

# Local

## BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

- **MONDAY, MARCH 16:** Baker School Board: Work session, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., at South Baker Intermediate School, 1285 Third St.
- **TUESDAY, MARCH 17:** Elkhorn Community Preparedness: 5:30 p.m. supper; 6:30 p.m. meeting; at the Sunridge Inn Restaurant, 1 Sunridge Lane.
- **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18:** Baker County Board of Commissioners: 9 a.m., Courthouse, 1995 Third St.
- **THURSDAY, MARCH 19:** Baker Rural Fire Protection District Board: 5:30 p.m. at the Pochontas Fire Station.
- **FRIDAY, MARCH 20:** 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, MARCH 24:** Baker City Council: 7 p.m., City Hall, 1655 First St.
- **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1:** Baker County Board of Commissioners: 9 a.m., Courthouse, 1995 Third St.

## TURNING BACK THE PAGES

### 50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald March 14, 1970

St. Francis coach Garry Curran will leave Baker in June and accept a position with the Sacret Heart Academy in Klamath Falls, it was announced this week.

### 25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald March 14, 1995

A creative team of children's book writers and illustrators have joined Ray Nelson Jr. on a return visit to Baker City schools.

Nelson has visited South Baker Elementary School the past two years and has returned with his team this year to instruct students at Brooklyn and North Baker schools this week.

### 10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald March 15, 2010

The Baker County Fair Board is offering everyone a chance to grow fresh vegetables this summer by breaking ground on a community garden.

### ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald March 15, 2019

Citing potential confusion among the public, among other factors, a Forest Service official has withdrawn the controversial management plans for the three national forests in the Blue Mountains.

Chris French, the agency's acting deputy chief, this week instructed Regional Forester Glenn Casamassa to withdraw the revised plans, released in June 2018, for the Wallowa-Whitman, Umatilla and Malheur national forests.

During a series of objection resolution meetings in November and December, including one in Baker City, more than 300 people expressed concerns about the proposed plans, which the Forest Service has been working on for 15 years.

## OREGON LOTTERY

**MEGABUCKS, March 11**  
3 - 9 - 16 - 24 - 30 - 43  
Next jackpot: \$5.9 million

**POWERBALL, March 11**  
4 - 29 - 49 - 50 - 67 PB 2  
Next jackpot: \$120 million

**MEGA MILLIONS, March 10**  
6 - 17 - 48 - 54 - 69 Mega 12  
Next jackpot: \$80 million

**WIN FOR LIFE, March 11**  
5 - 23 - 37 - 47

**PICK 4, March 12**

• 1 p.m.: 9 - 6 - 9 - 2

• 4 p.m.: 2 - 3 - 4 - 5

• 7 p.m.: 8 - 1 - 3 - 9

• 10 p.m.: 5 - 1 - 7 - 9

**LUCKY LINES, March 12**  
4-7-9-15-17-23-26-29  
Next jackpot: \$15,000

## SENIOR MENUS

■ **MONDAY:** Chicken broccoli Alfredo over fettuccine, mixed vegetables, biscuit, fruit cup, brownie

■ **TUESDAY:** Corned beef and cabbage, parslied red potatoes, carrots, roll, pea-and-onion salad, ice cream

■ **WEDNESDAY:** Breaded chicken strips, potatoes and gravy, green beans, roll, broccoli-bacon salad

■ **THURSDAY:** Barbecued meatballs, rice pilaf, corn, bread, fruit ambrosia, cinnamon roll

■ **FRIDAY:** Beef pot roast, potatoes and gravy, peas, roll, carrot-raisin salad, berry 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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'WE HAVE NOT SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THIS IN OUR LIFETIMES'

# Governor declares new measure to combat coronavirus outbreak

Gov. Kate Brown has signed an executive order banning social gatherings. Public health officials said Oregon could see 75,000 cases by mid-May unless action is taken.

By Jake Thomas  
Oregon Capital Bureau

Oregon could see up to 75,000 new cases of COVID-19 by mid May unless the state takes measures aimed at stopping the spread of the disease that's been declared a global pandemic.

