

Local

BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

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, 2020 Auburn Ave.; no charge.

■ **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 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.

MONDAY, MARCH 11

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

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald February 25, 1969

In a letter to the city council, which was read during the regular council meeting Monday evening, Leo Adler advised that he will donate another ambulance to the city.

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

A Meridian, Idaho, man has been hired to replace Brian Cole as city/county economic development director.

Roger Lee, 25, will start work March 9 in the position Cole left earlier this year. Cole took a similar job with the Oregon Economic Development Department.

10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald February 25, 2009

Baker City Councilors spent the bulk of their meeting Tuesday debating what the city will look like in the coming years.

And in particular what its signs should look like.

The focus wasn't on Baker City's deteriorating pavement or the mile of water pipe that will be replaced this upcoming fiscal year in the watershed in the Elkhorn Mountains.

ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald February 26, 2018

A Sunday evening snowstorm of surprising intensity woke Baker City's snowplows from their winter-long slumber and gave Baker students a rare snow day.

Light snow fell occasionally during the day but it didn't stick.

That changed around 6 p.m. Snow fell heavily for the next four hours or so.

About eight inches accumulated during that period, adding to the three to four inches from Saturday morning's storm.

At midnight crews from the Baker City Public Works Department, which hadn't plowed streets this winter (they have spread sand and salt several times), started plowing and piling snow on heavily traveled routes.

Baker School District officials announced about 5:30 a.m. that classes would be canceled for the first time this winter. The district office was open today.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, Feb. 23

6 - 10 - 11 - 12 - 34 - 42

Next jackpot: \$8.6 million

POWERBALL, Feb. 23

4 - 6 - 14 - 20 - 32 PB 13

Next jackpot: \$332 million

MEGA MILLIONS, Feb. 22

18 - 24 - 31 - 34 - 55 Mega 4

Next jackpot: \$245 million

WIN FOR LIFE, Feb. 23

32 - 33 - 65 - 71

PICK 4, Feb. 24

• 1 p.m.: 8 - 0 - 7 - 5

• 4 p.m.: 8 - 2 - 8 - 7

• 7 p.m.: 9 - 5 - 9 - 0

• 10 p.m.: 1 - 3 - 1 - 7

LUCKY LINES, Feb. 24

4-6-11-16-18-24-25-29

Next jackpot: \$58,000

SENIOR MENUS

■ **TUESDAY:** Hot turkey sandwich, stuffing and gravy, mixed vegetables, fruit cup, rice pudding

■ **WEDNESDAY:** Chicken-fried chicken, potatoes and gravy, tomato, green beans, roll, pea-and-onion salad, birthday cake

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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Nan Martin

Baker City

Frances June (Nan) Martin, 92, died Feb. 19, 2019, at her home.

There will be a celebration of her life on Saturday, March 9 from noon to 3:30 p.m. at the Eagles Club, 2935 H St.

Nan was born at Everett, Washington. She married Dan Martin in 1944, and they moved to Bellingham, Washington. She took pride in her career as a homemaker, and as a waitress, working at Virginia's Cafe in Bellingham, before moving the family to Baker City in 1960, then working at the Spudnut Donut Shop, where she saved her weekly earnings to buy a maple dining room set from Gert Neuberger Furniture. She waitressed at the old Blue & White Cafe on Dewey Avenue, then the new Blue & White on Main, as well as the Fireside Inn for many years.

In 1962, Nan and Dan bought a small homestead at Salisbury Junction where they lived and ranched for more than 50 years. They built a house and raised cattle, sheep, pigs, chickens and a few horses. For the first 5 years they had no electricity nor indoor plumbing. Nan taught her girls to iron their school clothes using irons heated on the kitchen wood stove.

Nan was a very nurturing person to anyone needing her help, whether it be human or animal. She especially looked forward to her grandchildren coming out to visit. She and Dan loved when the family came for dinner. The more the better, with everyone sitting around her maple table eating and telling stories.

Nan saved denim jeans and made quilts for all her children in her later years. She and Dan were together over 75 years before his passing in May of 2018.

Nan is survived by her five children: Cheryl Martin, Karen (Tom) Rudolph, Daphne (Lary) Hall, and Ilo (Ed) Widman, all of Baker City, and Dann (Betty) Martin of Harper; her sisters, Beverly (Don) Diggins of Wallowa, Susan (George) Braughton, and Kathleen (Kerry) Kirsire of Baker City; as well as numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Leonard and Bernice Backlund; and her brothers, William Backlund, Richard Backlund, Roland Backlund and Leslie Backlund.

The family requests that



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Nan Martin

in lieu of flowers, donations 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 for Nan or to leave a condolence for her family, to www.grayswestco.com

Thelma Elliott

Formerly of Baker City,

Thelma Temple Elliott, 69, of Land O'Lakes, Florida, and a former Baker City resident, died Feb. 19, 2019.



Thelma Elliott

A memorial service for Thelma will take place on Aug. 24, 2019, at Baker City. Thelma was born at Harman, Tennessee, to Harlan and Mayme Garrett. She was the eighth child of the 12 children Harlan and Mayme raised up. In 1953, the family moved cross country from Tennessee to Baker City, where she resided through high school. Thelma then attended Treasure Valley Community College in Ontario. It was during this time that she was introduced to her husband and love of her life, Daniel. They moved to Portland and raised 3 beautiful daughters as well as helping to raise countless others. In later years Thelma moved to Illinois, Michigan and finally to Florida.

Thelma's life was busy with kids, work, managing Daniel's and her rental properties, and traveling around the world. She enjoyed cooking, gardening and traveling as hobbies but she loved spending time with her grandchildren the most. Thelma was known for her kind heart and laughter. She never met a stranger, she was selfless, giving anything she had to help others. She was Catholic in faith. She was well loved and will be missed by everyone who had the good fortune of knowing her.

