

# Local

## — COMMUNITY CALENDAR —

### FREE DAY AT THE INTERPRETIVE CENTER

January 15, 2017, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 22267 Highway 86, Baker City, Oregon, Exit 302 from Interstate 84.

### FRENCH SINGER TO PERFORM

January 19, 2017, 6-9 p.m. at Earth and Vine on Washington Avenue. Come and celebrate the release of French-American Singer Songwriter Eric John Kaiser's 5th album "Made in Gaspésie" recorded this summer in Québec. It will be the first time that he plays the songs live in Baker City, OR. All Ages. Great food and great wine also. For Eric John Kaiser "French Troubadour" information visit [www.ericjohnkaiser.com](http://www.ericjohnkaiser.com). Admission is free.

### CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

January 21, 2017, 5-9 p.m. The Annual Awards Banquet is the premier event of the year for the Baker County Chamber of Commerce and its members. Every year highlights a new theme with enjoyable ways attendees can interact, network and relax. The evening will consist of an entertaining fund raising activity, a delectable dinner and an outstanding awards ceremony. We have shaken things up a bit this year and have no doubt you'll be pleased with the results. Please join us as we celebrate the accomplishments of our business and community leaders and pay tribute to the outstanding citizens who have made a difference in Baker County. Awards: Woman of the Year, Man of the Year, Legacy Woman of the Year, Legacy Man of the Year, Service Organization of the Year, Excellence in Agriculture, Business of the Year.

### PROFESSIONAL WELDING COURSE

February 6 at Baker Technical Institute. \$2,500 for a 12-week course. Call 541.519.2671 or visit [www.bakerti.org](http://www.bakerti.org) for more information.

### WAGONS HO! BEGINS

February 16 at the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center. The popular hand-on exhibit returns! Test your pioneering skills by packing a full-scale replica wagon and see what you look like in a pioneer's clothes. Spin the Wagon Wheel of Fortune and test your luck as you travel along the Oregon Trail. Compose some pioneer Poetry or find out what wildlife you might have seen along the way. An interactive experience for visitors of all ages. Exhibit last though June 14.

### FREE DAY AT THE INTERPRETIVE CENTER

February 18, 2017, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 22267 Highway 86, Baker City, Oregon, Exit 302 from Interstate 84.

### VALENTINE'S FUNDRAISER

February 18, 6 p.m. Venetian Masquerade Ball to raise funds for Veterans and their Families in Malheur and surrounding communities and those who are in need along the I-84 corridor including Baker County. The proceeds will go to mental health counseling, family counseling, gas vouchers and parenting education for Veterans and their families who do not have insurance or who chose not to go to the VA. We also have a food pantry to supplement nutritional needs. Location: National Guard Armory in Ontario Oregon. See our webpage at [www.ftpservices.org](http://www.ftpservices.org).

### OLD AUBURN CASINO NIGHT AT THE HERITAGE MUSEUM

February 25, 2017, 6-10 p.m. "A Night at Old Auburn" Casino Style Fundraiser to benefit Baker Heritage Museum. 2480 Grove Street, Baker City, OR 97814, corner of Grove & Campbell Street in Baker City. Call 541-523-9308 for more information.

### OSAA STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

March 1-4. State 1A Basketball Tournament. Top 8 Boys and top 8 Girls basketball teams in the State of Oregon. These are the small schools.



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HANSON, Coty  
TAYLOR, Jason  
CUTSHALL, David  
MILES, Dock  
STEELE, Tiffany  
WHITE, Alden

## — NEWS OF RECORD —

SPEELMAN, Beth  
URLACHER, John  
GROVE, James  
O'DONNELL, Michael  
WINSTON, Brandy  
CARPENTER, Anna  
WATSON, Nickolas  
GAGNON, Roderick  
STEELE, Zachary  
BAXTER, Benjamin  
BROWN, Geoffrey  
MCNAIR, Frank  
CULBERTSON, Brandon  
FURTNEY, Jeffery  
GUZMAN, Miguel  
LANNING, James  
STEELE, Alan

## POLICE LOG

Page, Regina Marie. 1.10. Assault V.  
Hansen, Aaron Ray. 1.10. Post Prison Violation.  
Pound, John T. 1.9. Probation Violation.  
Gilbert, Joseph Allen. 1.8. DUII.  
Ihrig, Melissa Sue. 1.8. Out of County Warrant.  
Johnston, Thomas Lamar. 1.6. Assault.  
Hamm, Todd Jeffrey. 1.5. Multnomah County Warrant.

