

BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

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. 8
■ **Baker County Board of Commissioners:** 9 a.m., Courthouse, 1995 Third St.

FRIDAY, FEB. 15
■ **Live Music by Keith Taylor:** Ragtime piano, 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., Crossroads, 2020 Auburn Ave.; no charge.

MONDAY, FEB. 11
■ **Medical Services Rural Fire Protection District Board:** 7 p.m. at the Pondosa Station.

TUESDAY, FEB. 12
■ **Baker City Council:** 7 p.m., City Hall, 1655 First St.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 13
■ **Lower Powder River Irrigation District Board:** 6 p.m. at Barley Brown's, 2190 Main St.

TUESDAY, FEB. 19
■ **Elkhorn Community Preparedness:** 5:30 p.m. supper; 6:30 p.m. meeting; at the Sunridge Inn Restaurant.

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO
from the Democrat-Herald
February 4, 1969

School District 5J's Budget Board Monday evening formally adopted the teacher's salary package at its meeting after the Faculty Consultation Committee said the teachers had approved of the package as proposed.

25 YEARS AGO
from the Baker City Herald
February 4, 1994

Those woolly caterpillars must be embarrassed right about now.

The supposed harbingers of winter weather predicted plenty of cold and snow back in the fall.

The caterpillars have had a bad year. The winter of 1993-94 has been neither cold nor snowy, especially when compared with a year ago.

10 YEARS AGO
from the Baker City Herald
February 4, 2009

Two teenagers who were living in a Baker City drug and alcohol treatment center are among the 11 Oregonians who have contracted salmonella linked to the nationwide recall of peanut products.

Officials from the Oregon Health Division did not release the names of the people infected.

The teenagers, one boy and one girl, were living at the Elkhorn Adolescent Treatment Center in late 2008 when they were diagnosed with salmonella.

ONE YEAR AGO
from the Baker City Herald
February 5, 2018

It was a record-setting weekend in Baker City. And it had nothing to do with football.

Well, perhaps not nothing.

The warmest early February weather on record might have prompted people to partake in backyard football games before heading indoors to watch Sunday's Super Bowl.

The temperature set daily records both Saturday and Sunday at the Baker City Airport.

Saturday's high of 60 degrees easily broke the previous record for Feb. 3 of 53 degrees, set in 1995.

Sunday was only slightly cooler, with a high of 58. That broke the Feb. 4 record, also set in 1995, of 56 degrees.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, Feb. 2 9 — 15 — 25 — 36 — 46 Next jackpot: \$77 million	WIN FOR LIFE, Feb. 2 16 — 27 — 37 — 60 PICK 4, Feb. 3 • 1 p.m.: 3 — 7 — 9 — 3 • 4 p.m.: 2 — 3 — 6 — 2 • 7 p.m.: 0 — 2 — 9 — 8 • 10 p.m.: 7 — 7 — 8 — 0
POWERBALL, Feb. 2 10 — 17 — 18 — 43 — 65 PB 13 Next jackpot: \$204 million	LUCKY LINES, Feb. 3 2-8-9-16-20-21-28-32 Next jackpot: \$37,000
MEGA MILLIONS, Feb. 1 2 — 37 — 48 — 66 — 68 Mega 11 Next jackpot: \$139 million	

SENIOR MENUS

■ **TUESDAY:** Ham and cheese croissants, cup of soup, chips, macaroni salad, cake

■ **WEDNESDAY:** Chicken cordon bleu, parslied red potatoes, corn, roll, lemon bar

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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Company says pot bust was legal hemp

BOISE (AP) — A company has filed a lawsuit against Idaho State Police and Ada County after authorities seized nearly 7,000 pounds of cannabis from a truck headed to Colorado, the Idaho Statesman reported.

Authorities who stopped the truck said it was filled with marijuana, but Big Sky Scientific LLC, which was shipping the product to Colorado, said in the lawsuit that it's industrial hemp, which is now legal under the recently passed U.S. Farm Bill.

Hemp is a non-psychoactive

cousin of marijuana. Both hemp and marijuana are cannabis plants.

Big Sky wants its product returned and wants an admission of wrongdoing from the Idaho authorities, according to the Idaho Statesman.

The truck's driver, Dennis Palamarchuk, 36, of Portland, Oregon, was arrested and charged with a felony.