Thelma is survived by her daughters, Tiffany Fenton and her husband, Matthew, Jennifer VanderVere and her husband, Paul, and Shannon Elliott and her husband, Matthew Fisher; her brothers, John Garrett and his wife, Marge, Kenny Garrett and his wife, Arlene; her sister, Amber Emery and her husband, Doug; her sister-in-law, Mary Ellen Esser; her brother-in-law, Stan Elliott and his wife, Parvaneh; 7 grandchildren, 1 great-granddaughter and countless nieces and nephews.

Thelma was preceded in death by her parents, Harlan

and Mayme; her loving husband, Daniel Elliott; and her siblings, Ray, Euna Fay, Jackie, Jimmy, Clifford, Bobby, Debbie and Lenny.

Andy Pinard

Oxbow, 1975-2019

Andrew "Andy" Pinard, 43, of Oxbow, died Feb. 17, 2019, at his home.

A memorial service will take place on Friday, March 15 (time to be announced) at Wild Bill's in Halfway.

Andrew Michael was born March 15, 1975, at Portland. He spent his first three years in Gresham before the family relocated to Eastern Oklahoma. He spent those primary years running barefoot and shirtless with his brothers, Graham and Mitchell, through the open fields and wild places surrounding their rural homes. He was lovable, curious, adventurous, and fearless. Those traits would follow him throughout his life and would often land him into trouble, especially during those early years. On one outing with his brothers, Andy found himself exhausted from the day's adventure and scouted for a suitable place to take a break. Finding a "natural chair" he energetically seated himself on a large dirt mound not realizing it was the dome of a fire ant hill.

Within moments he realized the folly of his resting place and found himself screaming, ripping off his shorts, and running naked through the open field trying to flee the assault he was receiving from the ants. This is how Andy addressed adversity throughout his life — loud, boisterous, and with comical fanfare for the rest of us to admire and remember him by.

Andy moved back to La Grande where he attended Greenwood Elementary School and La Grande High School. Andy was active in wrestling and football, and he was a member of the choir program while attending LHS. Whether in the choir or onstage in the musical "Oklahoma" and the "Little Shop of Horrors" his personality and enthusiasm were always shining.

After graduating high school, Andy attended the Western Culinary Institute to pursue a culinary career. Andy loved flavor! More important Andy loved sharing his culinary creations and quickly found that cooking was his gift. After school Andy

worked in Portland for a short period. In 2003 he moved to Pine Creek where for over a decade he helped run Thompson's Hells Canyon Inn with his family. Whether it be his smoked prime rib, snake bite burger, or handcut French fries, Andy aimed to bring zeal and authenticity not just to food but to serving others. Most recently Andy worked for Wild Bill's in Halfway.

Andy loved Hells Canyon. It was his heart and soul and the place he considered home. He genuinely loved and cared for all the things the canyon had to offer except for the damn squirrel that became his constant nemesis outside his window every morning at 5:30 a.m.

When not working Andy loved to fish. It didn't matter if he was reeling in a tiny smallmouth bass off the dock on the river, hooking a colorful steelhead below Hells Canyon Dam, or fighting a barracuda off the shores of Mexico, Andy loved the thrill of the catch. It was when he was fishing with friends and family that he found his true happiness. He was a loving son, brother, uncle, and friend. As a dedicated uncle he wore many bruises from play sessions in the backyard with his niece and nephews, as well as the countless "adopted" playmates and children of his friends and extended family.

Andy will be remembered for his sense of humor, that knew no boundaries and his genuine, kind, and playful spirit. As many will attest Andy was a fierce and loyal friend and if you were fortunate to be in his "pack" you were well protected. His loyalty to his friends was rivaled only by his devotion to the Oakland Raiders. As a diehard fan Andy's mood on a Sunday during football season was set by the success or failure of the Oakland Raiders. Unfortunately, it was hard to be around Andy most Sundays these past few football seasons but that never stopped him from hoping and believing that success was one play away.

Andrew is survived by his mother, Lynne Thompson; his father, William Pinard and his wife, Bonnie Pinard; his brothers, Graham Pinard and Nathan Pinard; his sister, Stacy Campbell; his nephews, Drew Pinard, Parker Pinard and Garrett Miller; his nieces, Emmeline Pinard and Sarah Feldhacker; and his uncles, Joe Langella and Bob Turk.

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NEWS OF RECORD

DEATHS

George Sherman VanCleave Jr.: 76, of Baker City, died Feb. 19, 2019, near Unity. Service details will be announced later. Memorial contributions may be made to the Tyler VanCleave Memorial Scholarship Fund through Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814. To light a candle for Sherman or to leave a condolence for the family, go to www.grayswestco.com
Richard "Dick" Bennett: 87, of Haines, died Feb. 22, 2019, at his home, surrounded by

his family. Those who would like to make a donation to help defray funeral expenses may do so 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 Arrests, citations
FAILURE TO ABIDE BY DUII DIVERSION (Baker County Circuit Court warrant): Michael Richard Watson Jr., 35, 2750 Madison St.

No. 4, 8:09 p.m. Sunday at his home; cited and released.

CONTEMPT OF COURT, SECOND-DEGREE CRIMINAL TRESPASSING: Pearl Naomi Adair, 38, Boise, 4:01 p.m. Friday in the 2400 block of Second Street.

Baker County Sheriff's Office

Arrests, citations
VIOLATION OF RELEASE AGREEMENT (Baker County Circuit Court warrant): Kirk William Roberts, 55, unknown address, 1:34 a.m. Sunday in the 2400 block of Estes Street; jailed.

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