

# Local

## BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

### FRIDAY, JAN. 24

■ **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.

### TUESDAY, JAN. 28

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

### MONDAY, FEB. 3

■ **Haines Fire Protection District Board:** 6 p.m. at the Haines Library.

### WEDNESDAY, FEB. 5

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

### FRIDAY, FEB. 7

■ **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, FEB. 10

■ **Baker County Library Board:** 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Riverside meeting room at the library, 2400 Resort St. 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 January 23, 1970

Ellingson Timber Co.'s Plywood Division's shutdown has laid off approximately 160 men as of today, according to Burl Brown, plywood plant manager.

These 160 men are approximately one half of the work force Ellingson Timber Co. has employed in its plants in the county.

### 25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald January 23, 1995

BATES — The Austin House, one of Grant County's premiere fine dining restaurants, celebrated its grand reopening earlier this month with plans to remain open year round.

### 10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald January 22, 2010

HALFWAY — Forest owners from across Northeastern Oregon and Southwestern Idaho converged in Halfway last week to see a prototype biochar plant that could lead to dozens of jobs in Baker and Union counties processing forest and agricultural wastes into soil amendments and bio-oil.

### ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald January 23, 2019

The only permanent casualties of the Jan. 13 fire at the Inland Cafe might be the orange booths.

Depending on your feelings about that particular shade for restaurant decor, this might not qualify as a loss, said Kristi Hensley, who owns the Inland.

Hensley can joke about those smoke-ruined booths because the news she received Monday was the best kind — better, in fact, than she had expected.

Not only will contractors be able to rebuild the popular cafe at 2715 10th St., but Hensley's insurance company will pay her employees' average salaries while crews are putting up new walls and laying new flooring.

"It's a huge relief," Hensley said Tuesday morning. "The employees were just ecstatic."

Contractors are scheduled to start work at the Inland today. Although she doesn't have a specific timeline, Hensley said she's optimistic that the cafe will reopen before June 1.

## OREGON LOTTERY

### MEGABUCKS, Jan. 20

1 — 13 — 20 — 22 — 29 — 32  
Next jackpot: \$2 million

### MEGA MILLIONS, Jan. 21

16 — 18 — 29 — 31 — 37 Mega 8  
Next jackpot: \$130 million

### WIN FOR LIFE, Jan. 20

9 — 25 — 46 — 60

### PICK 4, Jan. 21

• 1 p.m.: 4 — 5 — 9 — 5  
• 4 p.m.: 6 — 5 — 9 — 3  
• 7 p.m.: 5 — 3 — 6 — 3  
• 10 p.m.: 2 — 6 — 6 — 7

### LUCKY LINES, Jan. 21

2-5-11-16-20-24-25-29

Next jackpot: \$21,000

## SENIOR MENUS

■ **THURSDAY:** Spaghetti with beef sauce, cauliflower, garlic breadstick, green salad, cheesecake

■ **FRIDAY:** Orange-glazed chicken tenders, fried rice, Asian vegetables, bread, Asian salad, cookies

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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## TOWER

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The first application was for a 100-foot tower at Campbell and 11th streets. The Planning Commission denied that request.

The city's zoning rules allow a tower of up to 50 feet in the industrial zone.

Verizon contends it needs a tower at least 70 feet high on the property just north of Leo Adler Field.

Connors noted the Planning Commission denied the application based on three factors: it didn't comply due to the location, visibility and aesthet-

ics of the tower. Connors said Verizon appealed saying it really needs the additional 20 feet and the company erred in how it interpreted and applied the code. Verizon also believed the planners' decision violated the Telecommunication Act, saying local governments can set certain criteria and Verizon thought it had complied with that criteria.

"We recognize this is not a really popular application because it has impacts, the visual impacts that people see," said Connors.

Speaking in favor of the tower, Jim Grove, who manages the storage unit near where

the tower would be located, noted the Council approved a similar height tower for a fertilizer plant for Simplot.

"What we're talking about in my opinion is 20 feet of an industrial area," Grove said.

"It's got historic value as an industrial area," Grove said.

Others attending spoke against the tower, disagreeing with the proposed location and the need for it.

Don Herman told councilors the industrial zone had been re-zoned in 1993 and is surrounded by residential zones.

"It's really incorrect to say it's in an industrial zone, it's not," said Herman.

Mike Meyer said that Verizon's contention that it lacks resources and money to site its tower in a less-intrusive and less-populated location "is hard for me to believe".

