

# Local

## — COMMUNITY CALENDAR —

### 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.

### 3D SHOOT FOR A CURE

Saturday, May 28, 8:00 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Washington Gulch Archery Range in Baker City. Call 541-519-2483 for information.

### HARVEST CHRISTIAN ACADEMY GRADUATION

Sunday May 29 at 3 p.m. at Harvest Church 3720 Birch Street.

### 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

May 28-30. 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.

### RICHLAND - PANFISH TOURNAMENT


Saturday, June 4. Again this year we will offer four divisions of fishing opportunities: Adult and Kids Boat & Adult and Kids Shoreline (Shoreline fishing is within the Hewitt- Holcomb parks shoreline area only, explained at registration) Registration and Fish Check in will be at the registration table located at Hewitt Park Registration and Participant Check in starts at 5:30 a.m. on June 4th. All participates pre-registered or those registering the morning of the 4th may start fishing after checking in. All buckets and live wells must be checked by a tournament official before fishing begins. All fish must be presented to a tournament official at the registration table by 5 p.m. June 4th.

### BHS GRADUATION

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

### EAGLE VALLEY DAYS

Eagle Valley Days will be Saturday, June 18. The event will kick off with a parade at 10 a.m. in downtown Richland. Then on to opening ceremonies at the grange park and kids games. There will be art in the park and there are still vendor spaces available at \$5 per space. Crafty people, antiques, collectables, shabby chic and other sellable items can be part of this event by calling 893-6292 to reserve a space. There will be a pie auction at 1:30 with great prizes. Bring pies to the grange kitchen by noon. The kitchen will open in the park at 11 a.m. with burgers, hot dogs, nachos and shortcake. Music and entertainment will begin at 2 p.m. Call 893-6292 or 893-6026 for more information.



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### JAIL ROSTER

HENSEN, James  
DUREN, Patrick  
HARDING, Jestin  
FISCHER, Jacob  
SYPERD, Crystal  
FAIRALL, Cody  
LEBLANC, Jesse  
PURKEY, Danielle  
SCHELL, Colten  
SCHLAHT, Nathan  
BRESHEARS, Brent  
SUITTER, Desiree  
SCHULTE, Michael  
MCNAIR, Frank  
BROWN, Geoffery  
WALKER, Jacob  
BAXTER, Benjamin  
MULDER, Antoine  
LATTYMER, Melissa  
CLARK, Dexter  
DEHERRERA, Kyle  
GRAY, Robert  
SCOTT, Austin  
WITTER, Robert  
HODEL, Cody  
MYERS, Anthony

### POLICE LOG

Hatfield, Amy Marie. 5.25. Proba-

## — NEWS OF RECORD —

tion Violation.  
Hensen, James Robert. 5.24. Parole and Probation Detainer for Probation Violation and cited and released the subject on a Baker County Justice Court warrant for Contempt of Court.  
Lahey, Xysis Silk Duane. 5.24. Improper use of 911.  
Montiel, Kim Elizabeth. 5.21. Contempt of Court.  
Sypherd, Crystal Morgan. 5.20. Baker County Parole and Probation Detainer for Post-Prison Violation.  
Cornett, Jeremy Russell. 5.20. Criminal Trespass II.  
Montiel, Kim Elizabeth. 5.20. Contempt of Court.  
LeBlanc, Jesse Pierre. 5.19. Contempt of Court.  
Hamm, Todd Jeffrey. 5.19. Two cite and release warrants for DWS and Probation Violation.

### DEATH / FUNERAL NOTICES

Frances Carol Smithson, 69, of Grants Pass and Sparta died at her home in Sparta on May 23, 2016. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home.

On line condolences may be shared at [www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com).

Rae Cecil "Bud" Stewart, 85, of North Powder, Oregon passed away on May 22, 2016 at his home. A Celebration of Life Service will be held Friday at the Haines Steakhouse at 4:00 p.m. His graveside service will be Thursday, June 2, 2016 at 10:00 am MST at Taylor Cemetery in Idaho Falls, Idaho. Memorial contributions may be made through Gray's West & Co., 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814. To light a candle in memory of Bud please visit: [www.grayswestco.com](http://www.grayswestco.com).

Stephanie Ann Kinzel, 47, of Baker City passed away May 23, 2016 at her home. Arrangements are under the direction of Gray's West & Company. To light a candle in memory of Stephanie, please visit: [www.grayswestco.com](http://www.grayswestco.com).

Corina Zarkouski, 35, of Baker City passed away May 23, 2016 at her home. Arrangements are under the direction of Gray's West & Company. To light a candle in memory of Corina, please visit: [www.grayswestco.com](http://www.grayswestco.com)

## — OBITUARIES —

### Helen Belle Wirth

Baker City, 1928-2016

Helen Belle Wirth, 88, of Baker City, Oregon passed away at St. Alphonse Medical Center in Baker City, Oregon on May 18,



Helen Wirth

2016. A visitation was held Monday May 23, 2016 from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM at Gray's West and Company Pioneer Chapel at 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, Oregon. A funeral service was held on May 24, 2016 at the First Lutheran Church in Baker City, Oregon at 11:00 a.m.

