

# Local

## BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

### WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 26

■ **Baker City Farmers Market:** 3 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., at Court Avenue Plaza between Main and Resort streets.

### THURSDAY, SEPT. 27

■ **Baker School Board:** 6 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall, 1655 First St.

### FRIDAY, SEPT. 28

■ **Live Music by Keith Taylor:** Ragtime piano, 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., Crossroads, 2020 Auburn Ave.; no charge.

### SATURDAY, SEPT. 29

■ **National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center Free Fee Day:** National Public Lands Day at the center, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., 5 miles east of Baker City on Highway 86.

### MONDAY, OCT. 1

■ **Haines Fire Protection District Board:** 7 p.m. at the Haines Library.

### WEDNESDAY, OCT. 3

■ **Baker County Board of Commissioners:** 9 a.m., Courthouse, 1995 Third St.

■ **Baker City Farmers Market:** 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., at Court Avenue Plaza between Main and Resort streets.

### FRIDAY, OCT. 5

■ **First Friday Art Shows:** Baker City art galleries are open late to showcase the month's new artwork.

## TURNING BACK THE PAGES

### 50 YEARS AGO

#### from the Democrat-Herald September 27, 1968

Lt. Richard D. Pierce, 32, a 1954 graduate of Baker High School, has been awarded the Bronze Star and nine other medals, including three from the Republic of Vietnam, during his one-year term of duty in Vietnam.

Pierce, a 12-year veteran of the Army, received his Bronze Star while serving as S2 Staff Officer and Group ATC officer of the 58th Aviation Group at Long Binh, Vietnam. He has also been awarded the Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters. This signifies that he has accumulated 600 hours of air time over combat zones.

### 25 YEARS AGO

#### from the Baker City Herald September 27, 1993

Photo: Bavaria in Baker City — The Baker County Community Center took on the image of a small German town Saturday night during the annual Harvestfest. The Baker County Legal Secretaries changed the name of their annual event this year from Oktoberfest. The harvest celebration originated in Bavaria, a state in southern Germany. One-hundred seventy people ate an authentic German meal of bratwurst, sauerkraut, potato salad and soft pretzels.

### 10 YEARS AGO

#### from the Baker City Herald September 26, 2008

A shiny clean deli featuring everything from fried chicken and sandwiches to chicken salad, pizza sticks and custom-made jerky is attracting customers to Little Susie's Meat Market and Deli.

Little Susie refers to Susie Stout, whose family, including husband, Doug Stout, and his parents Del and Ann Stout, recently purchased Reynolds Custom Meat Cutting in Baker City from Tim Reynolds.

### ONE YEAR AGO

#### from the Baker City Herald September 27, 2017

When Arvid Andersen remembers watching the Cornet/Windy Ridge fire race through miles of drought-stricken Baker County forest in August 2015, he also thinks of a much smaller, but more vital, patch of land.

Baker City's watershed.

## OREGON LOTTERY

**MEGABUCKS, Sept. 24**  
14 — 15 — 22 — 29 — 32 — 37  
Next jackpot: \$7.5 million

**PICK 4, Sept. 25**  
• 1 p.m.: 1 — 1 — 5 — 7  
• 4 p.m.: 9 — 5 — 9 — 3  
• 7 p.m.: 0 — 1 — 8 — 9  
• 10 p.m.: 1 — 9 — 0 — 1

**WIN FOR LIFE, Sept. 24**  
54 — 56 — 64 — 71

**LUCKY LINES, Sept. 25**  
18-9-16-17-24-26-29  
Next jackpot: \$37,000

## SENIOR MENUS

- **THURSDAY:** Beef burgundy over fettuccine, baby carrots, biscuit, green salad, fruit
- **FRIDAY:** Pork filet mignon, baked potato, peas, roll, gelatin with fruit, brownie

Public luncheon at the Senior Center, 2810 Cedar St., 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; \$4.50 donation (60 and older), \$6.75 for those under 60.

