

# Local

## BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

■ **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 third Thursday; an executive (closed to the public) session will begin at 4 p.m. at the District Office, 2090 Fourth St.

### FRIDAY, MARCH 8

■ **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.

### MONDAY, MARCH 11

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

### TUESDAY, MARCH 12

■ **Baker City Parks and Recreation Advisory Board:** 5:15 p.m., City Hall, 1655 First St.

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

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

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

## TURNING BACK THE PAGES

### 50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald March 6, 1969

A cultural center in Baker is a possibility, at least Anthony Reid, executive director of the State of Oregon Arts Commission thinks so.

Agreeing wholeheartedly with him are interested residents who met with Reid in the library Wednesday afternoon and evening.

### 25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald March 7, 1994

Rep. Michael Payne, D-Baker City, today announced his candidacy for Oregon Labor and Industries Commissioner.

Payne, 24, who was elected as Oregon's youngest-ever legislator in 1992, represents District 59.

### 10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald March 6, 2009

State Sen. Ted Ferrioli has introduced a bill that would stop Idaho Power Corp. from constructing its proposed 500-kilovolt transmission line through farmland in Eastern Oregon, a route that includes 70 miles in Baker County.

### ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald March 7, 2018

All three Baker County commissioners will be listed on the May 15 primary ballot — but only two of their positions are up for election this year.

This twist came about Monday when Commissioner Bruce Nichols, who is not up for re-election, filed to run against his colleague, Bill Harvey, for Harvey's position as commission chairman (Position 3). Mike Downing, Baker City mayor, has also filed to run against Harvey.

The third commissioner, Mark Bennett, is running unopposed for a four-year term in Position 2.

Both Bennett and Harvey were elected in 2014, so their terms expire at the end of 2018.

Nichols, though, was elected in 2016 to a four-year term that continues through the end of 2020.

Nichols said Tuesday he believes he is uniquely qualified to be the county's top elected administrator due to his experience as a longtime CPA.

"I think Baker County can do better," Nichols said. "And I think I'm the person that can help Baker County do better."

## OREGON LOTTERY

### MEGABUCKS, March 4

3-5-23-33-35-36  
Next jackpot: \$9 million

### MEGA MILLIONS, March 5

15-20-32-37-52 Mega 6  
Next jackpot: \$45 million

### WIN FOR LIFE, March 4

6-21-42-69

### PICK 4, March 5

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

• 10 p.m.: 4-1-2-3

### LUCKY LINES, March 5

3-8-10-14-20-22-25-29  
Next jackpot: \$14,000

## SENIOR MENUS

- **THURSDAY:** Beef hard tacos, Spanish rice, refried beans, green salad, pudding
- **FRIDAY:** Baked cod, cup of chowder, green beans, roll, coleslaw, cheesecake

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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# 5J Board to evaluate superintendent

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An executive summary of Superintendent Mark Witty's annual evaluation by the Baker School Board will be presented Thursday night and the Board is scheduled to act on the evaluation during the meeting.

The Board will meet in regular session beginning at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 1655 First St. The meeting was rescheduled from the usual third Thursday of the month to allow the Board to meet Oregon Department of Education staffing contract deadlines.

The regular meeting will be preceded by an executive (closed to the public) session

to discuss negotiations, real property transactions and to consider information or records that are exempt by law from public inspection. The executive session will begin at 4 p.m. at the Baker School District Office, 2090 Fourth St.

The regular meeting agenda will begin with Board recognition of the Brooklyn Promise of Baker Student of the Month Nicholas Chantel-Cassaró. Morgan Delaney Stone will be honored as the Baker High School Promise of Baker Student of the Month.

The Brooklyn Parent-Teacher Organization also is scheduled to recognize businesses who support the annual Brooklyn Taco Feed.

In other business, BHS principal Greg Mitchell is scheduled to present information about the Oregon Teacher Pathway program.

Under action items, the Board will consider:

- The certified retirement of David Johnson, BHS math teacher and Baker Technical Institute construction instructor.
- Certified resignations of Deborah Butler, South Baker Intermediate special education teacher; David Laws, BHS language arts teacher; Jessica Defrees, Baker Middle School science teacher (working half time in a temporary position this year); Krystal Snodgrass, Brooklyn Primary third-

grade teacher; Kari Carter .28 full-time equivalent BHS math teacher; and Kari Anderson, .28 FTE math teacher.