## — OBITUARIES —

### Gene W. Westberg

Haines, 1928-2016

Gene W. Westberg long time Baker County resident passed away on January 3, 2017 at his home in Haines, Oregon.



Gene Westberg

Gene was born on May 13, 1928 in Warren, Minnesota to Ted Westberg and Ruth (Swanson) Westberg.

He attended grade school in Warren, Minnesota. In 1942 the family moved to Newberg, Oregon and Gene graduated in 1946 from Sherwood High School in Sherwood, Oregon.

On June 17, 1949, Gene married Bernita (Bonnie) Jeskey in Canby, Oregon and they were blessed with four children; Bob, Kay, Ross, and Eileen.

Following Gene's first job with International Harvester Co. working in the parts depot, he packed mules for the U.S. National Forest Service in Oregon. Afterwards, Gene worked for 15 years for the State of Oregon, in the Department of Agriculture as a livestock brand inspector. In 1978 he left his position as a livestock inspector and moved to Buffalo, Wyoming where he again went to work for the U.S. Forest Service packing mules. Gene retired in 1992 and moved back to Baker City.

Gene was a natural artist. He was a member of the Oregon Trail Art Association, the Oregon Society of Artists, and the Nevada Artists Association Carson City Chapter. He painted a large mural for the Inland Empire Bank in Boardman, Oregon, a mural for the Nazarene Church in Canby, Oregon, 16 dioramas for the Big Horn Wildlife Museum in Buffalo, Wyoming, and a large mural for the Wyoming Longhorn Association. He also has hundreds of paintings and many different sculptures located in many states.

Gene loved the mountains and packing mules. In 2007 he was honorary Grand Marshal for the Hells Canyon Mule Days. Gene also enjoyed driving teams; he was a member of the Old Oregon Trail, Inc., where he was Wagon Master twice.

He is survived by his wife Bernita (Bonnie) of 67 years, daughter Kay and husband Richard Shellito of Baker City, Oregon, son Ross Westberg and Carolyn Rovier of Pendleton, Oregon, and daughter Eileen and husband Arne Widman of Baker City, Oregon. He also leaves behind eight grandchildren; Carla Jean Densley, John Densley and wife Hollie, David Densley, Travis Mayes and wife Holly, Jack Mayes and wife Shelby, Jessica Westberg

Preston and husband Ryan, Jamie Westberg Henslee and husband Travis, and Katie Roach and husband Aaron Hoover, five great-grandchildren, one brother Maurice Westberg and wife Susan of Bend, Oregon, brother-in-law Jerry Jeskey and wife Barbara of Salem, Oregon, and numerous nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents and his oldest son Bob Westberg.

Should friends and family desire, contributions may be made to Heart 'n Home Hospice through Gray's West & Co. at 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814.

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

### Thomas Wesley Hunt

Baker City, 1935-2016

Thomas Wesley Hunt, peacefully passed away at St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton, Oregon on Saturday, December 31, 2016 with his family at his side. Arrangements have been entrusted to Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel in Baker City, Oregon.



Thomas Hunt

Tom's #1 priority in life was that of his family. He raised his daughter Tanya, with his beloved wife Ireta Round until her death on February 25, 1999 at their home. Prior he had lost his parents sister Jean Horrell and Ireta's parents, leaving only, this great patriarch.

Tanya's daughter Lacy Ann Brooks was her "Papa's" faithful best friend her whole life, he was her hero. Tom also had 2 grandsons Jackson Lavadour and Jacob Smith, along w/ his adopted daughter Tami Rochelle.

Tom had an amazing relationship with his great nephew Shawn, who he hunted and fished and practically raised him "the boy he never had".....along with 2 other nieces and nephews and eight great-nieces and nephews.

On August 20, 1935 Tom was born to Joe Hunt and Lucille Baker-Hunt in Burns, Oregon. At 18 after Tom graduated from Grant-Union high school in John Day, Oregon and in 1954, he joined the Air Force where he was stationed in Kent, Washington.

