

# Local & Region

## BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

### TUESDAY, JAN. 29

■ **Baker City Council Work Session:** 6 p.m., City Hall, 1655 First St.

### WEDNESDAY, JAN. 30

■ **Baker City Tree Board:** Regular meeting, 5:30 p.m., Conference Room at City Hall, 1655 First St.

### FRIDAY, FEB. 1

■ **Live Music by Keith Taylor:** Ragtime piano, 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., Crossroads Carnegie Art Center, 2020 Auburn Ave.; no charge; continues most Fridays.

■ **First Friday Art Shows:** Baker City art galleries are open late to showcase the month's new artwork; opening times vary between 5:30 p.m. and 6 p.m.

### MONDAY, FEB. 4

■ **Haines Fire Protection District Board:** 7 p.m. at the Haines Library.

### TUESDAY FEB. 5

■ **Baker City Council Goal-Setting Session:** 6 p.m., City Hall.

### WEDNESDAY, FEB. 6

■ **Baker County Board of Commissioners:** 9 a.m., Courthouse, 1995 Third St.

### MONDAY, FEB. 11

■ **Medical Springs Rural Fire Protection District Board:** 7 p.m. at the Pondosa Station.

## TURNING BACK THE PAGES

### 50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald January 28, 1969

School District 5J's Budget Board Monday evening approved a four percent increase to the existing salary schedule for its teachers.

Also, as part of the salary package, the board authorized the district to pay \$8 a month medical protection for all full-time personnel.

### 25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald January 28, 1994

Gov. Barbara Roberts' announced a \$7 million reduction in the Department of Corrections apparently won't have a big effect on the Powder River Correctional Facility in Baker City. At least initially.

### 10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald January 28, 2009

Mary Jo. St. Clair has been awarded the first DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses at St. Elizabeth Health Services.

The award, presented in collaboration with The American Organization of Nurse Executives, is part of the DAISY Foundation's program to recognize the efforts of nurses every day, according to a prepared release.

### ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald January 29, 2018

Baker City Councilor Adam Nilsson has served notice to city and county officials that he plans to file lawsuits against Baker County and the Baker City Police Department and employees of both entities.

The lawsuit is tied to an incident on Aug. 1, 2017, when Nilsson and a friend made a trip to an abandoned cement plant along Interstate 84 near Huntington.

Nilsson, 46, of 307 Hillcrest Drive, submitted letters by registered mail and in person earlier this week that state his intent to sue Baker County and Sheriff's Department employees Lt. Jef Van Arsdall and deputy Gabe Maldonado, and the Baker City Police Department.

Nilsson said he sent the letters in order to meet the 180-day time line for tort claim notices — a step required for people who plan to file lawsuits against public bodies or their employees.

## OREGON LOTTERY

### MEGABUCKS, Jan. 26

2-7-9-13-42-44  
Next jackpot: \$74 million

### POWERBALL, Jan. 26

8-12-20-21-32 PB 10  
Next jackpot: \$174 million

### MEGA MILLIONS, Jan. 25

8-16-30-38-61 Mega 10  
Next jackpot: \$109 million

### WIN FOR LIFE, Jan. 26

17-25-32-72

### PICK 4, Jan. 27

• 1 p.m.: 9-3-0-7  
• 4 p.m.: 1-8-0-4  
• 7 p.m.: 5-1-2-8  
• 10 p.m.: 6-1-1-1  
**LUCKY LINES, Jan. 27**  
4-9-15-20-22-25-30  
Next jackpot: \$30,000

## SENIOR MENUS

■ **TUESDAY:** Baked ham, sweet potato, mixed vegetables, roll, gelatin with fruit, ice cream

■ **WEDNESDAY:** Old-fashioned steak, rice pilaf, green beans, roll, beet-and-onion salad, birthday cake

Public luncheon at the Senior Center, 2810 Cedar St., 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; \$4.50 donation (60 and older), \$6.75 for those under 60.

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## Lions collecting eyeglasses, hearing aids

The Baker County Lions Club is collecting used eyeglasses and hearing aids for its donation program.

The Club pays to repair the items and then distribute them to people who need them.

Collection boxes — they have a conspicuous yellow-

and-purple motif — are at these locations: Baker Vision Clinic, 2150 Third St.; Eagle Optical, 3705 Midway Drive; St. Luke's EOMA Clinic, 3950 17th St.; Saint Alphonsus Medical Center, 3325 Pochontas Road; Meadowbrook Place, 4000 Cedar St.; Settler's Park, 2895 17th St.; Elks

Lodge, 1896 Second St.; Baker City Hall, 1655 First St.; Ryder Brothers, 1735 Main St.; TEC Copier Systems, 2109 Main St.; Community Bank, 1190 Campbell St.; Sunridge Inn, 1 Sunridge Lane; OTEC, 4005 23rd St.; Baker schools and the Baker 5J District office, 2090 Fourth St. The Lions

Club will be collecting items through Feb. 15. The Club also accepts cash donations to help local residents with vision or hearing needs, and to do vision screenings in schools.

To donate, or for more information, contact any Lions Club member or call 541-519-2350.