- Certified new hiring of Luke Burton as South Baker Intermediate child development specialist.
- Personnel contract renewals and extensions.
- Adopting the 2019-20 budget calendar.
- Adopting District vision, mission and goals.
- Approving Resolution 19-07 recognizing Classified Employee Appreciation Week.
- Approving the audit report
- Adopting the superintendent's evaluation.

# Baker man sentenced for poaching elk

Justice of the Peace Brent Kerns sentenced a Baker City man Thursday to 20 days in jail, ordered him to pay \$5,000 restitution to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and suspended his hunting rights for three years for poaching a bull elk.

Kerns also placed Roger Lee Kirkwood, 49, of 3150

13th St., on three years' bench probation, District Attorney Matt Shirtcliff stated in a press release.

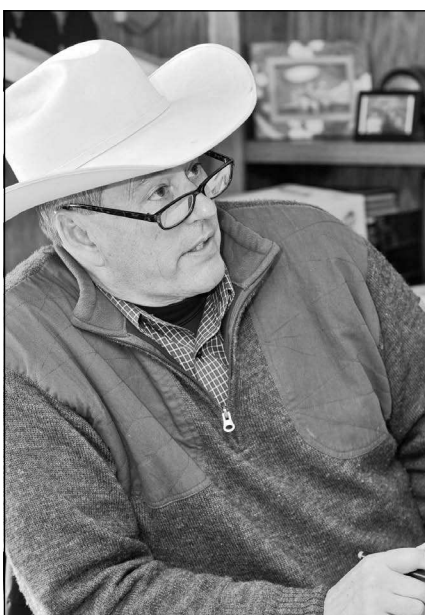
A six-person jury found Kirkwood guilty of the Class A misdemeanor crimes of unlawful taking of wildlife, unlawful borrowing of a tag and hunting without a valid license, Shirtcliff said.

In their investigation of the incident, Oregon State Police Sgt. Isaac Cyr and Sr. Trooper Jason McNeil found that Kirkwood killed the bull elk near Marble Creek Park on Oct. 28. Kirkwood did not have a hunting license and he borrowed a tag from another person and illegally tagged the elk with it, Shirt-

cliff said.

Cyr and McNeil began the investigation after making contact with Kirkwood's hunting party.

The case was prosecuted by Kevin Imhoff, deputy district attorney for Baker County. La Grande attorney Charlie Gillis represented Kirkwood.



## BIDDING

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Buyers were able to see live video of every bull when it went on the auction block. The Harrells' website also had pre-recorded video of every bull for sale.

Although the ranch added this technology to the spring sale a few years ago, Harrell said he still tries to attract as many potential buyers in person.

He said those bidders are more willing to pay more for a bull than those

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Bob Harrell talks about this year's sale at the ranch on Monday.

who participate online.

"Our objective is to try to get them to come to the sale and most people do, it's just that weather sometimes is tough," Harrell said.

Harrell even bids on bulls for some customers who don't attend. In some cases he has customers he regularly buys bulls for, but has never met in person.

Results from this year's sale were not available in time for today's issue.

Last year the top bull was auctioned for \$52,500 — more than double the prior year top bull, which went for \$21,000.

The average price for bulls in the 2018 sale was \$6,172, compared with an average of \$5,400 two years ago.

## OBITUARIES

### George VanCleave

Baker City, 1942-2019

George Sherman VanCleave Jr., 76, of Baker City, died Feb. 19, 2019, near Unity.

His memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 13, at the Deschutes County Fairgrounds, North Sister Building, 3800 S.W. Airport Way, in Redmond.

Sherman was born on March 19, 1942, at Salem to George Sherman VanCleave and Doris Winifred (Fox) Ricketts. He attended and graduated from Salem High School. Sherman married Vicki McNulty at Powell Butte on Dec. 13, 1975.

After receiving office equipment sales and service training, he worked for over 35 years as an office equipment sales manager. He worked for Xerox Corp., 3M Corp. and was an office equipment sales business owner with his wife, Vicki.

Sherman enjoyed camping, hunting, nature and ATV riding with family and friends. He spent over 10 years as a Deschutes County Fair director working with commercial vendors. Sherman was

always eager to help family and friends and could be counted on when needed.

