

Local

BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 27

■ **Baker County Board of Commissioners:** Work session, 9 a.m., to review proposed changes to the Baker County Zoning Ordinance. The meeting will take place in Commission Chambers at the Courthouse, 1995 Third St. Due to attendance limitations, the public is encouraged to attend the meeting via Zoom, at www.bakercounty.org/online/meetings.html

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald January 26, 1971

"We're just tickled to death to be back to work," Burl Brown, Ellingson plywood plant manager, said this morning as employees began returning to work on the number two dryer.

Brown said the idled machinery at the plant located on Baker's south side, was in "top shape and plywood prices are holding between \$78 and \$80 per 1,000 board feet."

25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald January 26, 1996

No one was injured Thursday morning when a Wallowa Lake Tramway gondola carrying U.S. Forest Service radio equipment, but no people, fell from its cable and crashed to the ground.

10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald January 26, 2011

Baker City officials are trying to make the potentially bewildering task of researching burial records from Mount Hope Cemetery a bit less intimidating.

The challenge stems in part from sheer numbers.

There are about 15,620 occupied graves at Mount Hope, said Joyce Bornstedt, who's the sexton for the city-owned cemetery on South Bridge Street.

ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald January 27, 2020

Baker City residents calling for a taxi cab ride are likely to end up listening to a recorded message about the number being out of service.

None of the city's licensed cab companies is operating.

"We've always had, in my time here, one or two different taxi companies. And I don't know why we don't," City Manager Fred Warner Jr. said.

"I don't know that we've ever had this problem before," said Robin Nudd, the city's Human Resources and Community Development Director.

The taxi cab company most recently licensed by the city, Polar Bear Express, announced recently on Facebook that it was closing.

The owners for other licensed firms, A-1 Taxi and Eagle Cab, could not be contacted for a comment.

The city approved A-1's license in May 2018, and granted Eagle Cab a license in February 2019.

Neither Warner nor Nudd knows why the cab companies closed.

The City Council has the authority to set taxi fares, and over the decades cab companies have occasionally asked the Council to increase fares to compensate for such things as higher gas prices.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, Jan. 23

16 — 25 — 33 — 35 — 37 — 47

Next jackpot: \$1 million

POWERBALL, Jan. 23

5 — 8 — 17 — 27 — 28 PB 14

Next jackpot: \$20 million

MEGA MILLIONS, Jan. 22

4 — 26 — 42 — 50 — 60 Mega 24

Next jackpot: \$20 million

WIN FOR LIFE, Jan. 23

2 — 18 — 56 — 64

PICK 4, Jan. 24

• 1 p.m.: 0 — 2 — 7 — 5

• 4 p.m.: 7 — 6 — 7 — 4

• 7 p.m.: 2 — 6 — 9 — 4

• 10 p.m.: 7 — 8 — 1 — 0

LUCKY LINES, Jan. 24

3-5-9-14-17-23-28-30

Next jackpot: \$24,000

SENIOR MENUS

■ **WEDNESDAY:** Barbecued ribs, scalloped potatoes, corn, roll, macaroni salad, birthday cake

■ **THURSDAY:** Meat lasagna, capri vegetables, garlic breadsticks, fruit cup, cinnamon rolls

■ **FRIDAY:** Baked ham, candied yams, green beans, roll, three-bean salad, tapioca salad

■ **MONDAY (Feb. 1):** Boneless chicken breast, cream gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, roll, macaroni salad, cheesecake

■ **TUESDAY (Feb. 2):** Beef pot roast, scalloped potatoes, green beans, roll, green salad, cake

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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Virtual meeting to discuss transportation

Baker City has scheduled a virtual public meeting for Wednesday, Jan. 27, to discuss possible transportation improvements designed to improve driving, walking and biking on sections of four streets. The virtual meeting will run

from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. To join the meeting, use the link on the city's website, www.bakercity.com/2289/NBTIP

Street sections include:

- 10th Street from Hughes Lane to Broadway Street

- Cedar Street from Hughes Lane to Campbell Street
- Hughes Lane from 10th Street to Cedar Street
- Pocahontas Road from 10th Street to 17th Street/Chico Street

BENCHES

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Perry does not know if there will be a limit on how many benches can be installed. She said it probably will be on a first-come, first-served basis. "My main concern is the

Pavilion area for people who come to concerts and have to drag their lawn chairs in. I'd like to get some good coverage of seating in that area," said Perry, who also coordinates the Powder River Music Review, a series of concerts in the park on summer Sunday afternoons.

Perry said she has noticed tourists who want to attend a concert but are discouraged by the lack of seating. And not all travelers have lawn chairs.

