

Local

BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14

Baker County Economic Development Council: 3 p.m. at the Courthouse, 1995 Third St. Agenda items include selection of a council chair, and updates from Baker County Commission Chairman Bill Harvey, Baker City Manager Jonathan Cannon, and Baker County Economic Development Director Bryan Tweit.

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald December 11, 1971

Multi-skilled Tony English, a former Baker High School griddier, has been named to the Pacific Northwest all-conference team for the second time in his four years on the College of Idaho squad.

25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald December 11, 1996

Baker City's first industrial park is less than a year old, but there's already competition for a portion of the property south of Pochontas Road.

Both Step Forward Activities Inc. and Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative want to buy part of the 17.6-acre parcel, which is west of Behlen Mfg. Co.'s new livestock equipment factory south of Pochontas Road.

The city has a five-year option to buy the land from the Brown family.

10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald December 12, 2011

A man who died earlier this year has left Baker City more than \$900,000 in investment income and property.

The Baker City Councilors are scheduled to vote on whether to accept Anthony Silvers' gifts during their meeting Tuesday. Silvers, who died in March at age 83, was best known locally as the owner of the restaurant The Anthony.

ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald December 12, 2020

Admirers gathered around the Community Christmas Tree look a little different this year.

They aren't human, for one thing.

Jeff and Susan Jentsch added to the gingerbread theme in downtown Baker City this week by installing 5-foot-tall gingerbread people in the Court Street Plaza.

The couple are the founders of Art Roamers, an organization that represents African artists, including the man who created the safari of animals that graced downtown sidewalks this summer.

In addition to posing the gingerbread creations around the Christmas tree, Jeff and Susan arranged the metal animal sculptures.

A giraffe looks to be nibbling the tree.

A hippo stands to be petted by a gingerbread girl.

All are decorated in holiday colors.

"We're trying to make it festive," Jeff said.

He made the gingerbread people, and Susan helped decorate the faces.

She insisted on small details, like adding eyelashes.

"We've had a lot of fun," she said.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, Dec. 8

6-7-14-23-24-30
Next jackpot: \$6.8 million

POWERBALL, Dec. 8

3-7-33-50-69 PB 24
Next jackpot: \$307 million

MEGA MILLIONS, Dec. 7

1-7-40-43-68 Mega 1
Next jackpot: \$135 million

WIN FOR LIFE, Dec. 8

17-24-35-76

PICK 4, Dec. 9

• 1 p.m.: 9-2-0-3

• 4 p.m.: 9-1-6-9

• 7 p.m.: 1-4-1-7

• 10 p.m.: 8-7-8-4

LUCKY LINES, Dec. 9

1-5-10-16-18-21-25-31

Next jackpot: \$42,000

SENIOR MENUS

- MONDAY:** Hot turkey sandwiches, stuffing with gravy, mixed vegetables, banana pudding with vanilla wafers, fruit cup
- TUESDAY:** Meatloaf, mashed potatoes with gravy, rolls, mixed vegetables, fruit cup, brownies
- WEDNESDAY:** Chicken fried chicken, red potatoes, rolls, green salad, sherbet
- THURSDAY:** Baked ham, sweet potatoes, rolls, carrots, broccoli-bacon salad, gingerbread
- FRIDAY:** Herb-baked chicken, rice pilaf, green beans, rolls, coleslaw, cheesecake

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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COVID

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Cases dropped to 168 during October, and to 143 in November.

The highest viral concentration, from a sample collected on Sept. 28, was 7.874.

Viral concentrations for the six samples tested between Oct. 5 and Nov. 16 ranged from 6.366 (Nov. 2) to 7.551 (Nov. 16).

Breakthrough cases

During the most recent week for which statistics are available — Nov. 28 through Dec. 4 — six of Baker County's 34 cases were breakthrough, which is an infection in a fully vaccinated person.

The weekly breakthrough case rate

of 17.6% is down from 27% the previous week (seven of 37 cases) and 21.7% the week before that (10 of 46 cases).

Statewide, 30.6% of cases were breakthrough for the week ending Dec. 4.

