

# Local

## BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

### MONDAY, OCT. 11

**Haines Fire Protection District board of directors:** 7 p.m. at the main fire station, 816 Cole St. in Haines. Government grants, mandates and website development are on the agenda. All residents within the district are welcome to attend. COVID-19 safety protocols will be in effect.

### WEDNESDAY, OCT. 20

**Baker City Planning Commission:** 6 p.m. at City Hall, 1655 First St. Public hearing to consider an application from Bruce Smith for a conditional use permit to convert the New Beginnings Fellowship Pentecostal Church of God, at 1820 Estes St., into a dwelling.

## TURNING BACK THE PAGES

### 50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald October 7, 1971

A motion by the Chamber board last night to go on record in opposition to Sen. Robert Packwood's bill (S-717) to establish a Hells Canyon-Snake National River was defeated by one vote.

Some board members believe there are serious restrictions contained in the bill that would prohibit timber harvesting and other activities, but it seems, most members agreed the bill was headed in the right direction.

### 25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald October 7, 1996

GRANITE — News that telephone service may be coming soon to this little, out-of-the-way town in Grant County has all the residents talking. One of the most asked questions is: When does it get here?

### 10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald October 7, 2011

Oregon's congressional delegation is trying to broker a deal that would revive a federal program that puts about \$700,000 per year into Baker County's coffers.

The Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act — commonly known as "county payments" — expired Friday after an 11-year run.

### ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald October 8, 2020

Perhaps the most stressful waiting period for people in 2020 can be quite a bit shorter for some Baker County residents.

Saint Alphonsus Medical Center in Baker City, the county's only hospital, on Friday, Oct. 2 debuted a COVID-19 test that can yield a result in less than an hour.

The test itself actually takes just 15 minutes, said Andy Mollahan, lab manager for Saint Alphonsus hospitals in Baker City and Ontario.

But the time for any individual patient to receive results, by phone, depends on the workload at the hospital lab, he said.

The nasal swab test, offered at the hospital's curbside respiratory assessment and COVID-19 testing clinic, is for people who have symptoms consistent with possible COVID-19 infection, Mollahan said.

The clinic, which is on the east side of the hospital, 3325 Pocahontas Road, off Midway Drive near the emergency entrance, is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to noon and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

## OREGON LOTTERY

**MEGABUCKS, Oct. 4**  
4 — 12 — 14 — 28 — 40 — 42  
Next jackpot: \$4 million

**POWERBALL, Oct. 4**  
12 — 22 — 54 — 66 — 69 PB 15  
Next jackpot: \$20 million

**MEGA MILLIONS, Oct. 5**  
7 — 11 — 18 — 30 — 36 Mega 4  
Next jackpot: \$45 million

**WIN FOR LIFE, Oct. 4**  
10 — 47 — 58 — 63

**PICK 4, Oct. 5**  
• 1 p.m.: 6 — 5 — 2 — 9  
• 4 p.m.: 5 — 7 — 7 — 3  
• 7 p.m.: 8 — 4 — 6 — 3  
• 10 p.m.: 4 — 9 — 8 — 5

**LUCKY LINES, Oct. 5**  
3-7-9-16-17-22-26-31  
Next jackpot: \$20,000

## SENIOR MENUS

- FRIDAY:** Pork roast, red potatoes, rolls, mixed vegetables, carrot-raisin salad, cheesecake
- MONDAY (Oct. 11):** Orange-glazed chicken strips, rice pilaf, biscuits, mixed vegetables, coleslaw, pudding
- TUESDAY (Oct. 12):** Spaghetti, green beans, garlic breadsticks, green salad, brownies
- WEDNESDAY (Oct. 13):** Chicken fried chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, biscuits, corn, cinnamon rolls
- THURSDAY (Oct. 14):** Pot roast, baby red potatoes, carrots, pea-and-onion salad, cookies

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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# Listen up: Oct. 3–9 is National Fire Prevention Week

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The Baker City Fire Department, a member of the Baker County Interagency Fire Prevention Team, along with fire departments and fire districts across the county, is teaming up with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) to promote this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, "Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety." It's important to learn the different

sounds of smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms.

"When an alarm makes noise — a beeping sound or a chirping sound — you must take action," said Lt. Ben Decker of Baker City Fire Department. "Make sure everyone in the home understands the sounds of the alarms and knows how to respond. To learn the sounds of your alarms, check the manufacturer's instructions on testing."

The Baker County Interagency Fire Prevention Team shares these tips:

- A continuous set of three loud beeps — beep, beep, beep — means smoke or fire. Get out and call 911, and remain outside.
- A single chirp every 30 or 60 seconds means the battery is weak and must be changed.
- All smoke alarms must be replaced after 10 years.
- Chirping that continues af-

ter the battery has been replaced means the alarm is at the end of its life and should be replaced.

• Make sure your smoke and CO alarms meet the needs of all your family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities.

To find out more about National Fire Prevention Week history, programs and activities, go to [www.fpw.org](http://www.fpw.org), or contact your local fire agency.

## OBITUARIES

### Ruth Chadwick

Ruth Olevia Chadwick, 89, died peacefully in her sleep on Sept. 23, 2021.

Ruth requested no services be held. You may want to gather with fellow friends and share Ruthie stories, many at her expense.

Ruth was born and raised in Jackson, Mississippi. She braved two years at Bob Jones University. While working in Jackson at the Deposit Guaranty Bank and Trust Co., she met banker Bill Chadwick.

