

Local

BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

MONDAY, FEB. 11

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

FRIDAY, FEB. 15

■ **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.

TUESDAY, FEB. 19

■ **Elkhorn Community Preparedness:** 5:30 p.m. supper; 6:30 p.m. meeting; at the Sunridge Inn Restaurant, 1 Sunridge Lane.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 20

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

THURSDAY, FEB. 21

■ **Baker Rural Fire Protection District Board:** 5:30 p.m. at the Pocahontas Fire Station.

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald February 7, 1969

The 6 a.m. temperature at Anthony Lakes was 16 degrees and it was snowing lightly. Skiing is excellent on an 86 inch base. Two inches of new snow fell since yesterday. Roads are well plowed but chains or snow tires are required. A bus leaves the Baker hotel each morning, Wednesday through Sunday, at 8:45 a.m.

25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald February 7, 1994

About halfway through Friday's Chamber of Commerce Lunch Bunch, the crowd of about 45 was nervous. Mayor Larry Griffith, in his "state of the city" address, was describing Baker City in 2000. It wasn't a place in which anyone in the audience would like to live.

10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald February 6, 2009

Baker County commissioner are mulling whether to offer Tigard businessman Paul Vaden an extension on his option to purchase the former Lime plant property near Huntington. Vaden faces an April 30 deadline to pay the remaining \$370,000 he owes on the property.

ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald February 7, 2018

The spigot that water into one of Baker County's biggest irrigation reservoirs might be a trickle this spring compared with last year's torrent due to a skimpy snowpack. That's the bad news. The good news is that Phillips Reservoir, on the Powder River about 17 miles southwest of Baker City, is already nearly half full. This situation is pretty much the opposite of what prevailed one year ago. In the first week of February 2017, the reservoir was close to empty, its volume at less than 7 percent of capacity. But the snowpack in the mountains above the reservoir was deeper than usual. And it got deeper through the rest of winter and into the early spring of 2017.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, Feb. 4

1 - 14 - 22 - 31 - 39 - 43

Next jackpot: \$724 million

MEGA MILLIONS, Feb. 5

3 - 34 - 36 - 59 - 66 Mega 7

Next jackpot: \$157 million

WIN FOR LIFE, Feb. 4

5 - 17 - 23 - 30

PICK 4, Feb. 5

• 1 p.m.: 0 - 8 - 0 - 3

• 4 p.m.: 8 - 7 - 9 - 2

• 7 p.m.: 9 - 1 - 7 - 6

• 10 p.m.: 3 - 0 - 4 - 2

LUCKY LINES, Feb. 5

2-7-10-13-17-22-25-29

Next jackpot: \$39,000

SENIOR MENUS

- **THURSDAY:** Baked cod, chowder, mixed vegetables, roll, coleslaw
- **FRIDAY:** Taco salad (beef, lettuce, tomato, onion, cheese, chips, salsa), fruit cup, cookies

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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SCHOOL BOARD

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Bryan is completing his second full term on the Baker School Board this year.

Cassidy began his service on the 5J board in July 2013. He was re-elected to a second four-year term in 2017. His term will expire in 2021. Both he and Bryan have served as Board chair over the years.

The two recently returned from Washington, D.C., where they participated in the National School Board Association's 2019 Advocacy Institute. As an OSBA Board member, the association paid for Cassidy's trip, and Bryan received a scholarship to attend.

Participants took part in a four-day symposium, advocacy training events and meeting with hundreds of school board members throughout the country, an OSBA press release stated. The event culminated on Jan. 29 with the nearly two dozen members of the Oregon group meeting with the state's congressional delegation.

Both Bryan and Cassidy said the focus for the Oregon school officials was to bring what's working in education to the attention of the lawmakers and to emphasize the need for adequate funding to continue those programs.

Cassidy said as Congress is considering the reauthorization of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), which helps fund special education programs, the advocates urged not only a reauthorization, but a modernizing of the Act to better address the changes that have come about in special education services since IDEA was established in 1975.

And they urged full funding of the Act, which was intended to cover up to 40 percent of the average cost to educate a child with disabilities. Today, the funding is at 16 percent of the per-pupil cost, Cassidy said.

The OSBA advocates also spoke with congressional leaders and their staff members about the need to stabilize funding for the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act,

which since 2000 has provided funding for essential county services, roads and schools to replace lost timber revenue in rural communities. The Act expired in December.

Oregon Democratic Sen. Ron Wyden and Idaho Republican Sen. Mike Crapo have introduced a bill that would establish a trust to ensure that the Secure Rural Schools funding continues, Cassidy said.

The trust would eliminate the need for congressional representatives of the affected counties to have to fight for the funding each session.

"It won't be as high as it was," Cassidy said of the funding. "But it will be consistent. It's a push to stabilizing."

School safety was another concern expressed by the advocates.

Cassidy said the OSBA representatives asked the congressional delegation to consider how the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) could be enlisted to help provide training and to improve response time of local agencies during school emergencies as they take place throughout the state.

Both Cassidy and Bryan touted the innovative programs that have extended the outreach of the Baker School District to the region and have helped provide funding for programs that help 5J students expand their experiences as well.

