

# Local

## — COMMUNITY CALENDAR —

### BURNT RIVER GRADUATION

Saturday, May 14, 5 p.m. in the Burnt River School gym.

### SUMPTER VALLEY RR VOLUNTEER WEEKEND

Saturday, May 14, and Sunday May 15 is a great introduction to becoming an active volunteer at the Sumpter Valley Railroad. Attendees learn about safe operations, rules and regulations, train handling, crew positions, maintenance, equipment and facilities, railway history, and get a friendly meet and greet with your fellow volunteers. You do not need to be a current member, and all ages are welcome to attend, though you must be 18 or older to work on the trains or operate equipment. Lunch will be provided both days, with training getting underway at 9:00 a.m. at McEwen. There will also be work events on Friday May 13 and Monday May 16. For more information, please contact us via email at [info@sumptervalleyrailroad.org](mailto:info@sumptervalleyrailroad.org)

### ELECTION DAY

Tuesday, May 17. Oregon's primary election.

### BURNT RIVER OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday, May 18, 12:30 in the gym for presentations, 2:30 p.m. for a special edible arts project in Mr. Isenberger's room.

### FOREST ACCESS FOR ALL BANQUET AND AUCTION

Saturday, May 21, 2016 5:00 p.m. at the Best Western Sunridge Inn in Baker City. Come join us for an evening filled with friends that are engaged in maintaining historical access to public lands. Dinner choices are prime rib or hailbut. Tickets are \$25 and are limited, so call Wanda (541-523-4209) and get your ticket today!

### SUMPTER FLEA MARKET

Friday, May 27 through Monday, May 30. 150 Booths and vendors - Food, antiques and collectibles. Blue Mountain Old Time Fiddlers - Saturday, two shows, afternoon and evening. Bingo, Friday and Saturday. Ride the Sumpter Valley Railroad! Visit the Dredge! Watch for event signs.

### MEMORIAL DAY AT THE BAKER HERITAGE MUSEUM

Monday, May 30, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. "Honoring Those Who Have Served" Past and Present Servicemen and their families free admission to museum.

### HUNTINGTON CATFISH DERBY

Monday, May 30. Enter in the Catfish tournament and see if you have what it takes to catch the biggest catfish for the day or the entire event. The fun starting on Friday with the sign up for the catfish tournament then on Saturday starts the fun. Come and join The Hookers and Cookers Catfish Cook off. Take a walk through the flea market. Want to sit for a while and meet fun and interesting people, try your luck with bingo, or help judge the cook off, sit and listen to the music. Want to kick up your heels, the get in on the street dance and grab a partner and dance till you drop. Lots of prizes to win in many events like the Duck Derby, Bingo, The Catfish cook off, Catfish tournament. Getting hungry? After the cook off you can try out the food from the contestants of the cook off, or go to the VFW and enjoy their steak feed.

### BHS HONORS NIGHT

The Baker High School Honors and Awards Night will be Wednesday, June 1, at 7 p.m. at the BHS auditorium.

### BHS GRADUATION

Baker High School graduation will be held Sunday, June 5, 2 p.m. at the stadium.

### JAIL ROSTER

VOWELL, Alicia  
GROVE, James  
SUITTER, Desiree  
HILBUN-TEXLEY, Andrew  
SCHULTE, Michael  
VANDERPOOL, Joshua  
WINSTON, Brandy  
URLACHER, John  
MCNAIR, Frank  
WHITTING-GOOD, Travis  
BROWN, Geoffery  
GRAMMON, Jacob  
WALKER, Jacob  
BAXTER, Benjamin  
MULDER, Antoine  
BURNINGHAM, Tyson  
CULLEY, Andrew  
LATTYMER, Melissa  
CLARK, Dexter  
DEHERRERA, Kyle  
GRAY, Robert  
HARDING, Justin  
SCOTT, Austin  
WITTER, Robert  
HODEL, Cody  
MYERS, Anthony

### POLICE LOG

Suitter, Desiree Rose. 5/6. Contempt of Court.  
Crosby, Nicholas Cole. 5/8. Violation of Restraining Order.  
Hall, Nickie Michelle. 5/8. Assault IV.  
Stanford, Tonya Marie. 5/8. Driving while Suspended—Misdemeanor.  
Nelson, Kenneth Thomas. 5/8. Failure to Register as a Sex Offender.  
Culbertson, Brandon Douglas. 5/9. Robbery III and Theft III.  
Harding, Daniel Jose. 5/10. DUII and DWS Violation.

### DEATH / FUNERAL NOTICES

Rosalyn Powers, 81, of Baker City, Oregon passed away on May 7, 2016 at her home. Arrangements are being

## — NEWS OF RECORD —

made under the care of Aspen Burial & Cremation.

Cora Woodworth, 86, of Baker City, Oregon passed away on May 5, 2016 at her home. Arrangements are being made under the care of Gray's West & Company. To light a candle in memory of Cora, please visit: [www.grayswestco.com](http://www.grayswestco.com).

Gerard Lafreniere, 75, of Baker City died at his home on Monday, May 9, 2016 with his family at his side. A Mass of Christian burial will be held on Monday, May 16, 2016 ~ 11:00 a.m. at St. Francis de Sales Cathedral in Baker City. Vault Interment at Mt. Hope Cemetery. For those who would like to make a memorial donation in memory of Gerard, the family asks that you make it to the charity of your choice through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home PO Box 543 Halfway, Oregon 97834. Online condolences may be shared at [www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com).

