he frequented, and the attraction was immediate. Vickie was a single parent to four children, and soon after meeting, the whole family packed up to be together in Bend. Allen was only 21 years old when

he became an instant Dad to Craig, Kim, Kerri and Kristi. Allen was an avid fisherman with many memories of family fishing trips. One of them was a yearly trip to Ontario, Oregon, to spend a week camping in a cow pasture and to fish the Snake River for catfish. These were some of the family's happiest times and provided many great memories.

Allen was a loving son, brother, father, and grandfather. He loved his children and grandchildren unconditionally. Allen's greatest joy was spending time with his grandchildren. He made sure to attend every activity and birthday possible, even if he had to travel to do so. Baseball being his favorite, you could see him in the stands at every game, cheering them on.

Allen was a hard worker. His entire career was spent as a driller/blaster. He enjoyed it when friends and family would come out to watch one of his shots. He took a lot of pride in his work and truly enjoyed what he did. His work ethic was an inspiration to his children and grandchildren.

Allen was married to Vickie for 47 years. Their home was filled with love, loudness, laughter, and joy. Unfortunately, Vickie passed away in January of 2021, and the family finds comfort in knowing that he will now be forever with his soulmate.

Allen is survived by his mother, Phyllis Stevenson of Bend; his daughters, Kim (Pete) Nelson of Baker City, Kerri Robinson (Curtis Tatlock) of Baker City, Kristi (James) Shoman of Benton City, Washington, foster daughter, Lori Ebright (Dary) of Warrenton, Oregon; his grandchildren, Lindsey Mawhinney (Red), Taylor Nelson, Brady Nelson, Landon Nelson, Anthony Simmons (Christina), Trever Simmons, Taber Baldwin, Dillon Baldwin, Jake Morris, Harley Morris, Emily Tatlock, Sam Tatlock, and Caistyn Brooks; 12 great-grandchildren; his brother, Gary Stevenson; his sister, Linda Wolf; his brother-in-law, Byron Hodges (Gloria); his sister-in-law, Sharon Frye (Rob); and several nieces and nephews.

Allen was preceded in death by his wife, Vickie Stevenson; his father, Dean Stevenson; his son, Craig Robinson; his grandson, Joshua Nelson; his great-grandson, Morgan Mawhinney; his father-in-law, Wallace Hodges; and his mother-in-law, June Wallace.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions be sent to the Baker City Lions Club through Grays West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814.

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

NEWS OF RECORD

FUNERALS PENDING

Audrey Magill: A visitation will be Friday, July 30 from noon to 4 p.m. at Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave. To leave a condolence for Audrey's family, go to www.grayswestco.com.

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.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.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.grayswestco.com.

Stan Grove: Celebration of his life, Aug. 20 at 3 p.m. at Quail Ridge Golf Course, 2801 Indiana Ave. There will be a no host bar and some of Stan's favorite foods.

POLICE LOG

Baker City Police
FAILURE TO APPEAR (Baker County Circuit Court warrants): Leigh Ann Hunter, 40, Baker City, 11:34 p.m. Monday, July 26 in the 1500 block of Campbell Street; jailed.

FAILURE TO APPEAR (Baker County Circuit Court warrant): Chuck Wayne Briney, 28, transient, 9:13 a.m. Monday, July 26 on Broadway Street east of Resort Street; cited and released.

Baker County Sheriff's Office


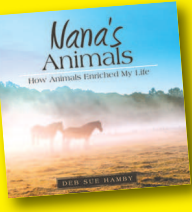
MALHEUR COUNTY WARRANTS: Aaron James Langley, 32, Huntington, 11:48 p.m. Monday, July 26 in Huntington; jailed.



Funeral for
Laurie Gulick

August 1st at 10:00 a.m.
At the Ranch on Pine Town Ln., Halfway
*Shade will be provided

BOOK SIGNING ~ by local author!

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Deb Sue Stevenson-Hamby
discuss the book
and get it signed!
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