Bryan acknowledges the District's enterprising programs, which he says are a reflection of Baker County's history in the mining, ranching and timber industries as well as Leo Adler's success as a distributor of newspapers and magazine.

Adler made his fortune, which he left to the community upon his death on Nov. 2, 1993, at age 98, through serving a wide area rather than focusing only on Baker County, Bryan noted.

"The reach of the Baker School District is indicative of our past and somewhat of our present," he said.

He points to the success of programs such as the Baker Web Academy, Baker Early College, special education services and Baker Technical Institute, which have expanded their service areas to bring increased funding to the District.

Through that funding, which has been

used to leverage grant money as well, the District has been able to provide programs such as the Friday Academy and Friday Experience programs to extend the four-day school week and the Summer Academy to extend the school year, Bryan said.

Working as an educational consultant over the years has led Bryan to the belief that schools need to focus more on "children who are good students, rather than children who are good readers," he said.

He believes that by offering programs such as the Ski for the Health of It lessons offered by the 5J District in conjunction with Anthony Lakes Mountain Resort, or the Brownfield Cleanup and welding programs offered through BTI, students are receiving meaningful instruction that will benefit them through their lifetimes.

That's what he would like the federal lawmakers to understand.

Although the topic of graduation rates came up, that was not the top concern of the Eastern Oregon representatives whose schools, for the most part, surpassed the state averages, Cassidy and Bryan said.

Instead, the OSBA advocates pointed to their concerns for mental health and behavioral issues at the elementary levels.

"And it's not just in Baker, it's across the state," Bryan said.

Rather than focusing on test scores and graduation rates, Bryan believes schools could better serve their students through innovative programs and by better engaging parents in their children's education.

Although the additional service takes time away from their families and other interests, Cassidy and Bryan believe they are providing a beneficial service to the schools in their own community and those throughout the state.

And the experience has provided personal benefit as well, Cassidy admits.

"It has taught me to be a lifelong learner," he says. "I'm humbled to have this opportunity and the support from Baker and school districts statewide to serve in this capacity."

OBITUARY

Virginia Anderson

Halfway, 1932-2019

Virginia May Anderson, 86, of Halfway, beloved mother, sister, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend, died Jan. 26, 2019, and joined her beloved husband, Leo.

A traditional funeral service and celebration of her life will take place Friday, Feb. 8, at 11 a.m. at The Church of Jesus Christ Latter-day Saints in Halfway. Interment and dedication of the grave will follow at the Pine Haven Cemetery. Friends are invited to join the family after the interment for a reception at the church.

The second of six siblings, Virginia was born on July 5, 1932, to William A. and Emma E. Jeffers. On April 8, 1950, she married Leo D. Anderson at Chadron, Nebraska. Life proved to be an adventure in the early years of her marriage to Leo. His career as a heavy

equipment operator moved the family throughout the west, including Alaska, before settling in Danville, California.

California always held a special place in Ginnie's heart. Lifelong friendships were created while raising her children. The closeness she nurtured with dear neighbors, fellow church members and cherished extended family is felt to this day.

Retirement brought them to 20 acres in Halfway, where their twilight years were spent traveling, gardening and bonding with grandchildren. After Leo's passing in 1997, Ginnie embraced the challenge and managed the homestead alone for more than 20 years.

Ginnie showed her love through service. Whether serving her family or her church, making others feel comfortable and content gave her great joy. We will all be forever grateful for her sacrifices and she will be greatly missed, her family said.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Gaye and Dennis Bledsoe of

Halfway; her son and daughter-in-law, Eric and Julie Anderson of The Woodlands, Texas; her grandchildren, Jared Bledsoe, Amber Gereke, Alayna Weimer, Lisa Vorwaller, Rebecca Despain and Olivia Anderson; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Ginnie was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Leo; and her infant son, Randall Wade.

Her family would like to expressly thank Heart 'N Home Hospice, specifically Vanessa, Hilary, Frankie and Mary, whose loving care provided such beautiful physical, emotional and spiritual comfort to Ginnie and her family during her final months.

For those who would like to make a memorial donation in memory of Ginnie, the family suggests either the LDS Charities or the Pine-Eagle Education Foundation through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home, P.O. Box 543, Halfway, OR 97834. Online condolences may be made at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com



Virginia Anderson

DEATHS

Raymond Leon Read: 81, of Baker City, died Feb. 2, 2019, at Saint Alphonsus Medical Center in Boise. Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel is in charge of arrangements. To light a candle for Raymond or to leave a condolence for his family, go to www.grayswestco.com

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POLICE LOG

Baker City Police Arrests, citations
PROBATION VIOLATION (Baker County warrant): Christopher Alan Griffith, 25, transient,

5:34 p.m. Tuesday at Resort and Madison streets; jailed.

Oregon State Police Arrests, citations

MENACING: Kamran Khadem Ghaifarokhi, 31, of Twin Falls, Idaho, 9:05 p.m. Friday, in the eastbound lanes of Interstate

84 near Baker City; jailed. Police said the arrest was made after an officer responded to a menacing complaint between two truck drivers. The suspect is accused of brandishing a BB gun at Innocent Destino, 33, of Eagle Lake, Florida.

NEWS OF RECORD

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