Tom was very active in his life with work, he worked until he retired from the State of Oregon Fish & Game department. After he retired he worked for Driskill Memorial Chapel in John Day beside his best friend Wallace "Wally" Williams. Even after Tom retired he walked streams to record data and where ever else a friend needed some as-

sistance, he loved to work outdoors, even haying in his spare time and fixing fences.

Tom had many hobbies, he repaired watches, he was in the John Day Bird club, and he built bat houses and was always ready for any type of hunting trip and loved to fish. His last big hunting trip was by plane in Canada where he shot a moose. Tom was an Elk in the Elks Club, American Legion, American Rifleman Association, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and the Audubon Society.

Tom spent a lot of time traveling between John Day and Pendleton where his daughter Tanya and his only granddaughter Lacy lives. He tirelessly attended every concert any of his grandkids were involved in and most recently FFA functions.

Tom had open heart surgery with a replacement aortic valve in the summer of 2014 and bounced back pretty quickly, nothing kept him from being with his girls.

There will be a service for in John Day on April 29, 2017 with place and time to be announced. Cards of condolence can be sent to Tanya and Lacy at 211 Sw 8th st. Pendleton, Oregon 97801

### Richard Gorden

Sumpter, 1952-2016

Richard Gorden, 64, of Sumpter, Oregon passed away at his residence on December 30, 2016.



Rick Gorden

A memorial service will be held on June 24, 2017 at the McEwen Bible Fellowship in Sumpter, Oregon at 11:00 AM. Arrangements have been entrusted to Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel.

Bob and Greta (Huffman) Gorden welcomed their son Richard W. Gorden into the world on May 23, 1952 in Redmond, Oregon. Rick graduated high school in Washougal, Washington in 1970 and shortly after graduating he joined the Navy. He served from 1972-1976 and worked aboard the on the USS San Jose, AFS7 as a machinist mate. From 1976-1978, he was a part of the Army Reserve. Rick worked for the Great Northern Railroad and Burlington Northern (BNSF) for 31 years before retiring in 1997.

Rick was blessed with five children; Ina Gorden-Digby, Esther Abitia, Rachel Gorden, Mary Johnson, and Chance Gorden.

On October 7, 1994 Rick and Michelle Leighton were married in Madras, Oregon.

He enjoyed woodwork-

ing, welding, riding his ATV and helping others. Rick was affiliated with the Pentecostal Church. He always accomplished everything he set his mind to, whether it be work, play or family. But, his children were his greatest accomplishment.

Rick is preceded in death by his father Bob Gorden.

He leaves behind his mother Greta Gorden of Redwing, Minnesota; his wife Michelle Gorden of Sumpter, Oregon; his three daughters Ina Gorden - Digby of Bellingham, Washington, Esther (Frank) Abitia of Maple Falls, Washington, Rachel Gorden of Bellingham, Washington, and Mary (Michael) Johnson of Springlake, North Carolina; his son Chance Gorden of Madras, Oregon and his brother Rusty (Val) Gorden of Ellsworth, Wisconsin. He is also survived by his nephew Matt Gorden of Redwing, Minnesota, niece Amanda Bingham of Ellsworth, Wisconsin, and nine grandchildren.

Should friends and family desire, memorial contributions may be made to the Heart 'n Home Hospice through Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel at 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, Oregon 97814.

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

### Nellie Edwards

Baker City, 1929-2016

Nellie Edwards, a longtime resident of Baker City, died January 2, 2017 at Meadowbrook Place.



Nellie Edwards

A celebration of her life will be held at a later date when family can travel safely.

Nellie was born on January 4, 1929 in Baker Valley to Adrain and Myrtle Perkins. They lived on a ranch near Baldock Slough, close to the old stage stop. She went to a small country school near there. Nellie graduated from Baker High School in 1946.

Nellie and Paul Edwards were married April 6, 1947 in Baker. They were married for 55 years until Paul passed away in October of 2002. They enjoyed playing cards, camping, water-skiing and swimming in the Snake River with many of their friends and family. She enjoyed watching her grandkids and great grandkids participating in sports.

Nellie was a member of Calvary Baptist Church for many years and active in the Christian Women's Club of which she helped start.

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