

Local

BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

THURSDAY, MARCH 11

■ **Baker School Board:** 6 p.m.; meeting will be via the Zoom computer app. For information about how to join, call the District Office, 541-524-2260, or visit the District website at baker5j.org and scroll down to the calendar section; meeting reset from usual third Thursday.

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald March 8, 1971

New owners of the former Baker Air Force Housing Annex are, among other requests, asking Baker to accept the area as a subdivision of the city.

John M. Poorman, high bidder for the Air Force housing tract and new owner effective Monday, made four other requests of the city. They include: improve variances, if needed, for existing utilities, placement of structures, and so forth.

25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald March 8, 1996

Baker City will dedicate the David J. Wheeler Federal Building April 10.

President Clinton earlier this year signed a bill to name the building for Wheeler, a U.S. Forest Service engineer from Baker City who was murdered north of Weiser, Idaho, on April 26, 1995.

10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald March 9, 2011

Baker students will join their counterparts at Pine-Eagle, North Powder, Burnt River and Huntington next year by attending classes just four days per week.

The Baker School Board made it official Tuesday night with the approval of an administrative plan to move to a four-day student week. Teachers and other staff will continue to work a half-day on Fridays.

Superintendent Walt Wegener repeated last week's community presentation for the board Tuesday night.

ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald March 10, 2020

Whispers and giggles disappear as soon as the children take their seats.

Before them sits a chess board and an opponent.

In silence, the game begins.

Twenty-four youths ranging in age from kindergarten to grade 6 participated in a chess tournament Friday at Brooklyn Primary School. The event was sponsored by the Baker School District and Baker County YMCA.

Players were paired by ability. Each played four rounds, with one hour allotted for each round.

The tournament capped a three-month Chess for Success session offered through the district's program called Baker FridayPlus. Practices started Nov. 19 at Brooklyn Primary, South Baker Intermediate, and Baker Middle School.

Angela Lattin, who facilitates the FridayPlus program, applied to bring the chess program to Baker City. Chess for Success is a nonprofit serving Oregon and Southwest Washington. Eligible schools have at least 50% of students qualify for free or reduced-priced lunch.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, March 6

11 - 13 - 18 - 24 - 27 - 35
Next jackpot: \$2.8 million

POWERBALL, March 6

11 - 31 - 50 - 52 - 58 PB 18
Next jackpot: \$155 million

MEGA MILLIONS, March 5

10 - 11 - 17 - 27 - 54 Mega 20
Next jackpot: \$68 million

WIN FOR LIFE, March 6

14 - 44 - 46 - 52

PICK 4, March 7

• 1 p.m.: 5 - 3 - 7 - 0

• 4 p.m.: 1 - 1 - 0 - 8

• 7 p.m.: 1 - 9 - 8 - 4

• 10 p.m.: 0 - 0 - 5 - 3

LUCKY LINES, March 7

2-79-14-17-21-26-31

Next jackpot: \$35,000

SENIOR MENUS

■ **WEDNESDAY:** Hot meatloaf sandwich, mashed potatoes with gravy, cottage cheese with fruit, bread pudding

■ **THURSDAY:** Boneless country style spare ribs, scalloped potatoes, green beans and tomatoes, roll, Jell-O with fruit, cinnamon roll

■ **FRIDAY:** Beef pot roast, red potatoes, green beans, roll, coleslaw, cookies

■ **MONDAY (March 15):** Chicken-fried chicken, mashed potatoes with country gravy, Capri vegetables, biscuit, three-bean salad, lemon squares

■ **TUESDAY (March 16):** Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, roll, mixed vegetables, macaroni salad, brownie
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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Harrell, who was driving to a couple of sales in Montana on Monday morning, March 8, said the average price for bulls was up by about \$1,000 compared with the 2020 sale, which took place at the start of the pandemic.

"There was a lot of optimism," Harrell said of the March 1 event. "Last year the crowd was way down."

Yearling bulls

A total of 104 yearling bulls were sold, with the average price \$6,073.

The top animal brought a winning bid of \$22,500 from Brymer Ranch Herefords of Caldwell, Texas.