## Officials confirm 34 cases of measles in Washington

VANCOUVER, Wash. (AP) — Health officials say the number of confirmed cases of measles in western Washington has grown to 34, with nine more cases suspected. Clark County Public

Health said Sunday that the majority of the cases involve children younger than 10.

Officials say 30 of the patients were not vaccinated against the highly contagious disease and in four cases it's

unclear whether the person was vaccinated. One person was hospitalized.

Measles is a highly contagious viral illness spread when an infected person coughs or sneezes. It can re-

main in the air for up to two hours in an isolated space.

The full vaccine is 97 percent effective and provides immunity for life for most people who receive the inoculation

## SHUTDOWN

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The workers were indeed prepared. And so were visitors.

"We opened up on Saturday and visitors started coming in," LeCompte said.

Although the Center had been closed since the shutdown started Dec. 22, LeCompte said maintenance workers made sure everything was functioning properly at the facility on Flagstaff Hill about five miles east of Baker City.

More than 2.25 million people have toured the Center since it opened on May 23, 1992.

The Center will continue its winter schedule — it's open Thursday through Sunday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. — through Feb. 17.

Lori Wood, who manages the BLM's Baker Resource Area, said employees will be meeting to discuss how the 35-day shutdown affected their priorities and work schedules.

Wood said she doesn't expect any problems with approving spring livestock grazing permits. Much of the Baker Resource Area is open to grazing, and access to those public lands is vital for the county's beef cattle industry which annually brings in more than \$80 million in gross sales.

The shutdown also affected the U.S. Forest Service. The headquarters for the agency's Wallowa-Whitman National Forest is in Baker City, as is the Whitman Ranger District's office.

A Forest Service timber sale near Phillips Reservoir continued during the shutdown.

The Oregon Employment Department estimated that about 130 federal employees from Baker County went without pay during the shutdown.

Trump signed a bill earlier this month that provides retroactive pay for federal workers who either stayed home during the shutdown or who worked but did not receive a paycheck.

## OBITUARY

### Curtis McEwen

Baker City, 1962-2019

Curtis McEwen, 56, of Baker City, died Jan. 23, 2019, at his home.

There will be no funeral.

Curtis Eugene was born on June 4, 1962, at Yreka, California, to Carroll and Cleowa McEwen. He attended school in Yreka where he later graduated.

Curtis continued to live in California and spent his time working as a parts salesman in the automotive industry.

In 2012, Curtis moved to Baker City and for a time worked at NAPA auto parts. Curtis loved fishing and playing with his dog, Buzz. Each morning he took joy in going for coffee with his friends and neighbors. It was a treasured ritual that he would not miss.

Curtis is survived by his



Curtis McEwen

mother, Cleowa McEwen; his brothers, David and his wife, Bow Lynne McEwen, and Steve and his wife, Vicki McEwen; his sister, Janice McEwen; his nieces and nephews, Brittany, Christopher, Harlee and Herman McEwen.

Curtis was preceded in death by his father, Carroll McEwen.

For those who would like to make a donation in memory of Curtis, the family suggests Best Friends of Baker (animal rescue) through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services, P.O. Box 543, Halfway, Oregon 97834. Online condolences can be made at [www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com)

## NEWS OF RECORD

### DEATHS

**Virginia 'Ginnie' Anderson:** 85, of Halfway, died Jan. 26, 2019. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Online condolences can be made at [www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com)

**Carol M. Smith:** 83, of Baker City, died Jan. 23, 2019, at her residence at Settler's Park Assisted Living Community. Arrangements are under the direction of Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel. To light a candle in memory of Carol, go to [www.grayswestco.com](http://www.grayswestco.com)

### FUNERALS PENDING

**Gene Oliver Markle:** His funeral will be Wednesday, Jan. 30, at 11 a.m. at Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave. Interment will be at the Haines Cemetery. To light a candle in memory of Gene, go to [www.grayswestco.com](http://www.grayswestco.com)

**Steven Valentine:** Celebration of his life, Saturday, Feb. 2, at 1 p.m. at the Baker City VFW Hall, 2005 Valley Ave. In the spring, a graveside military service will take place, the date and time to be announced later. The family suggests memorial contributions to Best Friends of Baker through Tami's Pine Valley

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### POLICE LOG

**Baker City Police Arrests, citations**  
UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE and DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF INTOXICANTS: Jordan Gunter Stephens, 23, of 3700 Midway Drive, 3:11 a.m. Sunday, in the 3100 block of H Street; jailed.

FAILURE TO APPEAR (Baker County Justice Court warrant) and UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF METHAMPHETAMINE: Matthew Andrew Pedersen, 55, of 1625 Madison St., 12:37 a.m. Sunday at his home; jailed.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT II: Alexander Michael Clark, 28, of 1904 Balm St., 7:49 p.m. Sunday, at Third Street and Dewey Avenue; jailed.

POST-PRISON SUPERVISION VIOLATION: Robert Edward Nichols, 31, of 2579 Ninth St., 10:05 p.m. Sunday, in the 1700 block of East Street; jailed.

ASSAULT IV IN THE PRESENCE OF MINORS: Juan Anthony Martinez, 24, of Fort Pearce, Florida, 10:13 p.m. Friday, in the 100 block of Fourth Street; jailed.

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