Dan Liebman - A Celebration of Dan's life will be held on Thursday, May 12, 2016 - 2:00 p.m. at the Pine Valley Grange in Halfway, Oregon. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & CS. Online condolences may be shared at [www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com)

John Rayl - A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday May 14, 2016 at 3 p.m. at the Hermiston Seventh-day Adventist Church. A private burial will be held at the Mt. Hope Cemetery in College Place, Washington. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & CS. Online condolences may be shared at [www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com).

Jadean "Skeeter" Proffitt - A Celebration of Skeeter's Life will be held on Saturday, May 14, 2016 ~ 11:00 a.m. at the Eagle Club in Baker City. Those who wish to make a donation in memory of Skeeter may do so to help defray her memorial services

through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & CS - PO Box 543 Halfway, Oregon 97834. Online condolences may be shared at [www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com).

M. Geralean Sneddon - A Celebration of Life/ Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, May 14, 2016 at 2 p.m. at the Florence Christian Church in Florence, Oregon. A Graveside Service will be held at Pine Haven Cemetery on Saturday, May 28, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & CS. Online condolences may be shared at [www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com).

Darlene Ballard - A Graveside Service will be held on June 18, 2016 at 10 a.m. at the Union Cemetery in Union, Oregon. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & CS. Online condolences may be shared at [www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com).

Billee Howard, 94, longtime Halfway resident died on May 4, 2016 at Meadowbrook Place. There will not be a service, but for those who would like to make a memorial donation in memory of Billee, the family suggests donations earmarked for Fencing Material for the Panhandle Fair and Rodeo through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & CS - PO Box 543 Halfway, Oregon 97834. Online condolences may be shared at [www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com).

Cora Colleen Woodworth passed away at the age of 86 on May 5, 2016. A memorial service for Cora and her husband Laurie will be held on May 20, 2016, at 1:00 p.m. at First Lutheran Church, 1734 Third St., Baker City, OR. Memorial contributions can be made to First Lutheran Church through Gray's West and Company Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR, 97814. To light a candle in memory of Cora, please visit [www.grayswestco.com](http://www.grayswestco.com).

## — OBITUARIES —

### David E. MidKiff

Baker City, 1942-2016

David E. MidKiff, 73, of Baker City, Oregon, passed away on April 24, 2016 at St. Alphonsus Medical Center in Baker City, Oregon. A celebration of life will be held on May 28, 2016 at 3:00 PM at the Baker City VFW.

David was born in Klamath Falls, Oregon on November 27, 1942 to Elmer Antony MidKiff and Mary Nell (Istitt) MidKiff. Throughout his childhood he relocated to Umatilla and Hermiston following his dad as he worked in construction and building the McNary Dam. As a teenager, David worked at the Baker Livestock Yard and in several grocery stores as a box boy. In 1962, David enlisted into the United States Army and completed his GED in 1966 while serving his country as a Staff Sergeant. During his time in the Army, David and his first wife Charlotte McKenzie



David MidKiff

of Irrigon, Oregon had a daughter, Ginger, who was born in Oregon and a son, Cameron, who was born while David was stationed in Germany. David was married to his second wife for a short period of time; Cordelia (Mahon) Spain of Sonoma, California.

On May 9, 1971 he married Janet Bredehoff at her mother's house in Boyes Hot Springs, California and all of the family was able to attend. Janet and David were together for a total of 46 years before his passing.

During his lifetime David owned many businesses and held many jobs. In 1972 he purchased a small ranch in Klamath Falls, Oregon as well as worked for Weyerhaeuser until he was injured and needed surgery in 1975. David then moved to Baker City, Oregon and purchased the Green Gables motel until he sold it in 1981. While working as a part-time ranch laborer, David learned how to paint professionally from Lee Cotton and in 1986 he started his own painting company, Dave Co. Paint-

ing. David also worked as a custodian at the Senior Center for three years during this time. In 1997 David purchased Baker RV and operated the business until 2001 when he became semi-retired. After retiring, while he was still able, David and George Swanson took many enjoyable horse camping trips at Minam.

David enjoyed many hobbies which included The Mounted Posse youth trail rides, breaking horses, R.C. 10 racing, dirt car racing, hunting, fishing, and camping. He was a member of the Mounted Posse from 1999-2016 and enjoyed his affiliation with the Posse tremendously. David was also a volunteer for the Cub Scouts in Haines, Oregon and a member of the Baker Black Powder Club where he was given the nickname "Shakey Dave."

Survivors include his wife Janet MidKiff of Baker City, his son Dan and daughter-in-law Michelle MidKiff of Hermiston, Oregon, son Cameron MidKiff of California, daughter Ginger MidKiff of California, grandson David C. MidKiff of Pendleton, Oregon, and several cousins in Oregon as well

as many friends and great neighbors.

David is preceded in death by his parents, his sister Bunny Jo Stilwell and his son David Leland MidKiff.

Arrangements are under the care of Gray's West & Company Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, Oregon 97814. To light a candle in memory of David, please visit: [www.grayswestco.com](http://www.grayswestco.com).

### Jadene "Skeeter" Proffitt

Baker City, 1955-2016

Jadene "Skeeter" Proffitt died April 12, 2016 in Boise Idaho. A Celebration of life will be held Saturday, May 14, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. at the Eagles Lodge, in Baker City Oregon.

Jadene was born May 16, 1956 in Portland Oregon (due to her being premature) to Mildred and Buford Kennison. She was raised in Pendleton, Oregon and in later years moved to Montana where she attended High School.

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Jadene Proffitt



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## FBLA

The Baker High School's Future Business Leaders of America is in need of donations to help send this year's best and brightest to Nationals in Atlanta! These students competed at Regionals and State, placed, and now need to raise over \$1,800 each to attend the conference and continue competing. Donations to BHS-FBLA can be dropped off at the high school and would be sincerely appreciated.

—From the Baker County Press.



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