The park has picnic tables, but they are heavy and difficult to move. Perry said she thinks many people aren't sure they're

allowed to move tables.

People who are interested in buying a bench for the park can contact Baker City Events by calling Perry at 541-519-5653 or by email at bakercityevents1@gmail.com

"I'm excited about it," Perry said.

OBITUARIES

James Hebert

North Powder, 1952-2021

James Dwight "Jimmy" Hebert, 68, of North Powder, died Jan. 5, 2021, at St. Luke's Hospital in Meridian, Idaho.

A celebration of Jimmy's life will take place on April 3 at a time and location announced later.

Jimmy was born on Nov. 12, 1952, at Rayne, Louisiana, the youngest child and only son of Eldridge Joseph "Snipe" Hebert and Dora Jeanne (LeBeau) Hebert. He was educated there in Rayne and graduated from Rayne High School in 1970.

He was surrounded by cousins and neighborhood kids growing up, and as a typical boy, spent summers and weekends barefoot, hunting, fishing, riding bicycles and getting into his share of mischief with these kids. Although he was the baby of the family, he still got his share of licks. His folks ran a pool hall/hamburger joint for a while when he was young, and Jimmy became quite a pool player. He enjoyed this game and played a lot throughout his life. Jimmy so loved his mamma's cooking and had many favorite dishes and remembered how she prepared them. The budget was meager, yet he said there always seemed to be plenty to eat and it always tasted so good because it cooked slowly, all day, making the whole neighborhood smell good. He became a very good cook himself, taking the time to simmer slowly.

After high school Jimmy married Margaret Mary Prejean and they had a son, James "Dwight" Hebert Jr. He worked several places while they lived in the Rayne area, including an auto parts house. He enjoyed this job working with people and at the same time gaining more knowledge of vehicles and began making most repairs on his own cars. Jimmy continued to take care of all the vehicles he owned.

In 1977, Margaret and Jimmy separated and he came to Oregon via a long

Greyhound bus ride (that was quite the story in itself) to work on the ranch on Ellis Road, west of North Powder, for his sister and brother-in-law, Brenda and Wayne Schwabrow. He worked there for a couple of years before he began working at various sawmill companies that occupied the property at the east edge of North Powder. In the early 1990s he accepted the position of sawmill supervisor at the time WTD owned the business. Jimmy was a fair and respected boss because he believed in second chances, once. The WTD sawmill closed in 1999 like many in the area when environmental issues flared, so Jimmy sought other employment. He joined the Laborers Union and worked paving roads, and at the Boardman coal-fired power plant during its shutdown, doing cleanup. He worked several years at Fleetwood Trailer in La Grande until it closed and he applied for the job at the city of North Powder, where he worked until his retirement in 2018.

In 1984, Jimmy married Bonita Elaine Hill at Weiser, Idaho. They had a daughter, Amanda Jeanne Hebert. They purchased the house in North Powder on the corner of F and Fourth streets where he was living at the time of his death. He always planted a nice garden in the back and spent early mornings weeding and watering. He loved raising tomatoes and hot peppers for homemade salsa.

He was a member of many slow-pitch softball teams in Louisiana and joined teams in Baker and La Grande after he came to Oregon. Spring and summers were occupied with league and tournaments in the Northwest. Jimmy played for Baker Jaycees, La Grande Merchants, and Wendell's. He was chosen many times for first team all-star teams and had trophies for several home run hitting contests at these tournaments. A highlight of this hobby was going to Midland, Texas, in 1987 to play in the men's class "A" slow-pitch tournament with the Wendell's team.

In the fall, Jimmy always looked forward to deer and

elk hunting and most times he put meat in the freezer. He learned how to cut and wrap his game animals at home from Austin Coates, an old butcher and neighbor. This was the best meat every time because it was taken care of in a timely manner.

Jimmy hunted pheasant, chukar and dove, and had several beloved bird dogs, Zach, Buck and Jigs, and then along came the cow dogs, Sadie and Izzy. He also loved to fish, especially for bass and crappie, and was so glad to have his boat. Brownlee Reservoir was a favorite place to go and a couple of times a year meeting up with Idaho friends, Pat and Jack Boesel, at Woodhead Park for camping and fishing.

Jimmy was so proud of his kids. Dwight starting his own diesel service business in Louisiana, and Amanda working and living away from home nearby in La Grande. He felt so blessed that Dwight, Patty, Alex and Amanda were here for the holidays.

