

Local & State

BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

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:** 6 p.m. at the Haines Library.

TUESDAY, MARCH 5

■ **Baker City Council:** Work session, 5:30 p.m., City Hall, 1655 First St.; budget orientation.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

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

■ **Baker City Council:** Work session, 5:30 p.m., City Hall, 1655 First St.; to discuss the City's capital plan.

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 March 1, 1969

There are a number of things the city administration would like to see happen in the Industrial Corporation's site along the Sumpter Highway, Vernon Jacobson, city manager, told the corporation's members.

The corporation first off should dedicate the north-south road that presently divides the property to the city. He also said there should be an east-west road running down the middle of the property.

25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald March 1, 1994

More than \$100 was taken at gunpoint from an Emmett, Idaho, truck driver shortly after he parked his truck at Baker Truck Corral Monday morning, according to Baker City Police.

10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald March 2, 2009

Baker City is only rarely what you could reasonably call soggy.

But winters around here are hardly ever as parched as this one has been.

The January-February period was the third-driest since 1920.

A total of .63 of an inch of precipitation fell at the Baker City Municipal Airport during the 59 days.

Which isn't much, even accounting for this not being a Leap Year.

The average is 1.56 inches.

ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald March 2, 2018

Thanks to a grant from the state, Richland will be getting a new fire station.

On Wednesday Baker County Commission Chairman Bill Harvey announced that the county had been awarded a \$1,288,700 Community Development Block Grant it had applied for in December to build the fire station for the Eagle Valley Rural Fire Protection District.

Ed Bowman, chairman of the Eagle Valley District's board of directors, said the quest for a new fire station has been in the works since 2009.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, Feb. 27

2 - 8 - 9 - 25 - 31 - 36

Next jackpot: \$8.8 million

POWERBALL, Feb. 27

21 - 31 - 42 - 49 - 59 PB 23

Next jackpot: \$348 million

WIN FOR LIFE, Feb. 27

7 - 17 - 56 - 65

PICK 4, Feb. 28

• 1 p.m.: 1 - 9 - 0 - 8

• 4 p.m.: 1 - 6 - 9 - 3

• 7 p.m.: 6 - 7 - 4 - 9

• 10 p.m.: 9 - 8 - 8 - 7

LUCKY LINES, Feb. 28

1-6-12-13-17-24-26-30

Next jackpot: \$10,000

SENIOR MENUS

■ **MONDAY:** Baked ham, macaroni and cheese, green beans, green salad, bread, sherbet

■ **TUESDAY:** Swedish meatballs over fettuccine, peas, bread, fruit cup, 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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Fire destroys contractor's shop near Haines

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A contractor's shop and its contents were destroyed by a Wednesday morning fire on Launchpad Lane about 10 miles northwest of Baker City.

The cause of the fire has yet to be determined, said property owner Joshua

Cobb. Volunteers with Haines and Baker rural fire departments were dispatched to 14099 Launchpad Lane at 8:55 a.m. Wednesday to extinguish the blaze.

Cobb said no one was injured and no other structures on the property were threatened by the fire. Equipment and

other personal items were stored in the shop.

"There's not much of it left," he said. Cobb is working with insurance adjusters to determine the cost of the fire damage and loss.

No other information was available in time for this report.

Political pioneer Norma Paulus dies

PORTLAND (AP) — Pioneering Oregon Republican Norma Paulus, who was the first woman elected to statewide office, has died.

Paulus died Thursday after spending time in hospice for health problems related to dementia, according to Kerry Tymchuk, a longtime friend of Paulus who succeeded her as director of the Oregon Historical Society. Paulus was 85.

"She was a pathbreaker and a history-maker," Tymchuk told the Oregonian/OregonLive.

Paulus was a member of the Legislature, Oregon's secretary of state from 1977 to 1985, her party's nominee for governor in 1986 and the state's elected superintendent of schools for two terms in the 1990s.

