

# Local

## — COMMUNITY CALENDAR —

### DAR meeting

Friday, January 9, at 11:30 a.m. at the Sunridge Inn is the regular meeting of the Lone Pine Chapter of the Daughters of American Revolution.

### Community Dance

Saturday, January 10, 2015 at Crossroads Art Center, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Featuring the live string band "HouseBlend" and caller Mark Lewis. \$5 per person or \$2.50 for any Crossroads member. Please bring a snack to share. Coffee, tea, and water will be provided. Sponsored by the Elkhorn Swingers Square & Round Dance Club. Contact Richard Rubicam at 503-560-9005 with questions.

### Library Board meeting

Monday, January 12, 6 p.m. in the Riverside Meeting Room at the Baker County Public Library. Gary Dielman of Baker City will chair the meeting. The primary agenda topic is receipt of the District's audit report for fiscal year 2013-2014 prepared by CPA firm Guyer & Associates of Baker City. Public comments for the board on any topic are welcome directly after the opening of the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

### Business Round Tables

Wednesday, January 14, 8 a.m., at The Little Bagel Shop, and Thursday, January 15, at The Little Pig restaurant.

### Dance lessons

Thursday, January 15, 6:30 – 8 p.m. by the Powder River Dance Club. Thursday nights except the second Thursday of each month. At the VFW. Western and Country Swing, Texas Two Step, Waltz, Cha Cha, Line Dance, Ten Step, and more. First two lessons free. Memberships available. No partner needed all ages welcome. For more info: Chuck 541-524-9306 or Sam 541-403-0446.

### Oath Keepers Meeting

Thursday, January 15, 6:00 p.m. at Baker City Hall in the Council Chambers. Meetings are the third Thursday of every month.

### 2015 Chamber Awards Banquet

Saturday, January 17. No-host social hour 5-6:30 p.m. Program starts at 6:30 p.m. Dinner starts at 7:00 p.m. "Back to the Future" is the theme. Sponsorships are still available. Contact the Chamber.

### SWCD annual dinner meeting

Tuesday, January 23, 2015. Baker County Soil and Water Conservation Districts will holding their Annual Dinner Meeting at the Sunridge Inn. There will be a "no-host" social hour beginning at 5:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. \$15 per person. Call 523-7121, ext 100 or ext 109.

### Mining and natural resources conference

Tuesday, January 27, noon till 4 p.m. with a reception from 4-5 p.m. at the Baker County Events Center.

### A Night at Old Auburn

Saturday, February 28. The Friends of the Museum 6th annual Casino Night Fund raiser are now available for sale at the museum. At only \$28, tickets to this fun event make great holiday gifts! You can also get museum membership gift certificates for the 2015 season.

### FFA's BBQ fundraiser

Friday, February 6, 2015, from 5 to 7 p.m., at the U-shaped driveway by the southern entrance of Baker High School. Tickets, available for purchase prior to or at the fundraiser, are \$12 each, and the meal will include tri-tip, baked potato, garlic bread, green beans and a brownie.

### JAIL ROSTER

GREGG, John  
KEEFE, Timothy  
RICHARDSON, Sherrie  
BRASWELL, Edward  
LOPEZ, Yesenia  
TROYER, Jason  
SCOTT II, Arthur  
COOK, Kristopher  
DEMARIS, Cody  
CAMPBELL, Casey  
ELKSHOULDER, Ida  
MASZK, Caleb  
MUNSELL, Emily  
BELL, Kimberly  
WHITMORE, Richard  
CULLEY, Andrew  
EFIRD, Debra  
FISCHER, Jacob  
HELLMAN, Kenny  
FINE, Tamara  
SYPERD, Crystal  
ENTERMILLE, Forrest  
DESHIRLIA, Cory  
DUNLEAVY, Chance  
MCBRIDE, Steven  
WHITLOW, Jonathon  
PETERSON, Linda  
KITCH, Roberto  
COMBS, Brian

HAMM, Todd  
TREAANOR, Kevin  
BRINEY, Justin  
NICHOLS, Robert  
LEWIS, Neil  
ANDERSON, Gillian  
PAULSEN, Nathan  
RICCI, Devin  
PARKAY, Samantha  
MCLEAN, Jeremy  
SCHISLER, Chet  
BROMLIE, Scott  
TAYLOR, Gene  
BOWMAN, Chad  
SCOTT, Chancy  
MACK, Dale  
FREEMAN, David

