

Local

BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

FRIDAY, FEB. 22

- **Baker City Golf Board:** Regular meeting, 8 a.m., Conference room upstairs at City Hall, 1655 First St.
- **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. 26

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 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. at Crossroads Carnegie Art Center, Peterson's Gallery.

MONDAY, MARCH 4

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

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

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald February 21, 1969

Mayor Ralph McNeil presented the Baker Jaycee's Distinguished Service Award for 1968 to Dick Hindman Jr. at their annual DSA banquet Thursday evening.

The guest speaker for the evening, Bob Bolinder, vice president of Albertsons Food Stores Inc., told the capacity crowd in the Shangrila Room that change is the only thing that remains constant.

25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald February 21, 1994

The Baker City Council Tuesday night will discuss restriping most of Campbell Street to include a center turn lane.

That was one of the recommendations in a traffic report done for the city last year. The center turn lane would be from Main Street to the freeway, and would reduce parking on one or possibly both sides of the street.

10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald February 20, 2009

The market value of Baker County's crops and livestock increased by 31 percent between 2002 and 2007. The average production per farm or ranch rose slightly more, by about 34 percent.

According to the Census of Agriculture, which was released last week, the value of products escalated from an average of \$67,453 per farm in 2002 to \$90,316 in 2007.

ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald February 21, 2018

Discussion of how the Baker School District plans to take its proposal for long-range school improvements to a broader audience will continue this week.

Superintendent Mark Witty said Tuesday that he will be meeting with others Friday "to develop and solidify" ways to gather input and listen to the thoughts of District patrons who were not involved in the earlier process.

A 24-member committee spent the past year developing the long-range facilities plan that was presented to the Baker School Board on Feb. 15.

It is too early to say when the District might seek voter approval of a bond measure of up to \$50 million to fund the proposed improvements.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, Feb. 18

2 - 6 - 21 - 27 - 31 - 46

Next jackpot: \$8.4 million

MEGA MILLIONS, Feb. 19

17 - 24 - 34 - 56 - 65 Mega 3

Next jackpot: \$224 million

WIN FOR LIFE, Feb. 18

18 - 39 - 59 - 62

PICK 4, Feb. 19

• 1 p.m.: 3 - 7 - 8 - 0

• 4 p.m.: 9 - 5 - 5 - 1

• 7 p.m.: 0 - 1 - 5 - 2

• 10 p.m.: 1 - 7 - 0 - 3

LUCKY LINES, Feb. 19

4-8-12-15-17-24-26-31

Next jackpot: \$53,000

SENIOR MENUS

- **THURSDAY:** Spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans, garlic breadstick, green salad, apple crisp
- **FRIDAY:** Chef salad, cup of soup, breadstick, macaroni salad, 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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Baker man killed by accidental gunshot

A Baker City man died Tuesday night of what authorities believe was an accidental gunshot wound.

George Sherman Van Cleave, 76, died Tuesday night on Job Creek Road in the Unity area.

Baker County Dispatch received a report of the incident

at 6:08 p.m. Tuesday, a Sheriff's Office press release stated.

Deputies found Van Cleave lying next to a pickup truck in the driveway of a residence on Job Creek Road when they arrived.

According to the press release, Van Cleave's hunting

partner, Richard Toubeaux, 70, of Baker City was in the process of securing a rifle in the pickup after the two men had returned from a hunting trip in the area. The rifle discharged, fatally striking Van Cleave, the press release stated.

Baker County Sheriff's depu-

ties, Oregon State Police and emergency responders from the Unity/Burnt River and Baker City fire and rescue departments responded.

District Attorney Matt Shurtleff said today that police reports will be forwarded to his office for review.

INLAND

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Hensley said the insurance investigator will remove the swamp cooler as well as the griddle vent system. That section of the building, which sustained significant

fire damage, won't be cleaned up until the investigator has examined it, Hensley said.

"We're just waiting," she said Monday afternoon.

The project isn't completely on hold, however.

Hensley said the engineer designing the reconstruction

has already ordered some materials, and is working with the city's building department to obtain permits.

Hensley has also posted several updates on the Inland Cafe's Facebook page.

These include a Feb. 3 post in which Hensley, citing

"boredom" as she waits for the reconstruction to start, asks people to suggest ideas for decorating the revitalized restaurant.

Hensley said that despite the recent delays, she still hopes to reopen the Inland by June 1.

REFUNDS

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For most people in the middle class those changes mean they kept more of the money they earned during 2018.

But some people probably didn't notice that their take-home pay was higher throughout the year, Huntington said.

They were much more likely, however, to notice if their refund was substantially smaller than the previous year.

"That caught some people by surprise," Huntington said.

She said she has explained, by comparing clients' tax returns for this year with the previous year, how their actual tax rate dropped even though their refund was smaller.

"I think people are understanding what's happening when you take the time to walk them through it," Huntington said.

Kent Bailey, a CPA at Guyer and Associates in Baker City, has had similar conversations with clients who wondered why their refund this year is smaller than in previous years — by several hundred dollars in some cases.

Bailey said he showed clients that although their refunds were smaller, their net income, after taxes, increased by a larger amount due to the reduced federal withholding.

"They don't necessarily notice the \$50 extra in every paycheck throughout the year, but they notice the smaller refund," he said.

In addition to having less money withheld from their paychecks, many workers, especially those with families, have benefited from other provisions in the tax reform bill, Huntington said.

Those include the doubling of the standard deduction for married couples — to \$24,000 — and doubling the child tax credit to \$2,000 per qualifying child.