The truck was stopped on Jan. 24 as part of a routine, random commercial vehicle safety inspection between Boise and Mountain Home, ISP spokesman Tim Marsano

said. The driver's bill of lading — a document that details the cargo in the shipment — said the trailer was carrying 31 bags of hemp.

Hemp and marijuana plants look and smell similar, but hemp plants typically contain less than 0.3 percent of THC — the psychoactive chemical in marijuana — while marijuana plants generally contain anywhere from 15 to 40 percent THC.

The trooper detected a strong odor of marijuana during the inspection and opened one of the bags and performed

a field test, Marsano said.

The test showed the plant to be a marijuana plant, and a subsequent team of K9 drug-detection dogs that arrived also indicated that marijuana was present, he said.

Marsano could not say how low of a THC content will generate a positive result by the field tests. Still, he said transporting anything containing THC is a chargeable offense in Idaho.

Testing on the plant matter is being expedited, Marsano told the newspaper Friday.

COUNCIL

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- Promote government integrity
- Increase citizen involvement
- Continue to promote communication and collaboration with community partners and government entities
- Continue support of parks and outdoor spaces
- Implement an asset maintenance schedule

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Many people in the community have gotten plant starts from her original, which did have white flowers until it cross-pollinated with a red variety.

"When it first started to bloom, you'd get a call from Betty," Edwards said. "You knew you'd get a pizza party to watch it bloom. It was an ongoing botanical event."

SNOWPACK

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Water district managers have said an ample snowpack is especially important this winter because the drought of 2018 depleted reservoirs and dried up streams and springs that usually flow year round.

Generally speaking the Elkhorns are faring better than the Wallows this winter.

At Eilertson Meadow, for instance, along Rock Creek west of Haines, the water content today was 9.8 inches. That's 21 percent above average, and more than double the water content from a year ago.

Statistics are similar at two other sites in the southern Elkhorns — Bourne, about 6 miles

north of Sumpter, and Gold Center near Granite.

The snowpack is more modest in the northern part of the Elkhorns.

Snow surveyors measured a water content of 12.5 inches in a meadow near Anthony Lake. That's 21 percent below average, but slightly better than a year ago.

(The Anthony Lakes, Dooley Mountain and Little Alps measurements were made on Jan. 31, and don't take into account new snow that fell during the weekend.)

In the Wallows the water content is lower in the northern part of the range — 27 percent below average at Aneroid Lake — to exactly average at Moss Springs above Cove.

OBITUARIES

Gerold Strang
Formerly of Baker City, 1947-2019

Gerold Hurbert Strang, 71, formerly of Baker City, lost his battle with cancer and died peacefully at his home in Long Beach, California, with his family at his side.

His memorial service took place at the Green Hill Memorial Chapel in California, with the Elks and Navy personnel presiding. He was laid to rest at Green Memorial Park in Rancho Palos Verdes, California.

Gerold was born on Dec. 24, 1947, at Hermiston to Charles Hurbert and Inez Strang. He lived in Umatilla and Hermiston until the family moved to Baker City in 1955. Gerold started school at Churchill School and finished his schooling in La Centura, California. After graduation he joined the U.S. Navy and was stationed in San Diego. He spent four years in the Navy, then went into the Naval Reserves where he remained for 22 years.

He then worked for Boeing as a machinist.

He met and married Billy Jean O'Niel, and they made their home in Long Beach, California.

Gerold was a fun-loving person who loved to play golf and was an excellent bowler. He was president of the Paramount Elks bowling league, setting up all the tournaments and traveling with the members.

Gerold is survived by his wife of 44 years, Billy Jean; his stepchildren, Marvin O'Niel, Penny O'Niel and Peggy Markow, and a grandson, Joseph Markow, all of California; his sisters, Martha Douglas, Audery Parker, Donna Netzel, Cecle Denman and her husband, Gordan, and Linda Brodbeck and her husband, Jim; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Dale Welter
Formerly of Baker City, 1944-2019

Dale Welter, 74, of Canyon City, and formerly of Baker City, died Feb. 1, 2019, at his home with Alice at his side.

Per his request there will not be a service.

C. Dale Welter was born on Sept. 15, 1944, at Baker City. He was raised and educated in Baker City, graduating from Baker High School in 1963. He married

Karen Knee and together they raised one daughter, Debbie. Karen died in 1970.

Dale worked construction most all of his life and he served from 1965 to 1972 in the National Guard. He enjoyed time with his family, and golfing.