### POLICE LOG

Shelton, Kristina Rose. 1/2. Failure to Pay Fines.  
Scott II, Arthur Charles. 1/2. Assault IV and Harassment.  
Troyer, Jason Lee. 1/5. Post-prison violation.  
Lopez, Yesenia Maria. 1/5. Mal-hour County warrant for Probation Violation.  
Hamm, Todd Jeffery. 1/6. Probation

Violation.  
Couch, Cindy Lee. 1/6. Failure to Pay Fines.  
Whitlow, Joshua Kenneth. 1/6. Nonpayment of Fines.  
Richardson, Sherrie Irene. 1/7. Theft in the Second Degree.  
Keefe, Timothy Patrick. 1/7. Baker Circuit Court warrant for Criminal Impersonation of an officer and attempt to elude.  
Gregg, John Thomas. 1/7. Contempt of Court.

### FUNERALS PENDING

**Leland "Link" Millman**, 86, of Richland, Oregon died at his home on Monday, January 5, 2015. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. On line condolences may be shared at [www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com).

**Mary P. Cross** 75, a resident of Baker City, OR died Jan. 6, 2015 at St. Alphonsus Medical, Baker City. Services under the direction of Coles Tribute Center.

## — OBITUARIES —

### Leona (Onie) Iris Blank Speelman

Baker City, 1918-2015

Leona Speelma, 97, died on January 2, 2015 at Meadowbrook Place in Baker City.

A traditional funeral service was held on Thursday, January 8, 2015, 11:00 a.m. at the Richland Christian Church in Richland, Oregon. Interment was at Eagle Valley Cemetery. Friends were invited to join the family for a potluck reception to be held immediately following the interment.

Leona (Onie) Iris Blank Speelman was born February 9, 1918 at Long Hollow (Richland to Huntington Road) in Eagle Valley OR. Her parents were George Washington Blank and Lottie Gordon Blank. She had 14 Brothers and Sisters: Miskel, Nathan (died as an infant), Melvin, Marvin, Emmett, Myrtle, Elmer, Opal, Bernadine (Pete), Earl, Jack, Harland, Duane, Dale.

Leona was the eleventh child of 15 children. Leona and her brothers and sisters grew up in Eagle Valley and all but four lived their lives there.

Leona attended New Bridge Grade School and the Pleasant Ridge Grade School in Eagle Valley, and the Eagle Valley High School.

She married Jack Speelman, the love of her life, on Sept 22, 1938, in Weiser, Idaho.

Leaving High School Leona moved to Baker and worked in a soda fountain in the old Cochran's drug store on Broadway in Baker, and also as a nanny.

Leona and Jack lived in the Haines and Baker area during the early years of their marriage. Then moved to Vancouver, WA during WWII where Jack worked in the shipyards. They moved to Eagle Valley in 1946 where they farmed and Jack worked out as a logger, carpenter, and welder.

Leona was devoted to her family and always busy doing something for them. Being a housewife and mother without all the modern day appliances was hard work (ringer washing machine, wood cook stove, hand crank cream separator), but she never complained. Her pantry was always full every fall

with fruit and vegetables she had canned during summer.

Leona was always very active in the New Bridge Grange and was one of the senior members upon her death. She and Jack belonged to the local Square Dance Club. They were involved with Boy Scout activities. She was a Den Mother for Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts and an avid fan of High School sports. She was also active in the Dry Gulch Sewing Club (often referred to as the hen setten-spit and whittle club).

She is survived by three children; Larry and Sharon Speelman of Richland, OR; Terry and Lorri Speelman of Baker City, OR; Janice and Michael McCann of Emmigrant, Mt; 12 grandkids; 13 great grandkids; 13 great-great grandkids; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, 14 brothers and sisters and her husband Jack. Leona was the last surviving member of the original Blank Family, and lived all but a few years of her life in Eagle Valley.

Those who would like to make a donation in Leona's memory to either the Richland Christian Church or the Eagle Valley EMT Training Fund can do so through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & CS P.O. Box 543, Halfway, OR 97834. Online condolences may be shared at [www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com).