The rest of the top five yearling bulls:

- \$18,500, to XC Ranch and Ottley Herefords of Pomeroy, Washington

- \$15,500, to TA Lawson and Sons of New Pine Creek, Oregon (near Lakeview)

- \$14,000, to Goose Creek Valley Farms of Richmond, Virginia

- \$10,500, to Table Mountain Cattle Co. of Mitchell

Two-year-old bulls

A total of 32 two-year-old bulls went on the auction block, with the average price \$4,431.

The top two-year-old was sold to Holloway Livestock of Vale for \$7,750.

Other top-selling two-year-olds:

- \$7,500, to Parks Ranch Inc. of Adin, California

- \$7,000, to Gomez Ranch of Mexico

- \$6,500, to Gomez Ranch
- \$6,500, to Gomez Ranch

Registered yearling heifers

In addition to the 136 bulls, the Harrells' annual sale included 33 registered yearling heifers, which sold for an average of \$2,689.

The top-selling heifer went for \$5,500 to Church Ranch of Calgary, Canada. The same ranch paid \$5,000 for another heifer.

The rest of the top five:

- \$4,000, to Landt Hereford of Union, Iowa
- \$4,000, to Robby Harfst of Jacksonville, Oregon



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Two ranchers take a look at Herefords that went on the auction block on Monday, March 1, at Harrell Hereford Ranch, along Salmon Creek in Baker Valley.



S. John Collins/Baker City Herald File

Bob Harrell Jr. during the 2019 bull sale at his family's ranch in Baker Valley.

- \$3,800 to Pete Luzaich of Marshfield, Missouri

The Harrell Hereford Ranch also sold 30 commercial replacement heifers to Belcampo Farms of Gazelle, California, for \$44,250 (an average of \$1,475), and three fall bred cows for an average of \$3,083.

In addition to the Herefords, the March 1 event also included the annual

Harrell-Mackenzie quarter horse sale.

Harrell said the horse sale was "outstanding"

"By far the best we've ever had," he said.

A total of 11 fillies sold for an average of \$9,477.

The top filly, named The Savvy Sixes, went for \$13,000 to Coyote Ridge Herefords of Kersey, Colorado.

Six geldings were sold at

an average of \$10,750, topped by the \$19,000 that Charlie Kendall of Glendale, Arizona, paid for a horse named HR Irish Partner.

One mare, Sassy Like Shea, sold to Will and Linda Tiffany of Ontario for \$13,750.

Thomas Angus Ranch sale

A day after the Harrell sale, and a few miles away, the Thomas Angus Ranch had its 18th-annual spring bull and select female sale.

Ranch owner Rob Thomas said he agrees with Harrell's assessment of the industry outlook.

"I think there's a lot of optimism moving forward," Thomas said. "There's a lot of positive signs in the cattle business right now."

Both Thomas and Harrell said the pandemic created a significant backlog in the American beef-processing industry during the spring of 2020 when several large packing plants closed temporarily due to COVID-19 outbreaks.

That left some ranchers with no outlet to sell their cattle.

But once the plants reopened, demand for beef — in particular high-quality beef, Thomas said — was strong.

And that was despite restaurants, a major beef buyer, being closed or restricted for much of 2020.

"The loss we've seen in the restaurant industry was offset by more people cooking at home," Thomas said.

NEWS OF RECORD

DEATHS

Marianne Paul: 64, of Baker City, died March 7, 2021, at St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home and Cremation Services. Online condolences can be made at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com

Eleanor Sullivan: 89, of Baker City, died March 6, 2021, at her residence in Meadowbrook Place. Arrangements have been entrusted to Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel. To leave an online condolence for Eleanor's family, go to www.grayswestco.com

Lois Mary Garrison: 95, of Vale, died March 7, 2021, at her residence in Pioneer Place Assisted Living Facility at Vale. Arrangements have been entrusted to Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel. To leave an online condolence for Lois' family, go to www.grayswestco.com

Lester "Shorty" Short: 85, of Baker City, and formerly of Montana, died March 6, 2021, at his home. Arrangements have been entrusted to Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel. To leave an online condolence for Shorty's family, go to www.grayswestco.com

