

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

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald December 13, 1971

City manager Vern Jacobson last night told the city council that something must be done about snow removal since the city will exhaust remaining contingency funds after three more days of around-the-clock work.

25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald December 13, 1996

Joseph Timber Co. on Thursday bought a large timber sale in the ponderosa pine forests south and west of Phillips Reservoir.

The Rusty Bull sale, at 9.3 million board-feet, is the largest on the Baker Ranger District since the late 1980s, and among the largest on the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest this decade.

10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald December 14, 2011

The U.S. Postal Service has postponed making decisions about closing any facilities or reducing levels of service.

The delay — until May 15, 2012 — will give Congress more time to approve legislation that would help the Postal Service take other actions to avoid bankruptcy, such as providing postal service executives with more management authority and financial liquidity.

ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald December 15, 2020

Doses of the nation's first approved vaccine for COVID-19 were scheduled to arrive today at Saint Alphonsus Medical Center in Ontario, and some of those will be given to employees at Saint Alphonsus in Baker City by Friday.

The initial inoculations will be given to health care workers who treat or are potentially exposed to COVID-19 patients, according to Oregon officials.

The Baker County Health Department, meanwhile, is waiting for the arrival of the second vaccine, the first shipments of which could arrive by the end of the year.

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) announced Monday that 975 doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech SE vaccine were slated to arrive today at the Ontario hospital. Distribution of that vaccine is restricted because its storage temperature is 94 degrees below zero Fahrenheit.

That's a much lower temperature than is required for other vaccines, and the Baker County Health Department doesn't have freezers that cold, said Nancy Staten, the department's director.

Neither does the Baker City hospital, said Dr. Steven Nemerson, chief clinical officer for Saint Alphonsus Health System.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, Dec. 11

9 — 12 — 14 — 18 — 20 — 34
Next jackpot: \$6.9 million

POWERBALL, Dec. 11

3 — 24 — 44 — 53 — 64 PB 10
Next jackpot: \$320 million

MEGA MILLIONS, Dec. 10

23 — 25 — 40 — 42 — 60 Mega 8
Next jackpot: \$148 million

WIN FOR LIFE, Dec. 11

8 — 11 — 36 — 55

PICK 4, Dec. 12

• 1 p.m.: 8 — 1 — 6 — 5

• 4 p.m.: 7 — 0 — 7 — 2

• 7 p.m.: 7 — 4 — 9 — 3

• 10 p.m.: 5 — 5 — 0 — 6

LUCKY LINES, Dec. 12

2-6-10-15-17-23-27-31
Next jackpot: \$45,000

SENIOR MENUS

- **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
- **MONDAY (Dec. 20):** Chicken strips, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn, rolls, beet-and-onion salad, pudding
- **TUESDAY (Dec. 21):** Spaghetti, garlic bread, broccoli, green salad, apple crisp

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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Three apply for City Council vacancy

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Baker City Councilors will have three candidates to consider when they meet this evening, Dec. 14, and potentially fill a vacancy that's existed since Lynette Perry resigned in August due to health reasons.

Dean Guyer, Marvin Sundean

and Ray Duman have applied for the vacancy.

Duman was the city's police chief until his retirement June 30, 2021.

Councilors will meet at 7 p.m. at City Hall, 1655 First St.

The Council had sought to replace Perry earlier this fall but all motions to

appoint a new councilor failed by 3-3 votes among the remaining six councilors.

Also on the agenda is a discussion about potentially scheduling a work session to talk homeless issues, and a discussion about a proposed update to the salary schedule for city employees who aren't represented by a union.

Brown finishes strong

■ Baker City steer wrestler ties for first in Round 9 at National Finals Rodeo

By ANNIE FOWLER

East Oregonian

LAS VEGAS — Jesse Brown was waiting for that one big run at the National Finals Rodeo, and it came in Round 9 on Friday, Dec. 10.

The Baker City steer wrestler was one of four men who took down their steers in 3.9 seconds to share first place in the round and pick up a check for \$18,941.

Also in that group of steer wrestlers were Stetson Jorgensen, Stockton Graves and Tyler Waguespack.

On the victory lap, the steer wrestlers doubled up on horses. Jorgensen rode with Brown.

"That was good," Brown said. "That was pretty funny. I'm glad I didn't fall off."

Brown did not place in Round 10 on Saturday, which left him fifth in the average, which was worth another \$23,513. He finished 15th last year.

Will Lumms finished first in the average (43 sec-

onds on 10 runs) to win the NFR title, but Waguespack won the world title.

Brown went into the NFR sitting second in the world standings behind Jacob Talley, who ended up third. Brown, making his second trip to the NFR, finished sixth with \$165,061.

"Every year I have been doing this, it's dang sure not where I want to be," Brown said. "This is my best year so far. Last year was a bit different with COVID."

