

Local

BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

- **Baker City Council:** Work session, 5:30 p.m., City Hall, 1655 First St.; to discuss the Baker City Watershed.
- **Lower Powder River Irrigation District Board:** 6 p.m. at Barley Brown's, 2190 Main St.

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

- **Gene Sissel Memorial Cribbage Tournament:** Early bird (7 games, newcomer friendly), 2:30 p.m., Baker Elks Lodge, 1896 Second St.; Canadian (9 games, newcomer friendly), 6:30 p.m.; tournament continues Saturday and Sunday. Information: www.cribbage.org; or call tournament directors Les Sissel, 541-559-1483, or Mindy Sherrieb, 541-523-3449.
- **Live Music by Keith Taylor:** Rangy Taylor, 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., Crossroads Carnegie Art Center, 2020 Auburn Ave.; no charge; continues most Fridays.

MONDAY, MARCH 18

- **Baker County Red Cross Volunteers:** 6 p.m., in the Red Cross Office at Baker City Hall, 1655 First St.

TUESDAY, MARCH 19

- **Eldkhorn Community Preparedness:** 5:30 p.m. supper; 6:30 p.m. meeting; at the Sunridge Inn Restaurant, 1 Sunridge Lane.

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald March 14, 1969

The indoor competition in Eastern Oregon closed last Sunday with the Pendleton Invitational Tournament. There were 48 archers competing for trophies and medals.

25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald March 14, 1994

Frank Hall, director of the Oregon Department of Corrections, visited the Powder River Correctional Facility in Baker City Saturday.

Hall's visit was two-fold. First, he said, he doesn't get the chance to get into the field that often, and this was the perfect opportunity. Second, he was at the prison to attend the graduation of 14 inmates from the prison's Pathfinder program.

10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald March 13, 2009

Officials touted the Base Camp marketing concept as a tool for promoting all of Baker County's numerous tourism and outdoor recreation attractions during a presentation Wednesday before the local Tourism Lodging Tax Committee.

ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald March 14, 2018

At least three Baker City dealers won't be making any changes to their gun sale policies unless a new law is passed that would require a change.

Thatcher's Ace Hardware store, which includes an independent sporting goods department separate from the Ace Hardware chain, Trader Ray's, which sells new and used guns, and York's Sporting Goods, will not raise the age limit for buyers of long rifles and ammunition from 18 to 21 or take AR-15 rifles off their shelves.

Several large national and regional retailers, including Bi-Mart, have done so since the Feb. 14 school shooting in Parkland, Florida.

Bi-Mart has never stocked the AR platform rifles, according to a press release from the corporation announcing its decision to raise the minimum age for selling long guns from 18 to 21.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, March 11

1 - 8 - 13 - 30 - 43 - 38
Next jackpot: \$9.3 million

MEGA MILLIONS, March 12

10 - 12 - 16 - 49 - 57 Mega 18
Next jackpot: \$40 million

WIN FOR LIFE, March 11

1 - 2 - 26 - 36

PICK 4, March 12

• 1 p.m.: 2 - 2 - 6 - 3
• 4 p.m.: 9 - 1 - 3 - 9
• 7 p.m.: 0 - 7 - 8 - 1
• 10 p.m.: 6 - 0 - 5 - 7

LUCKY LINES, March 12

2-79-15-20-24-26-30
Next jackpot: \$21,000

SENIOR MENUS

- **THURSDAY:** Chicken-fried chicken, potatoes and gravy, mixed vegetables, roll, fruit cup, apple crisp
- **FRIDAY:** Corned beef and cabbage, parsleyed red potatoes, baby carrots, pasta salad, 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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Joyce Pryse

Baker City, 1921-2019

Joyce Bernard Sumner Pryse, 97, died March 4, 2019, while in the care of Settler's Park Assisted Living in Baker City.



Joyce Pryse

There will be a celebration of her life from noon to 3 p.m. Thursday, March 14, at ROOM 1868, 152 N.W. Fourth St., in Prineville.

Joyce Clementine Bernard was born on Nov. 18, 1921, at Newberg to Andrew L. and Emily Bernard. She joined siblings Art, Helen and Lawrence, and was later joined by brothers Andrew Jr., Robert and Gene.