The OHA does not have details about breakthrough cases at the county level, such as the age of breakthrough cases, and whether there have been any deaths or hospitalizations.

Statewide, 580 people who had a breakthrough infection have died — 1.2% of breakthrough cases — and 2,090 (4.4% of cases) have been hospitalized.

Breakthrough cases accounted for 21.5% of Oregon's 233 COVID-19-related deaths during November, down from 27.1% of deaths during October (144 of 532 deaths).

The total number of COVID-19-related

deaths in Oregon has dropped sharply since peaking at 907 during September (193 of which, 21.3%, were breakthrough cases).

Vaccination

Baker County, as it has for more than a month, has the fifth-lowest vaccination rate among Oregon's 36 counties, with 54.3% of residents 18 and older vaccinated.

The statewide figure is 79.5%.

Health officials continue to recommend residents have a booster dose. On Thursday, Dec. 9, a booster dose of the Pfizer vaccine was approved for ages 16 and 17.

The highest rate of booster doses in Baker County is residents 65 and older, with 32.7% have had a booster dose.

The statewide figure is 48%.

Baker man accused of burglary

Baker City Herald

A Baker City man is accused of first-degree burglary, a Class A felony, and multiple misdemeanor charges for a Nov. 8 incident in Baker City.

Juan Pablo Burgos, 60, was arrested Dec. 3 in

Baker City, the day after a Baker County grand jury indicted him.

Burgos remains in the Baker County Jail on \$15,000 bail. He could be released by posting 10% of the bail amount.

According to the indict-

ment, Burgos on Nov. 8 entered a Baker City dwelling, damaged property and subjected the woman living there to "offensive physical contact."

He is charged with two counts of first-degree burglary, and one count

each of first-degree criminal trespassing, second-degree criminal mischief, and harassment.

Burgos is scheduled to enter a plea to the charges on Dec. 27 at 1:30 p.m. in Baker County Circuit Court.

OBITUARIES

Douglas Humphress

Baker City, 1938-2021

Douglas C. Humphress, 83, of Baker City, died Dec. 6, 2021, at Saint Alphonsus Medical Center in Baker City.

A visitation took place Thursday, Dec. 9 from noon to 4 p.m. at Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, with the Baker City Police Department standing guard at the visitation. A graveside service with military honors took place Friday, Dec. 10 at Mount Hope Cemetery with Pastor Tim Fisher of the Elkhorn Baptist Church officiating the service.

Douglas was born on Sept. 16, 1938, in Louisville, Kentucky, to Shelby and Florence (Burby) Humphress. He attended DuPont Manual High School and graduated in 1954. After high school, Douglas joined the Air Force and served his country for four years, ranked as an Airman Basic and earning a Good Conduct Medal. After serving in the Air Force, Douglas began working as a police officer for the Baker City Police, joining the department in 1965 and retiring in 1997. He spent 25 of those years as the police chief.

Douglas married Virginia Dell Johnson on Sept. 22, 1961, in Weiser, Idaho, and together they had three incredible children, Rick, Don and Melissa. Douglas enjoyed golf, basketball and coin collecting. Douglas was very involved with the Toys for Tots program and spearheaded the yearly campaign while acting as the chief of police; it was an organization that was very near and dear to his heart. He also served as the chapter president of the local Lions club for a period of time. Douglas was very active in the community with involvement in many different organizations and activities.

At home, he enjoyed a quiet and peaceful life with Virginia and his chil-



Douglas Humphress

dren. Virginia and Douglas had a great relationship and were married for just over 60 years.

Douglas is survived by his wife, Virginia Humphress of Baker City; his children, Rick Humphress of Gaithersburg, Maryland, Don Humphress of Baker City, and Melissa Wallace of Caldwell, Idaho. He is also survived by six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Toys for Tots or the Baker City Police Department through Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814.

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

Pat Lewis

North Powder, 1938-2021

Patricia Anne (Pat) Lewis, 91, a longtime North Powder resident, died Dec. 2, 2021, at Valley View Nursing and Rehab in Boise.

A memorial service will take place in the spring at the North Powder Cemetery with a celebration of life at the North Powder Methodist Church. The date will be announced at a later time.