Written testimonies were sent in as well, urging councilors to uphold the Planning Commission's decision. They addressed concerns on the tower's appearance, the proximity to their homes and the effects on property values.

Connors said he could not speak for Verizon about how the company will move forward. One option would be to appeal the decision to the Land Use Board of Appeals.

## OBITUARIES

### Pamela Sundean

Baker City, 1957-2019

Following a massive heart attack and a massive hemorrhagic stroke two weeks later, Pamela Sundean, 62, of Baker City, died of natural causes on Dec. 20, 2019, at Intermountain Medical Center in Murray, Utah.

A memorial service will take place Sunday, Jan. 26, at 2 p.m. at the Baker City Seventh-day Adventist Church, at the northeast corner of Pocatontas Road and 17th Street. All are welcome.

Pam was born into the family of Donald and Gladys Dunlap, and her brother Peter, in October 1957, at Concord, California.

After Pam's parents divorced when she was 8 years old, she decided never to marry, but focus on a career instead.

Over the next few years, the remaining family and their dog, Lucky, moved several times, including moves to Florida, Pennsylvania, Hawaii and Colorado.

Pam graduated from Mile High Academy in Denver in 1976, then left home to attend Pacific Union College in Angwin, California, from 1976-1980.

It was there that she met Marvin Sundean, who won her trust and then her heart. They were married in July of 1980, in a redwood grove at Felton, California. They enjoyed more than 39 years together.

Marvin's teaching career eventually brought them to Baker City in 1988. Together, they bought and owned Tumbleweed Toys & Tales from 1989 to 2007.

During this time, Pam took a job at St. Elizabeth Hospital, where she worked for the next 20 years, retiring in 2011.

Pam then went back to college at Eastern Oregon University to complete her BA degree, graduating in 2013. She later worked as a para-professional for Baker School District 5J from July 2018 to December 2019, including Summer Academy and at Keating Elementary.

Pam enjoyed walking, hiking, backpacking, camping, swimming and bike riding. She also loved art, crafts and decorating,

and enjoyed teaching others how to make things and express their creativity.

Pam loved God very much, and was actively involved in her church. Pam worked with children and youth, women's ministry, social committees, and as a prison ministry volunteer with her husband at Powder River Correctional Facility for 14 years.

She also assisted Marvin with Vacation Bible School, the Primary Division at the SDA Idaho Conference Campmeeting and helped with creation seminars.

Pam was Marvin's favorite and most reliable "roadie" whenever he was involved with music performances or running sound for community events.

Pam is survived by her husband, Marvin Sundean; and her brother, Peter Dunlap.

Pam was preceded in death by her parents.

Pam and Marvin worked on so many activities and projects together; they were a nearly inseparable team. She will be greatly missed beyond words. Marvin now awaits the resurrection, when, by the grace of God, they may be reunited once again for eternity.

### Rupert Dykstra

Baker City, 1957-2019

Rupert Paul Dykstra, 62, of Baker City, died Jan. 17, 2020, at his son's home, surrounded by family.

A celebration of his life will take place Saturday, Jan. 25, at 11 a.m. at the Harvest Christian Church, 3720 Birch St. Friends are invited to join the family for reception immediately following the service at the church.

Rupert was born on Sept. 21, 1957, at Truckee, California, to Alfred and Dorothy Dykstra. He was raised in Vancouver, Washington, and earned his GED when he joined the Local 296 working for the union as a pipe welder.

In addition to being a welder Rupert also had a career as a professional flat track racer in 1972.

On Feb. 19, 1982, he married Vernetta Miller whom he met through some mutual friends.

Rupert lived many places during his life including Portland and Prineville in Oregon, Boise, Arco and Pocatello in Idaho, and Moses Lake, Washington.

Rupert thoroughly enjoyed the outdoors, including hunting, fishing, camping and logging. He was an avid coyote marksmen and gained notoriety once when he asked someone to "hold my baby" while he, with his bare hands, caught and hog-tied a coyote who dared trespass into the yard of a house that was having a yard sale next to a post office. The coyote was later released and vowed never to go yard-saleing again.

A highlight of Rupert's life was the many times he spent on the Columbia River camping and fishing. His life philosophy was "go where you are celebrated, not where you are just tolerated." Rupert never met a stranger; and was very social. He loved all of his children and their spouses as well as his grandchildren with all of his heart. Rupert will be remembered for being a loving father and husband.