She grew up on the family ranch in Suplee, Oregon, that had been homesteaded by her grandfather, Charles Bernard. She loved her life on the ranch, and like many in her time, she rode horseback to attend the one-room schoolhouse each day through the eighth grade and spent her high school years at Prineville.

She married Carl F. Sumner of Madras on March 31, 1944. Son Richard entered their lives later that same year with son Marvin joining the family in 1946. They resided in Crook County where Carl and a partner owned and operated a gas station on Third Street across from the county courthouse.

Later, Carl farmed on McKay Creek Road where he and nephew Andy built a potato digging machine. This venture was followed by the building and operating of a sawmill north of the summit of Suplee Butte.

Family settled more with the family move to John Day where Carl delivered products for Ed Gunther Shell Oil. In 1954, the family moved to Mount Vernon where Carl and Joyce purchased and operated a grocery they named Carl's Market.

The family was well-suited for its time in Mount Vernon and all members gained an everlasting affection for the community and their many friends.

Carl's untimely accidental death in spring 1956 led to the sale of the store and a return to John Day.

Being a single mom, Joyce employed many of her skills learned on the family ranch to make ends meet. Venison was a family staple included with canned fruits and vegetables stored under the beds,

in closets and in the rented grocery store freezer lockers.

On many early mornings, Joyce and sons were picking berries at Thomas' Farm a couple of miles east of Mount Vernon or fruit at Thomas' Orchards in Kimberly. For some time, Joyce provided day care and ironing for a nearby family.

She started working out of the home as a motel maid, moving on to a short term in banking as a bookkeeper before working at numerous retail businesses on Main Street in John Day: Quisenberry's, Knox's, Mel's Millen's Dress Shop, and Label's Drugs. She so enjoyed providing customer service, meeting and knowing customers and coworkers. She maintained some social ties and friendships through her active membership in the Degree of Honor.

As life moved on, John S. Pryse, a carpenter by craft from Prairie City entered and became a part of her life. She and John married in 1963.

Joyce and John had many similar interests, and particularly, both enjoyed the outdoors, be it hiking, hunting, fishing, huckleberry picking or just being out. In time they moved to a home of John's in Prairie City while retaining Joyce's John Day residence as a rental for many years.

After both Joyce and John retired from the working world, they continued to live in Prairie City until opting to move to Baker City in 1996 to be nearer family and more specialized health care. Joyce continued her involvement in regularly scheduled Red Cross Bloodmobile visits, being, again, a volunteer in the canteen area. In addition, Joyce began regular attendance at the Community Connection senior center.

She soon was volunteering there greeting and collecting lunch money from attendees, setting tables for lunches and picking up afterward, assisting with facility setup when hosting other outside organization events — just being busy. She was very proud to have been named Volunteer of the Year of this organization for 2012.

Joyce was known for a few special traits, interests and behaviors. She kept a broken-handled narrow spade shovel in her car trunk, and when traveling back and forth to the family ranch she might have occasion to see a rattlesnake, she would slam on the brakes and attempt to skid over it.

Regardless of that success, she would get out of the car, take the shovel from the

trunk, go to the snake, and in proper words, separate the snake's head from its body. Finally, she would cut off the rattles, put the shovel back in the trunk and be on her way. She enjoyed hunting and was a crack shot. As a fisherperson, she taught her sons in Beaver Creek across the pasture below the family ranch house.

Also and as a point of pride, she was a great supporter of the American Red Cross and ran the Bloodmobile canteen for years in John Day before moving to Baker City. As a blood donor, she gave in excess of 20 gallons.

In her later years, Grandpa John not being a willing traveler, Joyce and her dear friend Rosie took cruises and bus tours together. Alaska, Hawaii, Canada and Nashville were some of their destinations.

