

Local

BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JAN. 21

■ **Baker School Board:** Work session, 5 p.m.; regular meeting, 6 p.m.; via Zoom computer app. For more information about how to join the meeting, call the District Office at 541-524-2260 or visit the District website baker5j.org

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald January 16, 1971

Teacher salary consultations between the District 5J board and the Baker Education Association seem to be moving toward a conclusion — but very slowly.

Yesterday BEA representatives offered a proposal for a \$7,000 base (for B.A.) with the yearly increment increased by \$25 to \$250 and \$10 medical insurance.

25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald January 16, 1996

Calvary Baptist Church has appealed the Baker City Planning Commission's decision to grant a La Grande couple a conditional-use permit to open a microbrewery and beer-tasting room at the northeast corner of Fourth and Broadway streets.

The Baker City Council will hear the appeal at its Feb. 13 meeting, City Attorney Tim Collins said this morning.

10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald January 17, 2011

The National Weather Service issued a flood warning for the Powder River in Baker City this morning, and minor flooding was also reported in Halfway and in Keating Valley.

"There's been no major stream flooding," said Jerry Boyd, director of the Baker County Consolidated Dispatch Center.

"Overall, this is not another spring of last year."

Boyd was referring to severe flooding that happened in early June of 2010 along Eagle and Pine creeks in eastern Baker County.

ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald January 17, 2020

When the snowplow drivers pull off the highway to wait out the storm, it's a sign that conditions have degraded from dismal to downright awful.

Plowing snow from the freeway is difficult when you can't see the freeway.

Such was the case Wednesday night in Ladd Canyon, the gash in the divide between North Powder and La Grande that squeezes the air and can inflate routine breezes into fierce gusts.

"The wind was creating pretty severe conditions — low to no visibility," said Allen Jensen, maintenance manager for the Oregon Department of Transportation's (ODOT) Baker City station.

Severe enough to prompt ODOT to close Interstate 84 between Pendleton and Ontario for about 12 hours between Wednesday evening and Thursday morning.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, Jan. 13

6 — 20 — 22 — 29 — 31 — 43
Next jackpot: \$7.1 million

POWERBALL, Jan. 13

4 — 19 — 23 — 25 — 49 PB 14
Next jackpot: \$640 million

MEGA MILLIONS, Jan. 12

12 — 14 — 26 — 28 — 33 Mega 9
Next jackpot: \$750 million

WIN FOR LIFE, Jan. 13

1 — 3 — 50 — 64

PICK 4, Jan. 14

• 1 p.m.: 0 — 1 — 0 — 4

• 4 p.m.: 0 — 9 — 4 — 2

• 7 p.m.: 6 — 6 — 1 — 5

• 10 p.m.: 9 — 7 — 3 — 6

LUCKY LINES, Jan. 14
2-6-11-15-17-21-28-31
Next jackpot: \$14,000

SENIOR MENUS

- **MONDAY:** Office is closed in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
- **TUESDAY:** Baked ziti with Italian sauce, zucchini, garlic bread, cottage cheese and fruit, peach crisp
- **WEDNESDAY:** Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, roll, green salad, apple crisp
- **THURSDAY:** Chicken-fried chicken, country gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, beet-and-onion salad, cookies
- **FRIDAY:** Baked cod, clam chowder, capri vegetables, 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. Meals must be picked up; no dining on site.

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Ronald Warbis

Baker City, 1935-2020

Ronald David Warbis, 85, of Baker City, died on Dec. 25, 2020, at his home, where lung cancer took him away physically but gave his family time for poignant conversations and loving goodbyes, powerful memories they will cherish.

True to Dad's desire to cheer from the sidelines, he asked to be cremated and for no celebration of life or funeral.

Ronald, known as Bud or Buddy by friends and family, was born on July 8, 1935, at North Fork, Nebraska, to Joe and Lois (Cimmer) Warbis.

Bud was a farm kid who started working at a young age. He joined the Navy just out of high school and served for four years as a deep-sea rescue diver and diesel mechanic. Bud had a quick wit and would often say he was a deep-sea diver because he could walk better on the bottom of the ocean than he could swim. During his service, he served in the Korean War and became a member of the Forty and Eight, American Legion, and Veterans of Foreign Affairs.

