

OBITUARIES

**Arthur Robert (Bob, Babe) Martin**  
Sept. 10, 1918 – Sept. 1, 2016

Babe Martin was born in Rock Creek, Oregon, on Sept. 10, 1918. He was a rancher, soldier, auto mechanic and auto salesman, who loved hunting, fishing, reading and playing his guitar. His family moved to Dayville when he was about 5, and he lived there through his eighth-grade year. He was a loving brother and uncle, helping out whenever he could, and will be deeply missed.

He was preceded in passing by his parents, A.H. and Bertha Martin; wife, Leona; six brothers and three sisters. He is survived by his sister, Ilona (Ed) Lindstrom; stepdaughter, Rhonda Goranson; niece, Nancy Martin; and many, many more nieces and nephews.

At his request, there will be no service.

**Sylvester 'Gene' Salada**  
June 4, 1934 - Aug. 18, 2016

Sylvester "Gene" Salada, 82, Baker City, passed away at St. Alphonsus Medical Center in Baker City on Aug. 18, due to complications from pneumonia.



Salada was born on June 4, 1934, in Dubois, Pennsylvania, to Emery and Audrey Salada. After attending Sandy Township High School, he joined the Air Force and trained to work on aircraft at Sheppard Air Force Base in Texas. In 1958, he married Korene Patterson in Bakersfield, California. They had two children, Douglas Eugene Salada and Laura Darlene Oleman. As a military family they lived in many places including Hawaii, Canada and Washington, D.C. He retired with the rank of technical sergeant in 1974 and moved to Albany, where he attended Lane Community College and studied auto body painting and repair.

In 1979, Salada moved to John Day and started a new business, John Day Rainbow Flair and Paint Center, which was later known as Grant County Auto Parts. He moved to the country in Mt. Vernon and settled into his new life. In 1993, he met and married Ruth Ballard and shared 23 happy years with her.

Salada was a member and a trustee of the Elks Lodge; he worked on the hoop shoot and the Monday night taco feeds. Through the years he enjoyed woodworking, and he also liked to garden.

In 2014, he and Ruth moved to Baker City, to be closer to Ruth's daughter, Melissa Shankle. He was a loving husband, a caring father and a doting grandfather and great-grandfather. There were many young people's lives that were touched by his caring and good advice through his work with the Elks as well as through the dirt bike race track he maintained on his property for many years.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth; son Doug (Tamatha); daughter Darlene; stepdaughter Melissa (Randy); grandchildren Anthony, Misty, Brittany, Samantha and Kaylaan; and five great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his brothers and sisters Pete, Bonnie, Leroy, Connie, Gary and Terry.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his brothers and sisters Colleen, Audrey, Barbara, Harold, Ronald and Frank.

At his request, there will not be a service. Memorial contributions may be made to the Elks Lodge Eye Clinic through Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814.

To leave a condolence, visit [grayswestco.com](http://grayswestco.com).

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Memorial fund established for Justin Baker

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A 16-year-old Canyon City boy missing since Sunday was found deceased Monday.

During a search and rescue mission, searchers found the body of Justin Baker in the Malheur National Forest, according to a press release from Grant County Sheriff Glenn Palmer.

At about 7:30 p.m. Sunday, the sheriff's office was notified Baker was missing. Law enforcement, Grant County Search and Rescue



Contributed photo

**Justin Baker**

and Grant County Air Search attempted to locate Baker. Palmer said at about 9:30

a.m. Monday, Oregon State Police Trooper Pat McCosker located the green 2000 Ford

Expedition Baker had been driving in the Canyon Creek drainage near Wickiup Campground.

A search with K-9s was initiated, and Palmer said he and Ramy Jisha of Search and Rescue located Baker at about 11:30 a.m.

Palmer said Baker died from an apparent self-inflicted gunshot.

A donation account, the Justin Baker Memorial Fund, has been established at Old West Federal Credit Union.

