

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, 2020 Auburn Ave.; no charge.

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. at Crossroads, Peterson's Gallery, Broderick's Gallery and others.

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.

THURSDAY, MARCH 7

- **Baker School Board:** 6 p.m., Council chambers at Baker City Hall, 1655 First St.; rescheduled from the usual third Thursday of the month.

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald February 22, 1969

HALFWAY — The completed plan for the Pine Valley Watershed project was reviewed by the board of the Pine Valley Water Control District and representatives of the Soil Conservation Service and Forest Service here recently.

The plan includes land treatment measures for protection and improvement of watershed lands — estimated cost \$1,541,240.

25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald February 22, 1994

Baker High School students did well at the district Future Business Leaders of America competition Feb. 8 in La Grande.

10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald February 23, 2009

A tiny morsel of the federal stimulus package could be coming to Baker City.

And although the amounts are minuscule compared with the total \$787 billion package, the money should have noticeable effects here.

ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald February 23, 2018

Baker County Commissioners decided Wednesday to move ahead with a plan to clean up the county-owned abandoned lime plant near Huntington.

The county will contribute about \$205,000 to the project, which has a total estimated cost of \$520,000.

That's \$100,000 less than the figure Bill Harvey, chairman of the Board of Commissioners, gave during a work session last week when commissioners Mark Bennett and Bruce Nichols said they were concerned about the county agreeing to the project due to the cost.

Harvey said the change in the cost estimate resulted from a contractor revising the projection it provided to Ash Grove Cement Co. last year. The initial estimate did not include some minor demolition work the county has done at the property, which covers about 900 acres. The county acquired the property in 1999 through property tax delinquency.

Ash Grove has agreed to spend \$315,000 on the cleanup.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, Feb. 20

22 - 31 - 39 - 41 - 43 - 48
Next jackpot: \$8.5 million

POWERBALL, Feb. 20

27 - 49 - 50 - 51 - 52 PB 2
Next jackpot: \$304 million

WIN FOR LIFE, Feb. 20

11 - 15 - 27 - 65

PICK 4, Feb. 21

- 1 p.m.: 3 - 8 - 5 - 1
- 4 p.m.: 6 - 6 - 6 - 0
- 7 p.m.: 9 - 3 - 8 - 4
- 10 p.m.: 4 - 7 - 8 - 6

LUCKY LINES, Feb. 21

1-89-16-20-23-27-30
Next jackpot: \$55,000

SENIOR MENUS

- **MONDAY:** Pork tips over fettuccine, broccoli-blend vegetables, biscuit, coleslaw, brownie
- **TUESDAY:** Hot turkey sandwich, stuffing and gravy, mixed vegetables, fruit cup, rice 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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ROADS

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Although the federal travel rule dates to 2005, it wasn't until the spring of 2007 that the Wallowa-Whitman started working on a Travel Management Plan for the 2.3-million-acre national forest, which has its headquarters in Baker City.

The basic concept is that each national forest must create a plan that designates which roads and trails are open to motor vehicles. All other routes are closed to motor vehicles, although the 2005 rule doesn't include snowmobiles.

Many local residents have advocated since 2007 that the Wallowa-Whitman should retain its current "open" forest

in which roads are open to motor vehicles unless designated as closed.

In March 2012 the Wallowa-Whitman unveiled a Travel Management Plan that called for banning motor vehicles on about 3,000 miles of roads on the forest.

That provoked widespread opposition, including by Rep. Greg Walden, R-Ore., and the Wallowa-Whitman withdrew the plan a month later.

County Commission Chairman Bill Harvey said the petition was months in the making as officials from the six counties worked together. The petition was written with help from lawyers in Harney County: Baker, Harney and Wallowa County were the counties most involved creating the petition, Harvey said.

MANAGER

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"Everybody makes mistakes but you shouldn't be making that kind of mistake and I feel a little strongly about that," Nichols said.

Schirack has been working as museum manager since Feb. 11. Her contract continues through Jan. 31, 2020, and includes a salary of \$2,000 per month for 28 hours per week. That's about \$170 per month less than her predecessor, Carly Annable, earned.

Annable resigned from the job Nov. 8 after taking a job in Independence, near Salem.