Bud met his lovely bride, Ellen Baroni, in 1956 during his return to the Navy from leave. They met on a bus, where Ellen was headed back to her Catholic boarding school to finish her last two years of high school. After two years of long-distance courtship, they were married on Sept. 6, 1958. Over 61 years together, they raised two biological kids, Rusty (Sarah) Warbis and Annie (Mike) Price, along with countless other kids, as their door was always open to anyone who needed it.

Dad was happy to be the cheerleader on the sidelines for countless family events and kids' sports but shied away from the spotlight himself. Dad loved taking long drives (to just about anywhere), shuttling grandkids to school and events, studying military history, hunting, fishing, and golfing with old buddies.

We feel blessed to have had him as our Dad, Grandpa, and Pa, his family said.

Bud is survived by his wife, Ellen, and their two children, Rusty (Sarah) and Annie (Mike); his nine beloved grandkids, Courtne (Nathan) Dawson, Pacifique Price, Kylee Price, Mikayla Price, Kendal Collins, Viyora Price, West Price, Joe Warbis and Jessica Warbis; and his loving sister, Lynda Kenneally.

He was preceded in death by his parents and four brothers.

To leave an online condolence for Bud's family, go to www.grayswestco.com

Baxter Moore Jr.

Baker City, 1938-2020

Baxter Steely Moore Jr., 82, left this earth on Jan. 7, 2021, at home with his family by his side.

Baxter was born on July 6, 1938, at Roseburg to Baxter and Evangeline Moore. When just 6 years old, the family moved to Tillamook, where he attended all 12 grades of school. He graduated from Tillamook High School in 1956. He met his wife, Juanell, in high school and they married in



Ronald Warbis

December of 1959. He graduated from Oregon State University and he and Juanell moved to Fairbanks, Alaska, where their daughter, January, was born. He ran a millwork shop with a partner there. Moving back to warmer climes, he bought and ran a sporting goods store in Springfield, Oregon.

In 1964, he and Juanell bought a 200-acre ranch in Alfalfa, a farming community 15 miles east of Bend, where they raised cattle and alfalfa hay and three kids. Sons, Jay and Jesse, were born there. After 40 happy years on the ranch, they sold out and moved to Enterprise, ultimately ending up in Baker City.

In his teens, Baxter and his dad went to all the trap shoots where he won major titles, including Oregon State ATA Doubles Championship at age 16. He and his dad won several father/son titles as well. He was a crack shot, one time tossing a bottle cap into the air and shooting a hole dead center with a .22 rifle.

He loved fishing and big-game hunting. He was a collector of coins and antique guns.

He was also known as a great storyteller.

Baxter is survived by his wife, Juanell; his sons, Jay Baxter and his wife, Anne Marie, and Jesse Lang and his wife, Anna Marie; and his granddaughter, Cassie Lang Vega, and her husband, Mike.

His daughter, January, preceded him in death.

For those who would like to make a donation in memory of Baxter, the family suggests Heart 'N Home Hospice 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

Lorenzo DelCurto

Formerly of Halfway and Baker City, 1953-2020

Lorenzo "Lorry" DelCurto, 67, of Imbler, and formerly of Halfway and Baker City, died peacefully on Jan. 13, 2021, at his home with his wife, Lois, and his daughter, Cindy, at his side.

He lost his battle with cancer after three years.

A graveside service will take place Jan. 16 at 2 p.m. at Pine Haven Cemetery in Halfway.

Lorry was born on Jan. 26, 1953, to Elba and Lawrence DelCurto of Halfway. Lorry was the oldest of four brothers, along with Tony, Joe and Tim. He was raised on a small cattle ranch in Pine Valley. He attended Pine-Eagle schools in Halfway and graduated in 1971. He attended Eastern Oregon University and earned a bachelor of science degree in Business/Economic.

Lorry married Judy Randall in 1974. They divorced in 1984. They raised three children, Chad, Rita and Robert. Lorry stayed good friends with Judy and her parents, Dorothy and John Randall of Richland.

He fell in love with his best friend, soulmate, and wife, Lois Corcoran in 1986. They were married on Dec. 31, 1987, at Winnemucca, Nevada. (Lorry always said it was a good tax write-off.) Lorry helped raise stepdaughter, Cindy, and stepson, Steven.

Lorry lived in Halfway until he was 18.