The remark was made by State Health Officer Dean Sidelinger on Wednesday as Gov. Kate Brown announced new restrictions she was imposing to mitigate what she called an unprecedented public health crisis.

"We have not seen anything like this in our lifetimes," said Brown, speaking to reporters on Thursday in Portland. "And all we need to do is look



Jake Brown/Oregon Capital Bureau

Gov. Kate Brown details steps Oregon is taking to limit the spread of COVID-19 at a press conference in Portland on Thursday.

around at what is happening around the entire world."

On Thursday, Brown issued an executive order that bans social, spiritual and recreational gatherings of 250 people until April 8.

Brown said that the 250 number is based on guidance from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The ban does not apply to places like supermarkets and schools. She also issued guidelines for schools and workplaces that seek to minimize contact.

She also said schools should stop holding assemblies and other gatherings but said the state would expect school closures to be a "last resort."

Over the weekend, Brown declared a state of emergency in Oregon and state officials on Monday banned most visits to nursing homes, residential care facilities and other licensed facilities. About 30,000 Oregonians live in 670 such facilities across the state.

And on Tuesday, Oregon State University, Portland State University and the University of Oregon announced they would take classes online for the next term for about 80,000 students.

Brown said it was clear such measures were necessary.

"These steps can help save lives. This is what is at

stake," the governor said.

Saying that the state should be prepared for thousands of cases, she said her actions had two goals: stop the spread of the disease and prevent hospitals from being overwhelmed. She also said it was aimed at protecting people most vulnerable to COVID-19, which include older adults and those with underlying health conditions.

Brown said that the virus will affect the lives of Oregonians and the state's economy and noted the hardship some will face.

The number of confirmed cases in Oregon rose to 21 after two residents in a veterans' nursing home in Lebanon contracted the virus. State health officials have sent a "strike team" into the nursing home and will test all of its residents and staff.

Testing for COVID-19 has focused on people most at risk and the Oregon State Public Health Laboratory can process 80 kits a day. The state is seeking to expand its testing capacity by allowing commercial labs to process samples.

Brown said that while she would appreciate the capacity for more testing there is currently an adequate amount.

## OBITUARIES

'Ron' Buxton  
Baker City, 1940-2020

Ronald Ray "Ron" Buxton, 58, of Baker City, died March 5, 2020, at his home.

A memorial service and potluck will take place on March 21 at noon at the Eagles Lodge, 2935 H St. in Baker City. Please bring a food dish of your choice and a happy memory to share of Ron.

Ron was born on June 6, 1961, at Mountain Home, Idaho, to Dan Buxton and Joan Ghrist, moving to Baker City at a young age; he attended Baker High School and graduated in 1979. Baker City was his home, and he loved living here. Ron worked in the lumber industry for over 30 years, working at every wood products mill in Baker City. He was a hard worker and took pride in a job well done.

In 2012, Ron and Pam Tate were married in Baker City. He was a loving husband, and they were together a total of 19 years, recently celebrating their eighth wedding anniversary. They loved taking drives together and spending time with their large family. Ron also enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping, working out in his yard, being outdoors, collecting knives, and watching movies. He loved his pets and his family. After becoming disabled, Ron got out and enjoyed

what he loved as much as he could, and greatly missed the things he could no longer do.

It meant the world to Ron to spend time with his children and grandchildren. You had to know Ron to love him, but if you knew him, you loved him. Life wasn't always easy for Ron, but no matter what struggle life gave him, he always faced it with strength and courage. He was a kind and loving man, and he would help anyone.

Ron will always be loved; he is and forever will be missed by those who called him family or friend.

Ron is survived by his wife, Pam Buxton of Baker City; his mother, Joan Reedy of Baker City; his mother-in-law, Debbie Vanhoomissen of Baker City; his sons, Kris (Jeana) Buxton of Oregon City, Jeremiah Buxton of Burlington, Washington, and Tony Buxton of Salem; his stepchildren, Stephanie (Mike) Jensen of Baker City, and Dustin (Leighann) Daniels of Boise; his brother, Curtis (Shari) Buxton of Baker City; ten grandchildren and many members of his extended family.