Jimmy is survived by his wife, Bonita, of North Powder; his son, Dwight (Patty) Hebert, grandsons Jacob (Jessica) Hebert, and Alex Hebert, and his first wife, Margaret Hebert, all of Louisiana; his daughter, Amanda Hebert of La Grande; his sister, Jackie Penticura and brother-in-law, C.J. Rogers of Louisiana; his brother-in-law, Elmer (Jan) Hill of North Powder; his sister-in-law, Bertha (Craig) Calder of Baker Oregon; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his sisters and brothers-in-law, Nada (Stan) Titus, Brenda (Wayne) Schwabrow, and Sylvia Rogers.

Donations in his memory can be sent to Doernbecher Children's Hospital in Portland or Wolf Creek Grange No. 596 in North Powder in care of Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814.

To offer online condolences to Jimmy's family, go to www.grayswestco.com

Mae Fuzi

Baker City, 1937-2021

Alta (Mae) Fuzi, 83, of Baker City, died on Jan. 18, 2021, with her family by her side.

The rosary will be said on Thursday, Jan. 28, at 7 p.m. at St. Francis de Sales Cathedral, 2335 First St. A graveside service for Mae

is scheduled for 1 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 29, at Mount Hope Cemetery. Father Suresh Kumar Telagani will officiate.

Mae was born on June 12, 1937, at Hot Lake to the late Clifton and Leila "Agnes" Tarvin. She was raised in La Grande and Huntington, and graduated from Huntington High School. On Jan. 2, 1953, she married John Fuzi, and together they raised seven children: four daughters and three sons.

In 1975 she received her Licensed Practical Nursing degree from Treasure Valley Community College and spent many years working at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Baker. She was involved with local 4-H clubs and activities, teaching horse and dog training and leathercraft. Mae had a wide variety of interests and talents. She was an artist in a variety of mediums, including tooled leather and painting. Mae loved to cook, garden and can. She was also an accomplished seamstress, making her daughters' wedding dresses. Mae created numerous quilts and crocheted beautiful afghans for her children and grandchildren.

Mae is survived by her seven children: Barbara (Eric) Fischer of Eugene, Vonda (Dave) Evans of Springfield, Oregon, and Loretta Hewett, John (Lisa) Fuzi, David (Laura) Fuzi, Jay (Lori) Fuzi, and Kristi (Pat) Flanagan, all of Baker City; her sisters, Leila Lockett, Christine (Bill) Delepiere, Glenda Bullard and Nancy (Mickey) Hendrickson; 22 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Mae was preceded in death by her husband, John; her mother, Agnes, and her father, Clifton; an infant brother; her brothers-in-law, George Bullard, Chip Lockett and Mark Spriet; and her grandchildren, Travis Culbertson, Kyla Nagel and Presley Spriet.

For those who would like to make a donation in Mae's memory, the family suggests St. Jude Children's Research Hospital through Coles Tribute Center, 1950 Place St., Baker City, OR 97814.

To leave an online condolence for Mae's family, go to www.colestrIBUTEcenter.com

NEWS OF RECORD

DEATHS

Barbara Cropp: 83, of Baker City, died Jan. 24, 2021, at Meadowbrook Place Assisted Living. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Online condolences may be made at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com

FUNERAL PENDING

Lloyd Harry Bigler: A military honors ceremony will take place at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 20, at Union Park. Those attending must wear a mask and practice social distancing. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions to the Union VFW Post, 518 N. Main St., Union, OR 97883. Online condolences may be made at www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com

POLICE LOG

Baker City Police Arrests, citations

PROBATION VIOLATION (Baker County Circuit Court warrant): Jonathan Dale Fields, 33, of Baker City, 1:53 a.m. Sunday, in the 1700 block of Valley Avenue; jailed.

FAILURE TO APPEAR (Warrant): Dion Everette Wilcher

Jr., 27, of Baker City, 4:20 p.m. Saturday, at Resort and Church streets; cited and released.

SECOND-DEGREE DISORDERLY CONDUCT (Warrant): Kristi Ann Moudy-Koos, 44, of Baker City, 4:05 p.m. Saturday, at Madison and Cherry streets; cited and released.

VIOLATING RESTRAINING ORDER: Sean Taylor, 30, of 2335 Baker St., No. 3, 1:01 p.m. Saturday, in the 2300 block of Windmill Road; jailed and later released.

Crime reports

SECOND-DEGREE BURGLARY: Molly Larson, 61, of Baker City reported that her storage unit was burglarized. Police said she had yet to determine if anything was missing.

Baker County Sheriff's Office

FOURTH-DEGREE ASSAULT: Scott Wayne Garhart, 59, of Huntington, 5:26 p.m. Friday, at Huntington; cited and released.

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