Fiscally conservative, Paulus was a feminist and environmentalist who crafted bipartisan legislation with Democratic women in the House in the 1970s and championed the auditor's role in the Secretary of State's office.

As the state's top elections official, she helped bring about a fair election when the Rajneeshees tried in 1984 to bus in homeless people to hijack a Wasco County election. And she first instituted vote by

mail in Oregon, backing its use in normally low-turnout special elections.

As an environmentalist, she required recycling in state office buildings, wrote legislation to limit the use of off-road vehicles on state lands and, according to her autobiography, played a key role in preserving Cape Kiwanda as a state-owned natural area.

Paulus grew up in Depression-era poverty in Eastern Oregon, didn't go to college but landed a secretary job through a hometown connection and then worked for the chief justice of the Oregon Supreme Court.

Eventually she was admitted to law school at Willamette University where she studied part time while continuing her secretarial job. While in law school, she married William "Bill" Paulus and gave birth to a daughter before graduating with honors in 1962. The couple's son, Fritz, was born the next year.

She won a seat in the Oregon House of Representatives representing Salem in 1970, at a time when the Legislature had only a handful of women.

Republican Sen. Jackie Winters of Salem said in a statement that Paulus was a role model.

"She paved the way for so many women in Oregon as the first Republican woman

elected to statewide office, Winters said. "She was a trailblazer and a true force to be reckoned with. Norma was a neighbor, a dear friend, a mentor, an inspiration, and a true servant to all Oregonians. I will miss her deeply."

Paulus also was a founding member of the Oregon Women's Political Caucus and helped push the Equal Rights Amendment in Oregon.

Paulus' autobiography, written largely by Gail Wills and Pat McCord Amacher after Paulus' health and memory began to fail, is titled "The Only Woman in the Room."

As a legislator and secretary of state, she often literally was the only woman in whatever hall of power she occupied, said Tymchuk.

In 1986, Paulus easily won the Republican nomination for governor. But in the fall, she narrowly lost her campaign battle with Neil Goldschmidt.

Ron Saxton, a lawyer and politician who advised Paulus during the campaign decades before he also became his party's nominee for that office, said she didn't like to call herself a feminist. But, he said, "she was the most feminist person I ever met, in terms of pounding away at opportunities for women."

SURVEY

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This meadow just east of Anthony Lake, at an elevation of 7,125 feet and very nearly in the shadow of Gunsight Mountain, is the last of three survey sites that Albert visited Wednesday afternoon.

The three-man crew also included Jason Yencopal, Baker County's emergency manager, and Joe Johnson, who works at the Baker County Dispatch Center.

The two other sites are at lower elevations — Little Alps, 6,200 feet, and Little Antone, 4,560. At both, three sections of pole were sufficient.

But Albert's plunge into the snowbound meadow convinced him that if he were to thrust 6 feet of aluminum into the snow here, the pole would vanish as thoroughly as his snowshoes did.

This turned out to be wise, as the snow was about 83 inches deep — 1 inch short of 7 feet — and so fully justifying the addition of the fourth section.

The numbers that Yencopal jotted down in a notebook put into numerical perspective the onslaught of storms that defined February.

The snow depth increased by 37 inches during the month.

Snow surveyors have trudged into this meadow to measure snow every winter since 1936, making it one of the older such sites in Oregon.