Helen was born in Baker, Oregon on February 15, 1928 to Marjorie Roxanne (McConnell) Sipp and William Charles Sipp. She attended high school at the Baker High School, graduating in 1947. Helen received training through Pacific Northwest Bell and worked for 20 years as a telephone operator. She also worked as a home health secretary for St. Elizabeth Hospital.

On March 4, 1950, Helen married Joseph Harold Wirth Jr. in Klamath Falls, Oregon. They were married 42 years before his passing on December 11, 1992.

Reading, music, camping, working on crossword puzzles, visiting with friends, and loving animals are a few of the things Helen enjoyed. She was a member of the First Lutheran Church, Lydia Circle, VFW Auxiliary, and various clubs during her time in high school. She had many accomplishments through her life but her proudest accomplishments were raising her

three children, spending time with her two grandchildren, and rescuing and adopting numerous animals.

Helen is survived by her daughter Linda Wirth Haynes of Baker City, Oregon, daughter Christie Wirth Zerfing of Garibaldi, Oregon, son Karl Wirth of Baker City, Oregon, granddaughter Victoria Wirth Tarter of St. George, Utah. She is also survived by numerous and dearly loved in-laws.

She is preceded in death by her husband Joseph Harold Jr. and her siblings.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Best Friends of Baker through Gray's West & Company, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, Oregon 97814.

To light a candle in memory of Helen, please visit: [www.grayswestco.com](http://www.grayswestco.com).

### Billee Huff Howard

Halfway, 1921-2016

Billee Huff Howard, 94, a Pine Valley native, passed away on May 4 2016. Billee was born October 31, 1921 in the first log house (two room) ever built in the valley, located in the lower end of the valley. She was the granddaughter of the Oliver family who were original homesteaders in 1878. Her mother Gladys and father Bert Huff were rugged pioneers.

She was the youngest of five children and she grew up running the hills and the Hooker Flat ranch, barefooted and free. She said, "You jumped the snakes." Billee rode her horse to

school in Pine town and Halfway, and told of galloping down main street on her way home from school.

Billee married Wm. (Bill) Joseph and they worked in the ship yards in Portland during the second world war. Billee was a welder. She and Bill had four children; Allen, Denise, Keith and Paul. She later married Warren Epps and had a daughter, Edrie. With the passing of Warren she married Robert Howard. On the passing of Robert, Billee lived alone for many years.

Billee loved to dance and was an avid reader.

She was a great quilt-maker and spent many years making custom rodeo shirts, for cowboys. She liked to garden and was always busy. In the 1980s Billee bought the tavern now know as "Wild Bills" and turned it into a full-service restaurant and bar. She worked hard to remodel, built the bar addition and managed to get the first liquor license issued in eastern Oregon, in 17 years. She called it "Billee." She loved the business, the music and fun but most of all the people.

Many years were spent with Billee managing the Pine Valley Fair.

She raised the money to buy the picnic tables, we still use today and to pour the concrete floor in the exhibit hall that was still dirt and sawdust. She was very proud of the fair and the community.

Billee is survived by four of her children, eight grandchildren and many great and great great grandchildren. She is greatly missed but she told us all, she was ready to go.

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, PO Box 543 Halfway, Oregon 97834. Online condolences may be shared at [tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com).

### Geralean Sneddon

Halfway, 1935-2016

Geralean passed away on April 22, 2016 in hospice care after a six month illness. A Graveside Memorial Service will be held at Pine Haven Cemetery in Halfway, Oregon on Saturday, May 28, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. Friends are invited to join the family for a reception to be held immediately

following at the home of her sister Grace Gulick.

Geralean loved the aunt Mabel that she was named after, but preferred to go by her middle name. East of the Cascades she is known as Geralean and on the west side "Gerry." Geralean was born to A.Niles Sr. and Emma M. Goodwin at home in Cornucopia, Oregon on July 13, 1935. the youngest daughter of 5 children. The family later moved to the Jim Town area of Pine Valley, where she attended the Jimtown school through the 8th grade. She attended high school at Pine Valley Union High School in Halfway, Oregon, Where she picked out her future husband.

The family moved to the ranch above Jimtown and in the 1940's purchased the Endrupp sawmill that became the Goodwin sawmill on what is now called "Goodwin Sawmill Lane". Geralean became the last of the Goodwin girls to deliver wood in the "29" Chevrolet wood truck delivering slab wood around the valley.

She had one music lesson at the age of six, taught herself to read & transpose music, played for church at the Halfway Christian Church at the age of 13. In later years, she acquired several pianos, much to the chagrin of her husband and sons. Her aunt, Jessiemae Martin left her Hammond organ to Geralean when she passed, Geralean played organ for Reedsport Christian church, as well as for many funerals and weddings. She married Blair Sneddon on July 7, 1953 at "Baker" Oregon, they would have celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary in July of this year.

The Sneddens moved from Baker County to Florence, in October of 1955. Moving to Reedsport, Oregon in 1985 and back to Florence in October of 2016. Over the years she worked in retail and as a restaurant hostess, at the same time, acting as the dispatcher for Blair's Appliance Parts and Service in Florence, as well as working in the family's coin laundry. In addition she did child care in her home for some boys and one special honorary granddaughter.

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