He was preceded in death by his father, Dan Buxton.

Should friends and family desire, memorial contributions may be made to the family to help with his final expenses.

To leave an online con-

dolence Ron's family, go to [www.grayswestco.com](http://www.grayswestco.com)

Thelma McManus  
Baker City, 1940-2020

Thelma McManus, 79, of Baker City, died on Feb. 24, 2020, at Saint Alphonsus Medical Center in Baker City.

A family gathering will be scheduled later.

Thelma was born on April 11, 1940, at home at Eureka, Montana, to Manuel and Ethel Kautzman. She was raised and educated in Eureka and graduated from Lincoln County High School in 1958. She then attended business school in Boise.

It was in Boise that Thelma met William "Bill" McManus, and they were married on May 25, 1960. She was blessed with four stepchildren who she was able to watch grow up.

Thelma worked road construction in Montana, Idaho, Washington and Oregon. While in Montana she took a job cutting Christmas trees. Later, she and Bill worked together running a service station in Durkee.

Thelma loved to read books, going fishing and spending time in the outdoors. She especially loved caring for her pets which included dogs, cats and a rabbit. Thelma was also an excellent cook and a member both the Elks and the Eagles.

Country music was a

big part of Thelma's life. Her husband Bill played at Old Time Fiddlers events. A favorite memory was during a trip to Nashville when Bill played on the "Nashville Now Show" on TV. It was raining and Thelma's feet got wet. Ralph Emery called Thelma up onto the stage where he hung her wet socks up to dry.

Thelma will be remembered for her ability to be able to talk to anyone, anywhere. She could get on an elevator and by the time the door opened everyone was laughing.

Thelma is survived by her stepson, Bill, and his wife, Linda of Cambridge, Idaho; her stepdaughters, Shannon and her husband, Mike Gorringer, and Cheri and her husband, Wally Olson, both of Boise; and her sister, Irene Kautzman Slater of Eureka, Montana.

Thelma was preceded in death by her husband, Bill McManus; her stepson, Gary McManus; her brother, Manuel Kautzman Jr.; and her nephew, Gary Slater.

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

## NEWS OF RECORD

### DEATHS

**Conrad R. Shipman:** 85, of Baker City, died March 11, 2020, at Meadowbrook Place. A private family graveside service will take place at the Alpha Prairie Cemetery in Onalaska, Washington. Services are under the direction of Coles Tribute Center in Baker City. To light a candle in memory of Conrad, go to [www.colestributecenter.com](http://www.colestributecenter.com)

**Joyce C. Connor:** 67, of Baker City, died March 11, 2020, at her home. Arrangements are under the direction of Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel. To light a candle in Joyce's memory, or to leave a condolence for her family, go to [www.grayswestco.com](http://www.grayswestco.com)

### FUNERALS PENDING

Tara Lee Warren: Her me-

morial service will take place at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 21, at Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave. There will be a reception afterward at 2525 College St. in Baker City. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Ronald McDonald House or to a charity of one's choice through Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814. To light a candle in memory of Tara, or to leave a condolence for the family, go to [www.grayswestco.com](http://www.grayswestco.com)

**Ray Zaccone:** A memorial service and celebration of Ray's life, with military honors and a potluck, will be Friday, March 27, at 2 p.m. at the Halfway Lions Hall. The family suggests memorial contributions in Ray's name to the 173rd Airborne Brigade, or VFW Post No. 7847, through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Online condolences may be made at [www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com)

**Judge Larry D. Cole:** A Service of Remembrance will take place at 1 p.m., Thurs-

day, March 19, at the Baker City Church of the Nazarene, 1250 Hughes Lane. Afterward, there will be a procession to the Haines Cemetery for a graveside service followed by a reception at the Church of the Nazarene Fellowship Hall. All are welcome.

### POLICE LOG

**Baker City Police Arrests, citations**  
JOSEPHINE COUNTY WARRANT: Haden James Buck, 25, Klamath Falls, 2:33 p.m. Thursday; jailed.

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