In 1990 Dale met Alice West in Canyon City. They enjoyed golfing and spending time together.

Dale is survived by his companion of 30 years, Alice West; his daughter, Debbie, and her husband, Randy VanReken; two grandchildren and his brother, Roger Welter.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Karen; his parents, Cliff and Bea Welter; and his brother, Mike Welter.

Those who would like to make a memorial donation in memory of Dale may do so to Blue Mountain Home Health or Blue Mountain Hospice through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services, P.O. Box 543, Halfway, OR 97834. Online condolences may be made at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com

'Bobby' Buxton
Baker City, 1951-2019

Robert "Bobby" Buxton, 67, of Baker City, died Jan. 31, 2019, at his home surrounded by his family.

A celebration of his life and potluck reception will take place Saturday, Feb. 23, at 4:30 p.m. at the Baker Eagles Lodge, 2935 H St.

Robert Dean "Buck" was born Feb. 25, 1951, in Richland to LeRoy "Boots" and Verda Buxton. Bobby received his education in Richland until his junior year where attended school in Burns. He completed his senior year at St. Francis Academy in Baker City, graduating in 1969.

Bobby met Carolyn Molyneaux when they were classmates in high school. They married and together had one son. They later divorced.

Bobby married Sherry Buxton on June 17, 1995, in the backyard of their home in Baker City. He often said that was a red-letter day. The day was not only memorable because it was their wedding anniversary, but because it was also the



enue; jailed; police said Hartford was arrested after investigation of a motor vehicle crash; jailed.

CONTEMPT OF COURT (Baker County Circuit Court warrant): Jarrod Beau Linscott, 42, of 445 S. Highway 7, 11:28 p.m. Friday, at Oak and Campbell streets; jailed.

Baker County Sheriff
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day before Sherry's birthday, and she didn't want him to forget.

Bobby worked for the Oregon Department of Transportation for 30 years, retiring in 2003. He then worked for Gresham Transfer, Kerns Rainbow Ranch and for himself.

Bobby was one of the first members of the Eagles Club No. 3456 in Baker. He was a member of the band The Countrymen, which included Terry Speelman and Danny Buxton. They played country music at the Eagles and other venues making memories that he reveled in.

Bobby was an avid outdoorsman who adored the mountains. He loved hunting, fishing, four-wheeling, camping, mushrooming and picking huckleberries. Bobby had a green thumb and he took pride in growing roses and hot peppers.

Bobby was an excellent metal fabricator. He enjoyed any project that required welding or metal work, no matter the challenge. He had a sweet tooth for his wife's thick chocolate cake and banana cream pie. He never knew a stranger and was a friend to all helping anyone who needed help. Bobby also had a very wicked sense of humor and a twinkle in his eyes. He would often say, "If you need it, go get it!"

He was preceded in death by his parents, LeRoy and Verda Buxton; his siblings, Baby Buxton, Verda Darlene Fuller, Cherral LaDonne Spurgeon, Richard LeRoy "Dickie" Buxton, William Frank "Billy" Buxton and Danny Ray Buxton.

Bobby is survived by his wife of 23 and ¾ years, Sherry Buxton of Baker City; his son, Jeffery Dean Buxton of Baker City; his stepson, Paul T Karp of Wisconsin; his sister, Colleen Quinton of Baker City, and his sister and brother-in-law, Rhonda and Joe Stubbs of Baker City; numerous nieces and nephews, grandchildren and great-grandchildren; special and close friend, Terry Fosbeck; and Bobby's faithful Schnauzer companion, Tasha Joy Bell.

For those who would like to make a donation in memory of Bobby, the family requests donations be made to help defray funeral expense through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services, P.O. Box 543, Halfway, OR 97834. Online condolences may be made at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com

NEWS OF RECORD

DEATHS
Jerry Morris: 69, of Baker City, died Feb. 1, 2019, at his home with his family at his side. Those who would like to make a donation in memory of Jerry may do so to help defray service expenses through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services, P.O. Box 543, Halfway, OR 97834. Online condolences may be made at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com

POLICE LOG
Baker City Police
DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF INTOXICANTS: Christopher Lee Hartford, 36, of 1603 Second St., 10:02 p.m. Saturday at Seventh Street and Valley Av-

VIOLATION OF DEFERRED PROSECUTION AND DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF INTOXICANTS: Holly Melinda Cooney, 44, of Oxbow, 10:04 a.m. Saturday, at her home; cited and released.