Survivors include his wife, Vicki VanCleave of La Grande; daughters, Tara VanCleave Hett of La Grande, and Jennifer (Brian) Cunningham of Tri-Cities, Washington; grandchildren: Ryan Allen Hett, Rauri Dawn Hett, Benjamin Tyler VanCleave, Reagan Federico and Bella Federico; brothers, Donald VanCleave and Duane VanCleave; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased in death by his parents, George VanCleave and Doris Ricketts; infant son, Darin Dale VanCleave; son, Tyler Sherman VanCleave; granddaughter, Calli Marie Federico; sister, Sharon Ransom; and brother, Kenneth VanCleave.

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 in memory of Sherman, or to leave a condolence for the family, go to [www.grayswestco.com](http://www.grayswestco.com)

### Patricia Adcock

Formerly of Sumpter, 1938-2019

Patricia Irene Adcock, 80, a former

longtime Sumpter resident, died Feb. 21, 2019, at the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Dean and Linda Adcock, in Eagle Creek, Oregon.

A celebration of her life will take place at the Adcock Ranch near Sumpter. The time and date will be announced later. Cornerstone Funeral Home of Eagle Creek is in charge of arrangements.

Patricia Irene Hainline was born on July 27, 1938, at Twin Falls, Idaho. She married Don J. Adcock on March 21, 1959, at Bliss, Idaho. She worked at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Baker City where she retired after 30 years. She lived at the Adcock Ranch on Bear Gulch Road near Sumpter for 40 years.

She is survived by her daughter, Terry Adcock of Eugene; her sons, Don J. Adcock and his wife, Kim, of Haines, and Dean Adcock and his wife, Linda, of Eagle Creek; her stepdaughter, Charlene Peterson, and her husband, Jeff, of Newport; her son-in-law, Todd Wells of Hood River; 13 grandchildren and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

Patricia was preceded in death by her daughter, Judy Wells; and her husband, Don J. Adcock.

## NEWS OF RECORD

### DEATHS

**Nancy Geddes:** 73, of Haines, died March 5, 2019, at Saint Alphonsus Medical Center in Boise. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Online condolences may be made at [www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com)

**Jack Marvin Clubb:** 93, of Pendleton and formerly of Baker City, died March 4, 2019, at Pendleton. A Masonic graveside service with military honors will be scheduled later with the date and time to be announced soon. To light a candle in honor of Jack or to leave a condolence for his family, go to [www.grayswestco.com](http://www.grayswestco.com)

### FUNERALS PENDING

**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](http://www.grayswestco.com)

**Andrew "Andy" Pinard:** There will be a social hour Friday, March 15, 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 Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services, P.O. Box 543, Halfway, OR 97834. Online condolences may be made at [www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.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 Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home

& Cremation Services. Online condolences may be made at [www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com)

**Gerald Wesley Howard:** Private family interment has taken place at the Sumpter Masonic Cemetery. A celebration of Jerry's life is scheduled at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 13, at the Blue Mountain Baptist Church, 2998 Eighth St. in Baker City.

### POLICE LOG

#### Baker City Police

#### Arrests, citations

**HARASSMENT, RESISTING ARREST and INTERFERING WITH A POLICE OFFICER:** Bilal Rahman McGhee, 38, of 2173 Fourth St., Apartment 2, 3:47 a.m. Monday, at his home; jailed and later granted a conditional release.

**DISORDERLY CONDUCT II:** Jeremy Michael Clawson, 30, of 3105 Estes St., 3:58 a.m. Tuesday, at his home; jailed and later released.

#### Baker County Sheriff's Office

#### Arrests, citations

**FAILURE TO ABIDE BY DUII DIVERSION AGREEMENT (Baker County Circuit Court warrant):** Allison Louise Kercheski, 25, of 1720 B St., Unit D, 9:28 a.m. Monday, at the Sheriff's Office; cited and released.

#### Oregon State Police

#### Arrests, citations

**DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF INTOXICANTS:** Jacob Van Amboh, 39, of Yakima, Washington, 10:54 a.m. Saturday, on Interstate 84 about 5 miles north of Durkee; jailed and later released.

**FAILURE TO DRIVE WITHIN LANE:** Jesus Gutierrez-Rodriguez, 27, of Montmorelos, Mexico, 11:59 a.m. Friday, on Interstate 84 about 5 miles north of Huntington; cited and released; police said Gutierrez-Rodriguez, a commercial truck driver, took a corner too fast and rolled the truck. The semi slid off the road and came to rest off the shoulder of the freeway. The driver was not injured. The truck was towed from the crash site.