### Betty Jo Gray

Baker City, 1930-2015

Betty Jo Gray, 84, died on January 1, 2015 in her forever home, at Elsie's House-Adult Foster Care in Baker City.

A memorial-celebration of Betty's life will be held on Saturday, January 10, 2015, 2:00 p.m. at the Seventh-day Adventist Church on Pochahontas Road in Baker City.

Betty Jo was born on February 22, 1930 in Castleford, Idaho to Clarence and Beatrice (Short) Niccum. She was one of eight children. The family moved to Nyssa, Oregon when she was six or seven years old. Betty went to school in Nyssa, but began having health problems, so

she quit school in of her sophomore year. Betty went back later, after her kids were born and took the GED and passed, never even studying for it. When she was 17-18 Betty came to Baker to attend Baker Business College, for a couple of years. She learned to be a secretary, bookkeeping and typing.

Betty married Fred Earl Gray in April of 1950. They made their home in Baker City. Fred was a radio/television repair man in Baker. They had their first daughter Nancy in their seventh year of marriage, then three later had Susan. The two girls shared the same birthdate only years apart. Betty worked mostly alongside of her husband. But later went back to school to get her teaching degree. She worked for a year for the Seventh-day Adventist School after her children were pretty much grown.

Daughter, Susan, developed a brain tumor in the back of her head, she lived 20 years, and died in 1988. Fred and Betty later divorced after 26 years, her oldest daughter was 16 at the time.

Betty then met Jack Darrah. They lived in Hermiston for 5 years and then to Baker City. When Jack and Betty needed extra care, they moved to "Reasoner's Retreat" assisted living, in Richland, Oregon. Jack later died in 2007, he and Betty had been together for 16 years. Betty then moved back to Baker City.

Betty enjoyed fishing, camping and "just raising her family." She was a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Betty was preceded in death by Jack, daughter Susan C. Gray, and 6 of her siblings.

Betty is survived by her children, Nancy Nelson of Baker City, Grandchildren Kristy Watson and Ron Nelson; 13 great grandchildren; brother John Niccum and his wife of Pasco, Washington, several nieces and nephews.

Those who would like to make a memorial donation in memory of Betty, may do so to the Seventh-day Adventist Church through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services PO Box 543 Halfway, Oregon 97834. On line condolences may be shared at [www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com).

### Joaquin Gunter "Moose" Stephens

Baker City, 1926-2015

Joaquin G. "Moose" Stephens, 88, of Baker City died January 3, 2015 at his residence.

His rosary as held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 7th at Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel and the Mass of Christian Burial as held at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 8th at St. Francis de Sales Cathedral. Vault Interment followed at Mount Hope Cemetery and a reception took place afterwards at the St. Francis Parish Hall.

Moose was born April 30, 1926 in El Paso, Texas to Joseph Gunter and Tomasa Maria (Serrano) Stephens. He attended Cathedral High School in El Paso, and went into the U.S. Army in 1944, serving in the Pacific and earning two Purple Hearts. In 1950 Moose graduated from New Mexico A&M and later took graduate courses at the University of Idaho. On May 21, 1955 he married Helen McDaid in Boise, Idaho. The couple remained married for 40 years until her passing on March 1, 1995.

Moose worked for the U.S. Forest Service for 37 years as a range conservationist and wildlife biologist and was the snow ranger for Anthony Lakes. He enjoyed many outdoor activities including skiing, which he continued to do until he was 84 years old, hiking, family trips camping and sing-a-longs by the campfire. He also enjoyed bicycling, participating in Cycle Oregon two times.

Joaquin was involved in the Boy Scouts of America for 15 years. He started and was the head coach of the Baker Swim Team from 1973 until 1976 and was an active member of St. Francis de Sales Cathedral and a member of the Knights of Columbus.

His greatest legacy was his faith in God, his love of family and his love of the outdoors.

He was preceded in death by his wife Helen, his parents, a granddaughter Mandi Stephens, one brother Joseph Stephens and one sister Helen Annabell Stephens.

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Leona Speelman



Moose Stephens



Betty Jo Gray



### Michael Rushton, DPM

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