Schirack, who was chosen from among about 10 applicants, oversees both the Baker Heritage Museum and the Leo Adler House.

Schirack declined to comment about her arrest.

"We don't anticipate this having an impact on her ability to perform her duties at the Museum," Martin wrote in an email to the Herald. "We discussed the

matter with Maggie and she assured us that transportation would not be an issue and that she will keep us informed of any new information as it becomes available."

Nichols said he was told Tuesday that the county has notified Schirack by letter that if she is unable to drive due to her arrest, the county would end her contract.

According to her contract the county can terminate Schirack at any time without cause. If that happened she would receive her salary prorated through her termination date. She would also be paid for unused leave in accordance with county policy.

Bennett said he believes a person is innocent until proven guilty and that if any action is taken he thinks it should be up to the Museum Board.

Schirack is scheduled to be arraigned March 5 at 9 a.m. in La Grande on the misdemeanor charge.

According to La Grande Police Department records, Officer Ryan Herbel talked with Schirack after a witness who was driving behind Schirack reported that the gray Chevrolet pickup

truck Schirack was driving was swerving "all over the road."

When Herbel found Schirack's truck it was parked. According to police reports, Schirack got out of the truck holding one of her dogs and walked toward Herbel and two other officers, Deputy Justin Hernandez and Senior Officer Jared Rogers. She stumbled while walking, according to reports.

Schirack refused to take a Breathalyzer test, according to La Grande Police Lt. Gary Bell. A blood test showed Schirack's blood alcohol concentration of .16, which is twice the legal limit in Oregon.

After returning to her car at the instructions of Officer Herbel, Schirack said she had not had anything to drink and she could just walk home.

The penalty for a first time DUI conviction can range from 48 hours to a year in jail and a monetary fine. In some cases first-time offenders are eligible for diversion programs that lead to the charges being dismissed.

OBITUARIES

Joseph Mahon

West Valley City, Utah, 1982-2018

Joseph Patrick Mahon, 36, of West Valley City, Utah, died Oct. 4, 2018.

Funeral mass for Joseph will take place on Saturday, March 30 at 11 a.m. at St. Martin de Porres, 4914 S 2000 W in Taylorsville, Utah.

Joseph was born June 15, 1982, at South Bend, Indiana. A lifelong Notre Dame fan, he moved to Salt Lake City with his family in 1993. He attended Eisenhower Middle School and Judge Memorial High school, where he was quarterback and graduated in 2001. In 2008 he enlisted in the Army and served at Al Asad Air base with the 731st EOD company.

Upon his honorable discharge, he worked with his father at Glacier Mechanical in Salt Lake City; Ashcroft in Oregon; University of Utah Health Center in Daybreak; Hogle Zoo in Salt Lake City; and he was working for Carrier Corp in West Valley City at the time of his death.

Joseph is survived by his parents, Peggy and Maurice Mahon of Taylorsville; his sister, Colleen Croff (Danny, Caleb, Isaac, and Sedona) of South Jordan, Utah; his wife, April Mahon, and their combined eight children: Lily, Lia and Connor of Baker City, and Miya, Elise, Joseph, Evie, and baby Alice Mahon of Salt Lake City.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to The EOD Warrior Foundation.

Patrick Galligan

Baker City, 1942-2019

Patrick Thomas Galligan, 76, of Baker City, died Feb. 18, 2019, at Saint Alphonsus Medical Center in Baker City.

His memorial service was this morning at Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel with Pastor Lennie Spooner of the First Church of the Nazarene officiating.

Patrick was born on Aug. 8, 1942, at Redmond to William and Margaret (Moulton) Galligan. For 33 years he was involved in the vocational program through Step Forward Activities. He had a great laugh, an infectious smile, he loved food and he loved to lay in the sun.

One of the most memorable things about Patrick was his ability to teach others how to love unconditionally. He will be sorely missed by his family, the residents and staff of Step Forward Activities and all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

Patrick is survived by his brother, Bill Galligan; his nephew, Bill Galligan; and his second family at Step Forward.

To light a candle in memory of Patrick or to leave a condolence for his family and caretakers, go to www.grayswestco.com

Lars Larson

Formerly of Baker City, 1935-2019

Lars Bernhard Larson Jr., 83, of Vancouver, Washington, and a former Baker City resident, died of a heart attack Feb.