He moved to Baker City in 1970 to work for Ellingson lumber mill from 1969 to 1996 in Halfway and in Baker City. He moved from Baker City to Imbler in 2004 to be closer to work at the Boise Cascade Lumber Company stud mill from 2002 to 2017. He was self-employed for 28 years doing trap cashing; he owned and operated LJD Trapshooting Cashiering. Lorry and Lois cashed for ATA and PITA competition shooting for trap clubs in Washington, Idaho and Oregon. He always said cashing was a challenge he liked to take on; he would have 40 to 500 shooters to organize for the clubs.

Lorry and Lois were very busy their years together, they worked and played hard and they had lots of hobbies. They started out by shooting trap. They traveled in Idaho, Washington, Nevada and Oregon, shooting competition shoots and fun shoots. Lorry was a very good shooter and won numerous trophies, money and several awards. He was very engaged with people of the trapshooting world for more than 36 years, and made close-knit friends throughout the years.

He loved playing around with snowmobiling, road bikes, and ATVs, traveling around Montana, Washington, Idaho and Oregon. He loved to hunt. One hunting trip he spent a week in Canada (harvesting) geese. He enjoyed hunting deer, elk and bear on his family's homestead. Lorry enjoyed hunting with his dad and his brothers while growing up. Later in life Lorry spent time teaching his (buddy) grandson, David, how to hunt and fish.

In 2009 Lorry bought his pontoon boat (his favorite toy) and he spent every minute he could on the Snake River fishing for crappie and bass with buddy David, family and friends. One of his favorite trips was a seven-day Alaska cruise with friends Jim, June and Lois.

After retirement he enjoyed his morning coffee and telling fishing and hunting stories with the guys at Summer-ville Café. Lorry was an avid sports fan; he never had a favorite team, because he watched them all. He enjoyed his gambling trips to Nevada and Wild-horse to play blackjack. (He was a good gambler, he told his friends.)

One of his saying was: "You need to cover the ground before it covers you." He lived that kind of life.

Lorry was a great husband, father, granddad, brother, uncle and friend. He made people laugh.

Lorry is survived by his wife, Lois; his brothers, Tim (Tammy) of Belgrade, Montana, and Tony of Baker City; his sons, Chad (Kara) of Richland, and Robert (Brenda) of Stanfield; his daughters, Rita (Tom) of Pendleton, and Cindy (Jim) Wright of North Power; his grandchildren, John, Amanda, Conner, Presley, River and David; his nieces, Hannah and Molly; his nephew, Scott; and his in-laws, Myrl, Wanda, Linda and Roger.

Lorry was preceded in death by his father, Lawrence; his mother, Elba; his brother, Joe; and his stepson, Steven Hall.

He requested no flowers. For those who would like to make a donation in memory of Lorry, the family suggests the Imbler Rural Fire Department, through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home, P.O. Box 543, Halfway OR 97834. Online condolences can be made at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com



Lorenzo DelCurto



Baxter Moore Jr.

NEWS OF RECORD

DEATHS

■ **Mason Touboux-Handy:** 24, of Baker City, died on Jan. 12, 2021. A celebration of his life will take place at a later date, place and time to be announced. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Online condolences can be made at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com

POLICE LOG

■ **Baker City Police Arrests, citations**
PROBATION VIOLATION (Baker County Circuit Court warrant): Brandon Robert Radle, 32, of Baker City, 4:45 p.m. Thursday, in the 1800 block of Main Street; cited and released.

■ **VIOLATION OF RELEASE AGREEMENT:** Brandon Douglas Culbertson, 32, of Baker City, 2:06 p.m. Thursday, in the 3200 block of Court Avenue; jailed.
■ **PROBATION VIOLATION and FAILURE TO APPEAR** (Baker County warrants): Edward Allen

Braswell, 45, of Baker City, 10:45 a.m. Wednesday, at Oak and Cedar streets; jailed.

■ **FOURTH-DEGREE DOMESTIC ASSAULT, STRANGULATION, MENACING and CRIMINAL MISCHIEF:** Tyler Joseph Anders, 31, transient, 6:04 p.m. Wednesday, in the 3400 block of Auburn Avenue; jailed.

Baker County Sheriff's Office

■ **Arrests, citations**
CONTEMPT OF COURT (Baker County Justice Court warrants): Alexander Wise, 20, of Baker City and Alan Wolfe, 33, of Baker City, both were cited and released at 8:54 p.m. Thursday at the jail where they are being held on other charges.

Baker County Veteran Services

Until further notice Veterans will not be seen in person. If you need assistance, call Rick's work number 541-523-8223 and he will call you back to help you over the phone. This is a measure that is being implemented to minimize the spread of COVID-19.

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