Pat was born on Nov. 27, 1930, in North Powder, the daughter of John Alexander Shaw and Pearl Laurel (Wicks) Shaw. Pat's early years were spent on the family ranch helping her parents with livestock, wheat harvest and haying. She attended a one-room schoolhouse and went to school either on horseback or riding in a sleigh during the winter. Pat graduated from North Powder High School in 1949, and attended Oregon State University in Corvallis until December 1950. That December, she married her high school sweetheart, William (Bill) Lewis in North Powder. She joined him in running a family dairy with 220 Holstein cows until the 1970s when they



Pat Lewis

sold the cows and focused on farming.

In addition to being the mother of five children and helping with the farm, Pat became a talented artist focusing on oil and watercolor painting. In 1969 and 1970, she took classes from Treasure Valley Community College and eventually enrolled at Eastern Oregon University in the spring of 1980. Pat completed her degree in August 1989 with a bachelor of science in art. She exhibited her work at various galleries around the state and continued to paint and draw into her 90s. During those years she was active in Crossroads Art Center and chaired "Art-In-The-Park" one year at the Miners Jubilee in Baker City.

Pat loved gardening and spent her summers growing fruits and vegetables and abundant flowers. She started her plants in a greenhouse attached to their home and designed and created a beautiful yard. In the mid 1990s, she began growing mint plants in a commercial greenhouse behind their home for transplant on the farm.

As a mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Pat delighted in the lives of her children and was known to paint lovely cards for their birthdays. She was a hub for the children and their children living around the country.

Pat is survived by her children, Greg Lewis, Douglas Lewis (Mary), Lisa Lawson (Kerry), and Angela Brown (Don); her sister, Merrie Jacqueline Zimmerman; her grandchildren, Alaina Lewis, Anya Lewis, Ava Lewis, Jason Lewis, Stephen Lewis (Julie), Ashley Lawson, Kristine Lawson, Alex Brown and Megan Brown; and her great-grandchildren, Everly Lewis and Carson Lewis.

Pat was preceded in death by her husband, Bill, in 2010; her son, Stephen, in 1958; and her sisters, Margaret S. Rayburn and Jane S. Walsh.

Online condolences can be made to the family at www.lovelandfuneral-chapel.com.

NEWS OF RECORD

DEATHS

Janyce Foersterling: 70, of Baker City, died Dec. 8, 2021, at her home, surrounded by family. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Online condolences can be shared at www.tamispi-nevalleyfuneralhome.com.

POLICE LOG

Baker City Police Arrests, citations
FAILURE TO APPEAR (Salem Municipal Court warrant): Andrew Jay Culley, 32, 12:22 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 9 at D and Seventh streets; cited and released.
CONTEMPT OF COURT (Baker County warrant), FAILURE TO APPEAR (Malheur County warrant): Levi James Logsdon, 30, Baker City, 9:59 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 9 in the 1300 block of Ninth Street; cited and released.

FAILURE TO APPEAR (Baker County Justice Court warrants): Alex Cooper Horn, 25, Baker City, 11:23 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7 in the 2000 block of Broadway Street; cited and released.

CRIMINAL TRESPASSING:

Adrianna Dione Morris, 24, transient, 7:44 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 8 in the 1200 block of Campbell Street; cited and released.

Baker County Sheriff's Office

Arrests, citations
DRIVING WHILE SUSPENDED: Laif Robert Edison, 23, Baker City, 10:01 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 8 on Highway 30 south of Baker City; cited and released.

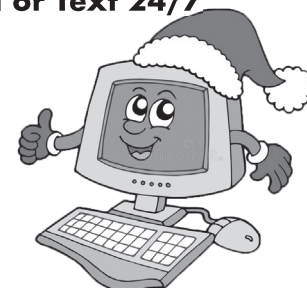
PAROLE VIOLATION: Geoffrey Michael Brown, 25, Baker City, 5:25 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 8 in the 3400 block of 13th Street; jailed.

FAILURE TO APPEAR (Baker County warrant): Chloe Taylor Stoffelsen, 25, Baker City, 8:42 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 8 at the Courthouse; cited and released.

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