Over the course of 10 rounds, Brown placed in five. He tied for fifth in the first round, was fourth in the second round, sixth in the sixth round, tied for sixth in the eighth round, and tied for first in the ninth. He earned \$62,675 for his efforts.

The 2022 season has already begun, and Brown will be back on the dusty trail in January.

"We have already kind of started," he said. "I have gone to three rodeos so far. Denver and Odessa (Texas) are coming up in January."

Stetson Wright, who won the Pendleton Round-Up all-around, saddle bronc and bull riding titles, won the world all-around title on Saturday night with a record \$585,850.



Rod Connor/PRCA/Contributed Photo

Jesse Brown of Baker City takes down his steer in 3.9 seconds in Round 9 of the National Finals Rodeo on Friday, Dec. 10, 2021, in Las Vegas. Brown tied for first in the round with three other steer wrestlers.

It's Wright's third all-around title in a row, and he broke Trevor Brazile's PRCA record for most money won in a season at \$518,011, which he accomplished in 2015.

Wright also won the world saddle bronc title, edging his older brother Ryder by \$1,187.

Sage Kimzey became a

seven-time world champion in bull riding, and needs just one more to tie Don Gay's record of eight.

Also winning world titles were Kaycee Feild (bareback), Caleb Smidt (tie-down roping), Jordon Briggs (barrel racing), and Kaleb Driggers and Junior Nogueira in team roping.

OBITUARIES

Sharon Davis

Formerly of Baker City, 1945-2021

Sharon Rose Davis, 75, a longtime Florence resident and former Baker City resident, died Nov. 12, 2021, after a yearlong struggle with cancer.

There will not be a funeral.

Sharon's cremains will be scattered at her favorite beach where she spent many hours searching for the perfect agate. Her search is over but her memory lives on.

Sharon was born on Dec. 22, 1945, in Baker, where she attended St. Francis Academy for 12 years, graduating in 1964. After obtaining her master's degree in education from Eastern Oregon College, Sharon taught grade school for five years, starting in a one-room school in Oxbow, then on to Brooklyn Elementary in Baker, and following up with brief stints in Ontario and Eugene.

She ran a small retail store next to the U of O for a short time before moving into a hospital administration career at both Sacred Heart in Eugene and later Peace Health in Florence. She finished her career in the banking business in Florence.

Sharon will be remembered for her



Sharon Davis

love of life and people. Many were the single elderly folks whom Sharon personally visited on the holidays to brighten their lives. On Halloween she would show up at their door in full costume with a gift for the single elderly person living there. At Christmas it was Sharon as Santa who visited all the ancients with a special gift and cheer for all. Sharon was always doing something special for her fellow friends. She was witty and positive and so much fun to be around. She will be missed.

Sharon is survived by her sisters, Mary, Carolyn, Barbara, Kathy, Threse and Betty; as well as her brothers, Dennis, Tom and David.

Sharon was preceded in death by her parents, Al and Rhoda Davis; her sister, Helen; and her brothers, Bob, Andy, John and Mike.

James Stevenson

Baker City, 1933-2021

James Arthur Stevenson, 88, of Baker City, died Dec. 9, 2021.

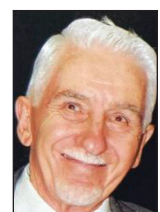
A memorial service will be held in his honor on Thursday, Dec. 16 at 10 a.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2625 Hughes Lane in Baker City. A dedication of the grave will follow at the Wilder Cemetery in Wilder, Idaho.

Jim was born on June 11, 1933, in Greenleaf, Idaho, to Bert Howard Stevenson and Lizzie Dell Brown. He was retired from Ash Grove Cement Co. where he worked first at the Lime, Oregon, and then the Durkee cement plants; he was a control room operator. He loved to serve others and could be found helping with lawns and shoveling walks for others until he was no longer able to do so.

Jim is survived by his wife, Naomi; his sister, Norma Jean Stattner; and his children, James Walter (Linda) Stevenson, Karen Perry, Bert (Shirley) Stevenson, Susan (Cesar) Abalos, Kent (Heather) Stevenson, Leora (Lance) Jackson, Julie Stevenson, and John (Cindy) Stevenson.

He was preceded in death by his son, Joseph Duane (JC) Stevenson.

For those who would like to make a memorial donation in honor of Jim, the family suggests Family Search/Church of Jesus Christ through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services, P.O. Box 543, Halfway, OR 97834. Online condolences can be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.



James Stevenson

NEWS OF RECORD

DEATHS

Christina Hollister: 79, of Baker City, died Dec. 9, 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.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

Donald Pierce: 72, of Baker City, died Dec. 10, 2021, at his home, surrounded by love. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Online condolences can be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

Leland Myers: 83, of Sumpter, died Dec. 12, 2021, in Baker City with his family at his side. A traditional funeral service will take place — the date, time and place to be announced. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Online condolences can be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

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