FUNERALS PENDING

Taran Arthur Moothart: There will be a celebration of Taran's life at 2 p.m., Saturday, March 20, 2021, at Harvest Church, 3720 Birch St., in Baker

City. Pastor Brad Phillips will officiate. Memorial contributions may be made to the Taran Memorial Fund at Old West Federal Credit Union, 2026 Broadway St., Baker City, OR 97814, or through Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814. To leave an online condolence for the family, go to www.grayswestco.com

POLICE LOG

Baker City Police Arrests, citations
CONTEMPT OF COURT (Baker County Justice Court warrant): Timothy Kelly Slaney, 11:24 p.m. Sunday, in the 800 block of Campbell Street; cited and released.

CONTEMPT OF COURT (Baker County Justice Court warrant): Joseph Dean Street, 49, of Baker City; in the 1100 block of Campbell Street; cited and released.

FAILURE TO APPEAR (Warrant): Chuck Wayne Briney, 27, of Baker City, 10:01 p.m. Saturday, at First Street and Washington Avenue; jailed.

POSSESSION OF METHAMPHETAMINE (Baker County Circuit Court warrant and multiple other Baker County warrants): Brandy Dawn Arthur, 28, of Baker City, 10:01 p.m. Saturday, at First Street and Washington Avenue; cited and released.

FAILURE TO APPEAR (Union County warrant): Alexander Har-

old Wise, 19, 9:06 a.m. Friday, at the Baker County Jail where he is being held on other charges.

FIRST-DEGREE BURGLARY: Kyle Ryan Bork, 21, of Baker City, 12:49 p.m. Friday, in the 1600 block of Auburn Avenue; jailed and later released; police said Bork is accused of taking two firearms belonging to Alvah Inghram, 66, from Inghram's Baker City home on Feb. 23; police recovered the guns in a Feb. 23 traffic stop in which Bork was charged with two counts of felon in possession of a firearm.

CONTEMPT OF COURT (Baker County Justice Court warrant): Chad Michael Cox, 39, of Baker City, 8:30 p.m. Friday, at East and Campbell streets; cited and released.

CONTEMPT OF COURT: Justin Michael Shelton, 30, of Baker City, 10 p.m. Friday, at East and Campbell streets; cited and released.

FIRST-DEGREE CRIMINAL TRESPASS and THIRD-DEGREE THEFT, two counts, (Baker County Justice Court warrants): Michael Myers-Gabiola, 29, of Baker City, 10:18 p.m. Friday, at Campbell and Cherry streets; cited and released.

Baker County Sheriff's Office

Arrests, citations
FIRST-DEGREE ANIMAL ABUSE (Baker County Circuit Court warrant): Jeffery Lewis Thomas, 59, of Richland, 11:34 a.m. Sunday, at his home; cited and released; Thomas is accused of "unlawfully, recklessly and cruelly" causing the death of a dog on Feb. 10, according to a secret indictment issued by a grand jury March 4.

CONTEMPT OF COURT (two Baker County Justice Court warrants): Alex Cooper Horn, 25, of Baker City, 2:42 p.m. Friday, at the Sheriff's Office; cited and released.

Oregon State Police
RECKLESS ENDANGERING and POSSESSION OF A SHORT-BARRELLED FIREARM (Columbia County warrant): Clinton James Allen, 40, of St. Helens, 2:56 p.m. Sunday, on Interstate 84, about 10 miles south of Baker City; jailed.

DRIVING WHILE OPERATOR'S LICENSE SUSPENDED: Joshua Cain Collins, 38, of Baker City, 7:43 a.m. Thursday, at Campbell and Grove streets; cited and released.

OBITUARY

Ruth Huey

Formerly of Sumpter, 1937-2021

Ruth Huey, 83, formerly of Sumpter, died March 4, 2021, surrounded by her loved ones.

She will be buried this summer at Parkston, South Dakota.

Ruth was born on May 12, 1937, in rural Alexandria,

South Dakota, to Wesley and Opal Letcher.

Ruth is survived by her children, Terry, Doug, Diana (Rick Noe), Ron (Lynna Cuevas) and Linda (Rick Stumpf).

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lester.



Ruth Huey

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