

Local

BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

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.

■ **Baker School Board:** 6 p.m., Council Chambers at City Hall, 1655 First St.

TUESDAY, FEB. 26

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 1

■ **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. Crossroads Carnegie Art Center, Peterson's Gallery, Broderick's Gallery and others.

MONDAY, MARCH 4

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

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald February 18, 1969

Margaret A. Sheehy has been named 1969 Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow for St. Francis Academy High School.

25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald February 18, 1994

"Nailbiter" is one of those overused sports cliches, but like most such terms, occasionally it tells the story better than any other word.

Thursday's first-round contest between Powder Valley and Prairie City at the District 4 Class 1A girls basketball tournament was an example.

Emily Thompson and Wendy Haufler each made a free throw in the final 18 seconds of the second overtime to lead Powder Valley past the 10th-ranked Panthers 53-50 and into tonight's semifinals.

10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald February 18, 2009

A plan that could alleviate the concerns of parents who don't want their eighth-graders moving to the high school next year, and those worried that their sixth-graders aren't ready to mingle with middle schoolers, was presented to the Baker School Board Tuesday.

ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald February 19, 2018

Winter, it turns out, was merely waiting. In ambush.

This weekend it pounced.

A pair of cold fronts plunged south from Canada, causing temperatures to plummet across Baker County and making the term "wind chill factor" relevant again.

The coming week could be the coldest since Christmas, and potentially the coldest of the winter.

Which, to be fair, is no great achievement.

Unlike its frigid and snowbound predecessor, the current winter has been distinguished by a scarcity of winter's typical trends.

January tied the record, set in 1953, for warmest average high temperature at 42.9 degrees.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, Feb. 16
1 - 12 - 22 - 26 - 39 - 48
Next jackpot: \$8.3 million

POWERBALL, Feb. 16
29 - 30 - 41 - 48 - 64 PB 1
Next jackpot: \$282 million

MEGA MILLIONS, Feb. 15
10 - 38 - 40 - 43 - 65 Mega 12
Next jackpot: \$206 million

WIN FOR LIFE, Feb. 16
20 - 37 - 52 - 56

PICK 4, Feb. 17
• 1 p.m.: 7 - 0 - 8 - 6
• 4 p.m.: 6 - 6 - 3 - 7
• 7 p.m.: 8 - 0 - 9 - 2
• 10 p.m.: 6 - 2 - 0 - 2

LUCKY LINES, Feb. 17
1-6-11-15-20-21-28-29
Next jackpot: \$51,000

SENIOR MENUS

- **TUESDAY:** Stuffed cabbage rolls, parsnip red potatoes, carrots, biscuits, green salad, ice cream
- **WEDNESDAY:** Boneless chicken breasts, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, rolls, beet-and-onion salad, bread pudding

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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SCHOOLS

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Following the District's protocol for when absenteeism hits a 10-percent threshold, calls have been made to the schools daily from the District office to monitor the situation.

"We ask secretaries to take another step and track whether a student absence is due to illness," Palmer said.

Baker Middle School was the first to be hard hit when school resumed after Christmas vacation.

"A couple of weeks ago it was South Baker," Palmer said. "Haines was close to 12 percent last week."

And Brooklyn and Baker High School have been struggling with a high rate of students out sick as well, Palmer said.

She noted that many students were missing from the high school last week because of athletics and a Future Business Leaders of America competition, others however, stayed home because they were sick.

The heightened surveillance of sickness in the schools allows administrators to offer help to families for keeping

their children healthy and to provide tips on how to avoid spreading their illness to others.

Tips from the Centers for Disease Control and the Baker County Health Department begin with keeping sick children home.

"If they are running a fever or actively throwing up, they should stay home," Palmer said.

Parents also should ensure that children drink plenty of fluids, with water being the first choice, to keep them from becoming dehydrated during their illness.

Other tips for parents include:

Teaching their children to wash their hands a lot with soap and water for 20 seconds and setting a good example by doing the same themselves

Teaching their children to cover coughs and sneezes with tissues or by coughing into the inside of the elbow (again setting an example).

Teaching children to stay at least 3 feet away from people who are sick.

Staying away from shopping malls, movie theaters or other places where there are large groups of people.

Palmer said the District's monitoring of the situation includes a morning "flu check" during the first hour of classes to determine how students are doing.

"We're monitoring flu-like illness and sanitizing the school environment twice a day," she said.

That means wiping down surfaces such as doorknobs and even walls at sites where students congregate, along with classroom desks, bathrooms and other common areas.

While the number of students and staff out sick this time of year can be unsettling, it's not especially unusual, Palmer said.

"It's not atypical for us to be at 10 percent," she said.

The District has enlisted another help this year with the use of VitalOxide, a liquid cleaner that is applied to disinfect buses and building surfaces, including equipment such as wrestling mats, Palmer said.

The District's transportation supervisor Wayne Paxton learned about the product from the Boise School District and recommended it for use in the Baker School District,

Palmer said.

Because of an early outbreak of flu-like symptoms in Baker schools, the District purchased the backpack machines in October and began using the VitalOxide to disinfect the floors, seats, ceilings and walls of the buses. Custodians have been following a similar regimen in the buildings twice a week since November, Palmer said.

"It helps," Palmer said, noting that keeping surfaces disinfected in the schools is more difficult. "The bus is a pretty contained environment. The bus is the best place for us, but we are using it in the schools."

According to a press release issued by the District earlier in the year, VitalOxide is "a completely safe clean liquid that will be applied to all surfaces with an electrostatic sprayer to kill viruses and bacteria within 5 minutes of use."

It is not a chlorine produce and it is rated as a "nonhazardous clear liquid with a mild fresh odor," the press release stated.