In just five of those 84 years — one happening 70 years to the day of the trio's arrival — did they find the snow deeper at this point in

N.E. Oregon Snowpack Report

Measuring Site	Elevation	Snow Water Equivalent (inches)				Snow Depth
		Now	Average	% of avg.	Last year	
Aneroid Lake	7,300	16.7	19.9	84	11.7	66
Anthony Lakes	7,125	26.0	19.8	131	15.7	83
Beaver Reservoir	5,150	13.2	8.8	150	6.4	55
Bourne	5,800	18.7	14.0	134	7.5	68
County Line	4,530	6.7	4.6	146	1.9	35
Eilertson Meadow	5,440	15.9	9.2	173	4.2	59
Gold Center	5,340	14.9	9.0	166	6.3	59
High Ridge	4,980	28.6	21.2	135	19.5	91
Little Alps	6,200	13.0	10.4	125	6.4	53
Little Antone	4,560	13.0	8.8	148	N/A	51
Moss Springs	5,850	23.9	20.7	115	20.1	83
Mount Howard	7,910	13.4	11.7	115	9.3	50
Schneider Meadow	5,400	35.4	25.3	140	18.8	119
Taylor Green	5,740	26.3	18.0	146	13.8	79
Tipton	5,150	13.7	11.0	125	7.6	59
Wolf Creek	5,630	18.4	14.5	127	8.1	71
AVERAGE				135		

winter.

(Surveys are done monthly, typically in the last week of a month or the first week of the next month. The official March 1 readings, then, generally represent surveys actually done between Feb. 23 and March 5.)

The top 5:

- 109 inches, Feb. 23, 1965 (this is the deepest snow ever measured at the site, at any time; in many winters the snow depth peaks around April 1)
- 96 inches, Feb. 24, 1956
- 95 inches, Feb. 27, 1949
- 92 inches, Feb. 28, 1972
- 88 inches, March 3, 1997

The situation at Anthony Lakes is representative of

much of the rest of North-eastern Oregon.

The snowpack is running about 35 percent above average. Every measuring site is reporting more snow now than at the same time a year ago. Many places have more snow now than they did on March 1, 2017, during one of the snowiest winters on record in the region.

The parade of blizzards during February is especially noteworthy because the month typically represents a sort of lull in wintry weather.

Statistically it is the second-driest month at the Baker City Airport, with an average precipitation (rain

and melted snow) of 0.63 of an inch.

(Only July, at 0.53 of an inch, is drier.)

But this February was the dampest ever at the airport, where records date to 1943.

The monthly total was 1.92 inches, eclipsing the previous record of 1.66 inches set in February 1966.

A now defunct weather station, in Baker City itself, recorded one wetter February — 1980, with a total of 2.3 inches. The total at the airport that February was 1.17 inches, reflecting that the city typically gets more precipitation than the airport, which is about 3 miles to the north.

NEWS OF RECORD

FUNERALS PENDING

Leo Haw: The rosary will be said at 7 p.m. Friday, March 8, followed by a celebration of Mass at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, March 9 at St. Francis de Sales Cathedral, First and Church streets in Baker City. Vault interment with military honors will follow at Mount Hope Cemetery, followed by a reception in the parish hall at St. Francis.

Frances June "Nan" Martin: There will be a celebration of Nan's 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

Andrew "Andy" Pinard: There will be a social hour beginning at 5 p.m. at Wild Bill's in Halfway with a celebration of Andy's life afterward at the same location. Those who would like to make a memorial donation may do so to help defray service expense through Tam's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services, P.O.

Box 543, Halfway, OR 97834. Online condolences may be made at www.taminspinevalleyfuneralhome.com

Andy Anderson: There will be a graveside service with military honors at 1 p.m. Friday, March 22, at Mount Hope Cemetery. Friends are invited to join the family at 2 p.m. for a reception at the Eagles Club, 2935 H St. Memorial contributions may be made to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Fisher House at Aurora, Colorado, through Tam's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. On-

line condolences may be made at www.taminspinevalleyfuneralhome.com

**POLICE LOG
Baker City Police
Arrests, citations**
CRIMINAL TRESPASS I, CRIMINAL TRESPASS II (two counts), CRIMINAL MISCHIEF II, RESISTING ARREST, INTERFERING WITH A POLICE OFFICER and ASSAULTING A PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER: Joshua Cameron Woodend, 28, transient, 7:13 p.m. Thursday in the 1800 block of Balm Street; jailed.