They married and moved to Tillamook in 1954, where Bill began his career with the US Bank and Ruth was a mother and homemaker. In 1960 the family moved to Baker. When the children were in high school, Ruth began working as a caseworker for Adult and Family Services (AFS). The family moved to Gladstone in 1972. Ruth continued working with AFS in Gladstone, Oregon City, and West Linn. She was a meticulous and dedicated civil servant.

Living in Oregon for over 67 years, she never lost her Southern accent. When asked where she was from, she would say Southern Portland. Her nicknames were Peaches, Magnolia Blossom, and Big Ruthie. She was statuesque with perfect hair and long, manicured nails. Friends describe her as feisty, devilish, determined, independent, strong, smart, opinionated, honest, kind, gracious, gorgeous, a good friend, a Southern lady but no Southern Belle, and having a great sense of humor. She described herself as "plain as an old shoe" but she had diamonds on the soles of her shoes. She likened herself to a magpie, being so attracted to shiny, glittery things. Friend Michelle said, "I always admired the way Ruth would listen and take in ideas that were not necessarily in alignment with her views. Ruth is a force of nature."

Ruth loved shopping, shrimp, gizzards, grits, black-eyed peas, watching birds and squirrels, hair day, family, and friends. When younger, she was skilled at golf and duplicate bridge. Excited and childlike at Christmas, she loved to give



Ruth Chadwick

and receive gifts. She had a reputation for finding and opening her gifts early. She disliked cooking, hiking, and gardening. In jest, she would occasionally strangle friends and strangers who had small necks, saying their necks rattled around in her hands like a little chicken neck.

Despite this behavior, she had many lifelong and longtime friends. As a parent and friend, she was strict, loving, fair, fun, and she listened. She will be dearly missed.

Ruth is survived by two children, Chris and Kelly; nephews, nieces, and many good friends of all ages.

Ruth was preceded in death by her father, Bill; her mother, Theodosia (Dosa); her sisters, Billie Jean and Betty June; and the perfect husband and father, Bill.

Thank you to the caregivers at Tanner Assisted Living and Providence Hospice Care, her family said.

In lieu of flowers, please contribute to your favorite nonpolitical charity in her name. She supported the State of Montana Arboretum [www.umt.edu/arboretum/support](http://www.umt.edu/arboretum/support) and The Salvation Army.

### David R. Romine Sr.

David R. Romine Sr., 87, of Richland, died Sept. 26, 2021, at Saint Alphonsus Medical Center-Baker City.

His memorial service will take place Saturday, Oct. 9 at 2 p.m. at the Pine Valley Presbyterian Church in Halfway.

David was a lifelong resident of Eastern Oregon. He was born on April 14, 1934, in La Grande to Oliver and Carrie Mae (Houston) Romine. David worked for the Royal Café during high school and graduated from La Grande High School in 1953. David went into the Army during the Korean conflict in June of 1953 and served for two years. Following an honorable discharge, he was released back to the Oregon National Guard, where he served for more than 30 years.

David married the love of his life, Ora "Skip" Hendrix, in

Baker City on Nov. 24, 1956. They made their home in La Grande and Halfway and were married for 64 years.

David worked for Boise Cascade, then spent more than 30 years at the Oregon Department of Transportation, plowing snow at Meacham and working in road maintenance. He was a lifelong member of the La Grande Eagles FOE 259 and was a longtime member of the Halfway Lions, volunteering a lot of his time to their community projects.

David is survived by his wife, Ora Hendrix Romine of Richland; his brothers, Jerry Romine of Clarkston, Washington, and Larry Romine of La Grande; his sister, Shirley Harrod of Vale; his grandsons, Thomas Romine, Jonathan Romine and Craig Romine; his granddaughter, Sara Sword; his great-grandsons, Craig, Claesen and Tristan; and his great-granddaughters, Brooklyn, Rachael and Arianna.

David was preceded in death by his two sons, Jim Russell Romine and David Oliver Romine.

For those who would like to make a donation in memory of David, the family suggests either the Senior Meals or the Pine Valley Museum 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](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com).

### David Romine

David Romine, 62, of Halfway, died Sept. 12, 2021, at his parents' home in Richland.

His memorial service will take place Saturday, Oct. 9 at 2 p.m. at the Pine Valley Presbyterian Church in Halfway.

David Oliver Romine was born on April 30, 1959, in La Grande to David and Ora "Skip" Romine. David was raised in La Grande, attending grade schools and graduating from La Grande High School in 1979. David joined the Oregon Army National Guard right out of high school and remained a cook the entire 13 years that he was enlisted. He left the



David Romine

## NEWS OF RECORD

### FUNERALS PENDING

**Dale Gene Koontz:** Celebration of his life, Saturday, Oct. 9 at 3 p.m. at Coles Tribute Center, 1950 Place St. To leave an online condolence for Dale's family, go to [www.grayswestco.com](http://www.grayswestco.com).

### POLICE LOG

**Baker City Police Arrests, citations**  
VIOLATION OF RESTRAINING ORDER: James Leroy Edison, 73, Baker City, 11:54 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 5 in the 2000 block of Seventh Street; cited and released.

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Friday 3:50, 7:15  
Sat & Sun 12:30, 3:50, 7:15  
Mon-Thurs 6:45

**VENOM** (PG-13)  
Friday 4:10, 7:45  
Sat & Sun 1:00, 4:10, 7:45  
Mon-Thurs 7:10

**ADDAMS FAMILY 2** (PG)  
Friday 4:20, 7:30  
Sat & Sun 1:10, 4:20, 7:30  
Mon-Thurs 7:20

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