Parents may learn more about VitalOxide by calling their children's schools or the District office at 541-524-2260.

CARBON

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"I am concerned about the impacts of House Bill 2020 on our local community, Shelly Cutler, executive director of

the Baker County Chamber of Commerce, said in a press release. "This bill has significant negative impacts on local businesses and families. Companies such as Ash Grove Cement, Behlen Country and

Marvin Wood Products would end up paying higher energy and operating costs, which would result in fewer living-wage jobs."

Rep. Lynn Findley, a Republican from Vale who represents

Baker County in the Legislature, has also said he's worried about how the carbon bill could affect Ash Grove Cement's plant at Durkee in Baker County, which employs about 115 people.

OBITUARY

Phil Stevenson

Baker City, 1930-2019

Phil Stevenson, 88, died peacefully Feb. 12, 2019, with his wife, Bev, by his side.

A private graveside service took place Saturday, Feb. 16 with Pastor Lennie Spooner officiating. A celebration of life will be held for all friends and family in the spring to be announced at a later date.

Born on Sept. 15, 1930, at Solo, Arkansas, to Mary Lula and Bill Stevenson, Phil was the third of four sons.

The family moved to Oklahoma for a short while when Phil was an infant. This was during the Great Depression and the family was experiencing some very rough times. In an effort to improve their situation, when Phil was 4 years old, they moved to Emmett, Idaho, joining other family members. This was a new beginning for the family, but it was a life filled with a lot of hard work. Emmett became home, and Phil grew up and received his education there. He always had sense of humor, even as a kid growing up.

During his teens, he was an accomplished rodeo rider. He rode the famous horse, Five Minutes to Midnight with the picture of his ride featured on a postcard. He had a moment of fame, never to be forgotten!

At the age of 16, he tried to enlist in the Navy, but his father put a halt to that plan. Not one to give up, at the age of 17 he accomplished this goal. He worked as

an aircraft mechanic while he served his time in the service.

Being around airplanes spurred an interest to become a pilot himself. This goal was achieved several years later when he took flying lessons from J.O. Maxwell and also in Portland. His flying skills were impeccable. He earned a commercial license and flew for different agencies as well as private entities. During the 60s, he was also a co-owner of Baker Aviation, and owned his own Cessna.

Phil married Susan Weaver and from that union were born three children, Philip, JD and Debby Sue.

His vocational interests during his life time took him in many directions. He went from being a farm kid during his younger years to working construction in many states including locally, being a Baker City Police officer, and running his own business as a secondhand store known as the Baker Bargain Center. He expanded this business and became an RV and mobile home dealer.

On Nov. 19, 1977, he married Bev, and they worked side by side in the mobile home business. In the early 1980s, he and Bev expanded and started their storage business. This has continued to the present time, with him staying actively involved despite some health issues.

During all of these ventures, it was certainly true of him, "you can take the kid off the farm, but you can't take the farm out of the kid." His many years in Haines and prior while living in Baker, he had animals. Farming was in his

blood as well as his love of animals. This was illustrated time and time again, as he would try to help or rescue the smallest to the largest, in distress. Many times during his later years, he expressed regret that he had hunted and killed game animals, especially deer, reflecting on the personal side of "who Phil was." He enjoyed so much being able to see the deer after he moved to town, when they invaded the neighborhood or grazed on the golf course. They continued to be a wonderful diversion to occupational stresses.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge and also affiliated with the Church of the Nazarene.

A loving father, grandfather and husband to Bev for over 41 years, he will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his wife, the love of his life, Bev; his children, Deb Sue Hamby (Glenn), Philip Rick (Ellen), J.D. "Joe"; step-children Jeannie McGill (John), Jeff Heaton; six grandchildren, two step-grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and three step-great-grandchildren; his sister-in-law, Eva Stevenson; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his brothers and a good friend, Jim Hanley.

Memorial contributions in memory of Phil can be made to the charity of one's choice through Coles Tribute Center, 1950 Place St., Baker City, OR 97814.

To light a candle in memory of Phil, go to www.coletributecenter.com

NEWS OF RECORD

DEATHS

Andrew "Andy" Pinard: 43, of Oxbow, died Feb. 17, 2019, at his home. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Online condolences may be made at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com

FUNERALS PENDING

Grover Mann: Memorial ser-

vice will be Saturday, Feb. 23, at 2 p.m. at the Seventh-day Adventist Church, 42171 Chico Road in Baker City. Friends are invited to join the family for a potluck reception at the church after the service. The family suggests memorial contributions to the Seventh-day Adventist Church or Heart 'N Home 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

POLICE LOG

Baker City Police
PROBATION VIOLATION (Oregon State Parole Board warrant): Daniel James Rothenberger, 36, 1783 1/2 Valley Ave., 2:59 p.m. Sunday at his home; jailed.
DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF INTOXICANTS: David Paul Dykstra, 30, 3780 1/2 10th St., 2:17 a.m. Sunday at Clark and Baker streets.
CONTEMPT OF COURT, THIRD-DEGREE ASSAULT, ATTEMPT TO

ELUDE, INTERFERING WITH A PEACE OFFICER (Baker County Circuit Court warrants): James Dewayne Reedy, 52, 2339 E St., 6:55 p.m. Saturday at Main and C streets; jailed.

VIOLATION OF RELEASE AGREEMENT (Baker County Circuit Court warrants): Eric Lee Cayvelli, 28, 1600 Eldon St., 9:40 a.m. Saturday at his home; jailed. He was also cited later at the Baker County Jail with fourth-degree assault on a warrant from Marion County.

PROBATION VIOLATION: Kenny Lee Hellman, 50, Baker City, 12:27 p.m. Saturday at Estes and 11th streets; jailed.



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