12, 2019.

A celebration of his life will take place March 2 at 2 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church at 309 W. 39th St. in Vancouver.

Lars was born on Aug. 30, 1935, at Hot Lake, near La Grande, to Lars and Mary Larson. He spent his childhood in Baker City and graduated from Baker High School in 1953.

After serving in the Air Force, he moved to Portland. He attended Portland State University and Lewis & Clark Law School. He worked for Crown Cork & Seal in Portland.

Lars married Georgia Ann Larsen in 1970 and moved to Vancouver. They had a long, happy marriage and enjoyed traveling the world together. Georgia passed away in 2016.

Lars was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Vancouver. He volunteered in many roles there and with other community organizations.

Lars is survived by his son, Karl Bernhard Larson of Redwood City, California; his siblings, Audrey Moser, Barrie Larson and Carol Snyder; his in-laws, Ardyth Savage, Oliver Larsen and Rev. Ivan Larsen; many nieces and nephews; and his dear friend Zetta Reimers.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Sandra, and his brother, Eric.

The family asks that memorial donations be made to Trinity's Memorial Fund, trinityvancouver.org/, or the Share House, sharevancouver.org/



Lars Larson



Patrick Galligan

DEATHS

Frances June "Nan" Martin:

92, of Baker City, died Feb. 19, 2019, at her home. There will be a celebration of her life from noon to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, March 9, at the Eagles Club, 2935 H St. Memorial contributions may be made to Heart 'n' Home Hospice through Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave. Baker City, OR 97814. To light a candle in memory of Nan, go to www.grayswestco.com

Dana Lee: 58, of Baker City, died Feb. 21, 2019, at St. Alphonsus Medical Center in Baker City. Gray's West & Co. is in charge of arrangements. To light a candle in memory of Dana or to leave a condolence for the family, 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

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 may be made at www.tamispinevalleyfuneral-home.com

POLICE LOG

Baker City Police
PAROLE VIOLATION (Union County warrant): Billy Wayne Lambert, 46, of La Grande, 10:56 a.m. Wednesday, at Valley Avenue and Resort Street; jailed.
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF II,

DISORDERLY CONDUCT II and HARASSMENT (two counts): Ryan Alexander Bravo, 31, of Richland, Washington, 6:32 p.m. Wednesday, in the 1400 block of Campbell Street; jailed; police said Bravo damaged a sign at the Wheatland Insurance Center office on Campbell Street and scuffled with officers who responded to the scene to arrest him.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT III and CRIMINAL MISCHIEF III: Dale Steven Barnard, 34, of Spokane, Washington, 12:59 a.m. Thursday, at the Courthouse; police said Barnard vandalized a cigarette disposal container and spilled its contents on the Courthouse grounds and reportedly was yelling and screaming during the episode.

CONTEMPT OF COURT (Baker Justice Court warrant): Timothy Gregg Lovell, 53, of 880 Elm St., No. 220, 8:49 a.m. Thursday, in the 3000 block of Campbell Street; jailed and later released on bail.

VIOLATION OF RELEASE AGREEMENT: Clerisa Lynn Kenworthy, 23, of 2365 Carter St., 12:13 p.m. Thursday, at her home; jailed.

Baker County Sheriff
POST-PRISON SUPERVISION

VIOLATION and FAILURE TO APPEAR (Union County warrants): Tyson James Burningham, 35, of 1336 Dewey Ave., 2:17 p.m. Thursday, at the Baker County Jail where he was being held on a warrant charging him with drug crimes; Burningham was granted a conditional release on the Baker County charges and transported to Union County on charges contained in the new warrants, according to the jail staff.

Baker City Fire Dept.
Thursday, Feb. 21, 1:20 a.m. — Fire Chief John Clark said firefighters were called to the 1200 block of Broadway to investigate a suspicious fire in a 16-foot cargo trailer parked on the street. The trailer had been stolen earlier and then had been parked on the street for about 24 hours before it burned, Clark said. The trailer was fully involved in the blaze when firefighters arrived. A generator that had been stored in the trailer was stolen before the fire started, Clark said. Other contents were destroyed in the fire and the trailer was heavily damaged. Police are investigating.