Joyce is survived by her son, Marvin (Vicki) Sumner of Prineville; daughter-in-law, Kaew Sumner of Bend; stepgranddaughter, Maam of Bend; and stepgrandson, Tant, in Sydney, Australia; daughter-in-law, Sandra Pryse of Baker City; stepson, Dean Pryse of Parkdale, and his two daughters; Sumner grandsons, Terry (Kathy) of Vancouver, Washington, Trent, and his significant other, Marcie of Middleton, Idaho, Nathan (Melissa) of Denver, and Ty of Prineville; Pryse grandchildren, Cammy (Fred Jr.) Warner of Baker City, Kevin (Donna) of Burns, Mary (Jim) Gerson of San Clemente, California, and Jennifer (Kevin) Riley of Milton-Freewater; stepgranddaughter, Sylena (Ryan) Pontious of Spanaway, Washington; and many great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Carl; infant son, Johnnie Bernard Pryse; stepgrandson, Tony DeHart, in 1983; second husband, John, in March 1999; stepson, Lynn Pryse, in October 2015; son, Richard, in July 2016; her parents; and all siblings.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made in her name to the American Red Cross or the local senior center through Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814.

Georgie Edge

Formerly of Baker City, 1916-2019

Georgie Lenora Edge, 102, a city resident, died on March 7, 2019, at her home in Chico, California, with her family by her side.

A memorial service is planned for the first part of August in Baker City.



Georgie Edge

Georgie was born on July 10, 1916, at Touchet, Washington, to Henry H. Hanson and Lucinda Hall Hanson. She was the youngest of 12 children — nine boys and three girls. As a girl, she played basketball for Touchet High, played the saxophone, and attended many baseball games to watch her nine brothers play on their own traveling baseball team. She graduated from Touchet High School, and a year later, met her future husband, Marvin Edge of Clarkston, Washington, on a blind date. They were married on Dec. 1, 1935, at Walla Walla, Washington.

Georgie and Marvin lived most of their married life in Baker City, where they raised two daughters and Marvin was in the automobile business. Georgie was very active in the community during those years. She was a Girl Scout leader, a member of Eastern Star and P.E.O. Sisterhood and a long-time member of the First Presbyterian Church.

In 2011, Georgie moved with her daughter, Jacquie, and son-in-law, Don, to Chico to be near her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was able to enjoy activities with her family, and remained an avid card player until well into her 100th year, never turning down an invitation to play bridge!

Georgie was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was the pillar of the family, and will be greatly missed.

She is survived by her daughter, Jacquie Howlett and her husband, Don, of Chico; five grandchildren and their spouses, Russ Biswell and Tonja Chi of Campbell, California, Steve and Livia Biswell, Matthew and Sarah Howlett, Kate, Will and Lily DeAndre, and MacKenzie Zevely-Howlett and Jack Howlett.

She was preceded in death by her parents; 11 siblings; her husband of 63 years, Marvin; and her daughter, Marsha Biswell.

NEWS OF RECORD

FUNERALS PENDING

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

Elmyra Mitchell: Graveside service, 1 p.m., Saturday, March 16, at the Eagle Valley Cemetery in Richland. Friends are invited to join the family for a potluck reception afterward at the Richland Christian Church. The family suggests memorial donation in honor of Wanda to the Eagle Valley Ambulance Defibrillator Fund 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

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF II: Joshua James Longhen, 35, of 2710 First St., 7:39 a.m. Monday, at his home; jailed and later granted a conditional release; police said he caused damage to personal property valued at \$370 belonging to Jensen Chantel, 26, of Baker City.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT: Sean Terrance Aume, 49, of 1931 First St., 12:38 a.m. Monday, in the 1800 block of Main Street; cited and released.

POST-PRISON SUPERVISION VIOLATION (Parole and Probation detainer) OF UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF METHAMPHETAMINE: Joseph Jeffrey Eckstein, 26, transient, 9:23 p.m. Monday, on Cedar Street near Oak Street; jailed.

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



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Auto Body, Inc.
2390 Broadway, Baker City
541-523-5223

"We did it his way"
Thank you to everyone for the many expressions of love and support during this difficult time for us. It was greatly appreciated.
- The Family of Robert (Bob) Buxton

We would like to thank our loyal customers at Stevenson Storage for their moral support, understanding and kind words during this difficult time.

In Phil's memory and honor to him, we would like to assure everyone it will be "business as usual" as I will continue to run the business.

Candi Duncan will continue as office manager, and Bill Medford as our "Right Hand Man."

Again, many thanks.

Bev Stevenson, owner
Stevenson Storage