Rupert is survived by his wife of 37 years, Vernetta Dykstra; his sons, Dwaine Dykstra of Newport, Washington, David Dykstra of Nampa, Idaho, Vern Dykstra and his wife, Savannah, of Baker City, and Leone Dykstra and his wife, Tasia, of Delco, Idaho; his daughters, Brandy and her husband, Todd Beatty of Baker City, and Sara Droneburg of Priest, Idaho; 15 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren; and his two loyal dogs, Jim Dandy and Gandalf.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Alfred and Dorothy Dykstra; his grandson, Conner Dykstra; and his sister, Darlene Dykstra.

For those who would like to make a donation in memory of Rupert, the family suggests Hunt of a Lifetime through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services, P.O. Box 543, Halfway, OR 97834. Online condolences can be made at [www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com)



Pamela Sundean



Rupert Dykstra

## NEWS OF RECORD

### FUNERAL PENDING

**Walt Forsea:** A graveside service with military honors will take place on Friday, Jan. 24, at 1 p.m. at the Eagle Valley Cemetery in Richland. Friends are invited to join the family for a reception at the Eagle Valley Grange after the interment. There will be a celebration of Walt's life on his birthday, June 28, at the Eagle Valley Grange Park. More details will be announced later. The family suggests memorial contributions to the Eagle Valley Grange, Eagle Valley Ambulance or the charity of one's choice 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)

**Betty Rouse:** Visitations will be Friday, Jan. 24, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave.

Recitation of the rosary will be Saturday, Jan. 25, at 9:30 a.m. at St. Francis de Sales Cathedral. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Father Suresh Kumar Telagani will officiate. Interment will be at Mount Hope Cemetery following the service. Friends are invited to return to the church after the interment for a reception in the parish hall. Memorial contributions may be made to the Catholic Church General Fund through Gray's West & Co., 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814. To light a candle in Betty's memory, go to [www.grayswestco.com](http://www.grayswestco.com)

**Gary Lair:** A celebration of Gary's life and a potluck luncheon (meat to be provided) will take place Saturday, Jan. 25, at 2 p.m. at the Baker City Christian Church, 675 Highway 7. The family suggests memorial contributions to either Heart 'N Home Hospice (Opal Foundation), Rachel Center, or MSTI in Fruitland, Idaho, (Can-

cer Institute) 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)

**Alan King:** His memorial service will take place at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 1, at the Baker City Church of the Nazarene, 1250 Hughes Lane. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home and Cremation Services. Online condolences may be made at [www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com)

### POLICE LOG

**Baker City Police Arrests, citations**  
FAILURE TO APPEAR (Payette County, Idaho): Veronica Lynn Varela, 21, of 1625 Madison St., 5:22 p.m. Monday, in the 500 block of Campbell Street; jailed.

DRIVING WHILE OPERATOR'S

LICENSE SUSPENDED: Valerie Jean Brinton, 52, of Baker City, 12:52 p.m. Tuesday, on Old Highway 30; cited and released.

FAILURE TO APPEAR, two counts (Union County warrants): Mariam Everson Collard, 20, of Baker City, 3:58 p.m. Tuesday, in the 2400 block of East Street; jailed.

VIOLATION OF RELEASE AGREEMENT: Crystal Lee Charbonneau, 33, of 3000 Third St., 8:44 p.m. Tuesday at Valley Avenue and Resort Street; jailed.

**Crime reports**  
FIRST-DEGREE AGGRAVATED THEFT: Underground Specialties, a firm from The Dalles, reported at 11:03 a.m. Monday that

something over the weekend the company's John Deere 27D mini excavator and the trailer is was on were taken from the Sunridge Inn parking lot where they had been parked over the past week; the value is estimated at about \$25,000, police said.

## Welcome, Dr. Brandon Snow

Baker Dental Group would like to welcome Dr. Brandon Snow to their General Dental practice. Dr. Tod Chandler will be retiring in February and Dr. Brandon Snow will be the new partner with Dr. Justin Bingham. Dr. Chandler would like to sincerely thank all of his patients, staff and friends for many years of enjoyable association. All of us at Baker Dental Group have every confidence in Dr. Snow and are excited to welcome him to the practice.

Brandon was born and raised in Boulder City, Nevada, a small town outside of Las Vegas. After graduating high school, he attended Brigham Young University where he met and married Jill Richards of Baker City. The couple moved to Las Vegas where Brandon completed his formal education at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas School of Dental Medicine in 2016. For the past 3 1/2 years they have been in Fruitland, Idaho while Brandon has worked for Valley Family Health Care in Ontario and Nyssa. They are excited to be moving to Baker City with their family to a community that they love.