Field trip sets Dayville students on learning track

By Angel Carpenter  
Blue Mountain Eagle

Dayville School's schedule of field trips began early this school year.

In the first week of school, on Aug. 25, a busload of 27 Dayville students in grades 6 through 12 traveled to the North Fork John Day River Campground north of Granite to learn about salmon spawning.

High school science and agriculture teach Jim Latshaw said there was a lot more learning along the way, with stops in Prairie City to talk about agriculture and Tipton Summit to learn about watershed concepts.

Staff members from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife also helped teach the students at the North Fork John Day River.

Latshaw said some of the Chinook salmon had been there since June or July, reaching lengths up to 22 inches.



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**Dayville students listen and learn about salmon at the North Fork John Day River.**

"The kids did video presentations on nutrient cycling and how the fish are bringing nutrients from the ocean into the upper reaches of the John Day Basin," Latshaw said.

On the way home, the group visited the Sumpter Valley Dredge.



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**Left to right: Teacher Jim Latshaw (back left), Tanner Walczyk, Kendall Hettinga, Courtney Nichols and Austin Walker chat with ODFW employee Chris Bare.**

Latshaw said the knowledge gained on the trip can be applied to science, social studies and math.

"As teachers, this creates a common experience that we can reference during instruction until we do the next one," he said.

Other teachers assisting on the trip included Kerri Latshaw (middle school), Peter Bogardus (high school math and social studies, middle school math) and Margee Powell (math and government).

E. Oregon veteran elected national American Legion commander

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A Vietnam veteran from Hines was elected national commander of the 2.2 million-member American Legion during the 98th national convention of the nation's largest veterans organization, according to a press release from the organization.

Charles E. Schmidt enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1965 and served on active duty until his retirement in 1993. During that time he advanced from an administra-



**Charles E. Schmidt**

tive clerk to become a distinguished graduate of the Air Force Officer Training School, earning a commission and assignments to executive support officer positions at major headquarters. His Air Force assignments took him to Oregon, California, Montana, Nebraska, Colorado, England,

Germany, Philippines and Vietnam.

As an active duty service-member, Schmidt joined Story-Hardin Post 164 in Craig, Missouri, in 1984. After his military retirement as a major, he was employed by the Air Force Total Quality Management Program at Lowry Technical Training Center in Denver, Colorado.

He transferred his American Legion membership to Harney County Post 63 in Burns and helped revitalize the department's Tenth District after moving there and beginning a 15-year career at the Greater Oregon Federal Credit Union. He retired from the credit union as the executive vice president. He is a Paid Up For Life Legion member.

Schmidt served as department (state) commander of the Oregon American Legion in 2004 and 2005. He has served at every level of The

American Legion, including National Executive Committeeman from 2005-2016. Gov. Theodore Kulongoski appointed Schmidt to the Governor's Advisory Committee to the director for the Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs in 2004. He was appointed to a second four-year term in 2008.

While serving in the Air Force, Schmidt earned a Bronze Star, a Defense Meritorious Service Medal, a Meritorious Service Medal with 2 oak leaf clusters, Among numerous others.

Schmidt resides in Hines with his wife, Linda. They have two daughters, Andria and Cori, and two sons-in-law, Peter and Anthony. They also have six grandchildren: Madeline, Alex, Adam, Raymond, Nicholas and Thomas.

Schmidt took the oath of office along with five other national officers.

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Either call the information into the Eagle office at 541-575-0710 or email [office@bmeagle.com](mailto:office@bmeagle.com).

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SATURDAY	88/47
SUNDAY	76/50
MONDAY	67/41

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**WEATHER FORECAST FOR THE WEEK OF SEPT. 14-20**

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Sunny and pleasant	Mostly sunny and pleasant	Plenty of sunshine	Plenty of sunshine	Spotty afternoon showers	A blend of sun and clouds	Cooler with periods of sun
<b>75</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>74</b>
<b>44</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>42</b>