For many taxpayers those increased deductions completely, or nearly, offset the loss of the individual exemptions in the 2017 tax bill, Bailey said.

Those exemptions in previous years allowed taxpayers to reduce their taxable income by \$4,050 for each qualifying person in a household, including spouse and dependent children.

ARREST

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Phillips also called her relative, who confirmed that nobody was supposed to be in the home.

Cindy Fortin then returned to the home with Olive Phillips, who had a shotgun.

Fortin said Phillips yelled for the people inside to come out of the home, after firing one shot into the air "to warn

them."

Fortin said a woman came out first.

She said a man then walked out of the house.

"He was real lippy" to Phillips when Phillips ordered the man to sit on the ground next to the woman.

Fortin's husband, Mike, arrived soon after, also armed with a shotgun.

Eric Colton of the Baker County Sheriff's Office then arrived.

Cindy Fortin said the man, later identified as Deylen Scott Loos, 33, of Meridian, "smarted off" to Colton but eventually emptied his pockets as Colton ordered him to do.

Both Loos and the woman, later identified as Pearl Naomi Adair, 38, of Boise, were arrested and taken to the Baker County Jail.

They were originally charged with burglary and theft, but District Attorney

Matt Shurtleff said two court rulings from 2018 require that prosecutors be able to prove that a person entered a building with the intent to commit a crime.

Loos and Adair are charged with first-degree trespassing, as well as theft and criminal mischief. They were released from the jail.

Fortin said Durkee is a "real tight-knit community." "Everybody here watches out for each other," she said.

OBITUARY

Joseph Ercolin

La Grande, 1939-2019

Joseph Paul Ercolin, 80, of La Grande, died Feb. 3, 2019, at St. Alphonsus Medical Center in Boise.

His memorial service will take place Friday, Feb. 22, at 10 a.m. at the Union Methodist Church.

Joseph was born on Jan. 29, 1939, at Bellingham, Washington, to Michael and Dorothy (Holland) Ercolin.



Joseph Ercolin

He resided in Vero Beach, Florida, in Utah, in Portland and in La Grande. He graduated from Vero Beach High School and attended Utah State University and Portland State University. He served our country while in the United States Army.

Joseph was employed with the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Oregon public schools. He enjoyed photography, woodworking, rockhounding, gold mining and much more. He was president of Eastern Oregon Miners and Prospectors for a couple of years.

Joseph is survived by his wife, Patty; his daughter, Shauna Boles of La Grande; one grandchild, several nieces and nephews and several aunts and uncles.

He was preceded in death by his brothers, James, Charlie and Patrick.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Blue Mountain Humane Society, 3212 Highway 30, La Grande, OR 97850.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.lovelandfuneral-chapel.com

NEWS OF RECORD

DEATHS

Patrick Thomas Galligan: 76, of Baker City, died Feb. 18, 2019, at Saint Alphonsus Medical Center in Baker City. His memorial service will take place Friday, Feb. 22, at 10:30 a.m. at Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., with Pastor Lennie Spooner of the First Church of the Nazarene officiating. To light a candle in memory of Patrick, or to leave a condolence for his family and caretakers, go to www.grayswestco.com

FUNERALS PENDING

Grover Mann: Memorial service 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.tamispinevalleyfuneral-home.com

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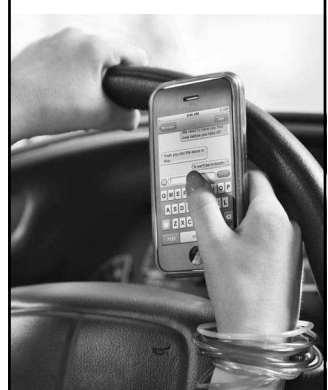
Bobby Buxton: A Celebration of life and potluck reception is scheduled at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, February 23, at the Eagles Lodge, 2935 H St. in Baker City. For those who would like to make a donation in memory of Bobby, the family requests contributions to help defray funeral expenses through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home and Cremation Services, P.O. Box 543, Halfway, OR 97834. Online condolences can be made at www.tamispinevalleyfuneral-home.com

POLICE LOG

Baker City Police
CRIMINAL TRESPASSING: Jessica Dianne Stricker, 41, of Hermiston, 7:52 p.m. Monday, in the 1900 block of Main Street; jailed and later released.

Oregon State Police
POSSESSION OF LSD (more than 40 user units), POSSESSION OF ECSTASY (1 gram or more or five or more pills), IMPORT/EXPORT MARIJUANA ITEMS, NO DRIVERS LICENSE and EXCEEDING SPEED LIMIT: Daniel James Amore, 27, of Boise, 9:28 a.m. Saturday, on Interstate 84 about 10 miles north of Baker City; jailed and later released.

Don't text and drive... you won't have to come see us!



Joe Scott's Premier Auto Body, Inc.
2390 Broadway, Baker City
541-523-5223

ELTRYM THEATER

MOVIE SHOWTIMES February 15-21

ALITA: BATTLE ANGEL PG-13
FRI-SUN: (4:00) 7:00, 9:35
MON: (4:00) 7:00 TUES-THURS: 7:00

THE LEGO MOVIE 2: THE SECOND PART PG
FRI-SUN: (4:10) 7:10, 9:40
MON: (4:10) 7:10 TUES-THURS: 7:10

GLASS PG-13
FRI-SUN: (3:50) 6:50, 9:30
MON: (3:50) 6:50 TUES-THURS: 6:50
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