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## OBITUARY

### 'Betty' Kuhl

Baker City, 1923-2018

Alberta "Betty" Sue Drake Kuhl, 94, a longtime resident of Baker City, died peacefully in her home surrounded by her four daughters on Sept. 19, 2018.

A private graveside service was held on Sept. 22 at Mount Hope Cemetery, with Keith Miles, a longtime family friend, officiating. A Celebration of Life will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 29, at the Church of the Nazarene, 1250 Hughes Lane, and all are invited. A luncheon at the church will follow.

Betty was born on Sept. 27, 1923, in Moxee, Washington, the sixth of nine children. The family later moved to nearby Selah, Washington, where they remained for many years.

Betty enjoyed a happy childhood with her loving parents and six sisters, although the family struggled like many others from the ravages of the Great Depression. Her two brothers died in early childhood.

Betty became an avid reader at an early age, and she developed the first of her many close friendships. In high school she earned her letter in Debate, and showed leadership skills in various activities, including leading the charge to allow dancing at student socials. Betty graduated from Selah High School in 1941 and was the first of her family to continue on to university, paying her own way through hard work and determination.

At Washington State College, Betty met Billy Kuhl, a veterinary student from Eastern Oregon, a fateful meeting that led her to eventually make her home in Baker City. Following her graduation from Washington State with a Bachelor of Science in Bacteriology in June of 1946, Betty and Bill were married in Yakima, Washington. They spent their honeymoon year in Seattle where she worked for the Washington State Health Department in the historic Smith Tower, while he worked in a small-animal veterinary practice.

In 1947 they moved to Baker and soon put down roots in the community, establishing the Baker Veterinary Hospital, joining the Presbyterian Church, and several community organizations, and starting their family of four daughters.

For most of the next 32 years, Betty put aside a career and focused on her roles as wife, mother and active member of the community. She encouraged her daughters in their formal educations and

their appreciation of nature, music and art.

She instructed them in sewing, cooking, baking and entertaining. She organized family outings for skiing, camping, mushrooming, and huckleberry picking, as well as family car trips to national parks and other destinations (often involving veterinary conventions).

Betty embraced Baker County as her forever home and set a high standard for community involvement. She was a key person in establishing the Museum Commission, which saved the Natatorium from demolition and created what is now known as the Baker Heritage Museum. She was a founding member of Historic Baker City Inc. (HBC), which was the organization responsible for the establishment of the Historic District.

Betty also participated actively in the Cowbelles (now called the Baker County Cattlewomen), the American Field Service (AFS), the American Association of University Women (AAUW), the WSU Alumni Association, Rock Creek-Muddy Creek Mutual Improvement Club and the Oregon State Veterinary Association Auxiliary. She served as a Sunday school helper, Girl Scout leader, March of Dimes volunteer, Red Cross Board member and a volunteer for the Election Board.

Betty loved travel and adventure and was interested in cultures of different nations. She opened her home to exchange students from Australia, Germany and Switzerland, as well as hosting visitors from many other countries. Her daughters were the very grateful beneficiaries of her generous service as host mother.

Following retirement, she and Bill had travelled to Scandinavia to visit the homeland of her ancestors in Norway. They also visited their daughters in Hawaii, New York, Ohio, British Columbia, Mexico, England, and Switzerland (AFS daughter).

Betty and Bill had a long and happy marriage. When they started out in Baker County, Betty rode along on many rural veterinary calls, learning the country, the history, and making new friends. As children came along, she helped out by answering the phone, receiving clients, and cheerfully adapting to meal preparation for a husband on call 24 hours a day.

Much later, in tribute to her husband's memory, Betty wrote a book about him entitled "Dr. Bill Kuhl: Family and Friends."

As recreation, she and Bill both loved dancing and playing bridge with friends. An enthusiastic fan of any

sport her beloved Washington State Cougars played, she was cheering them on until the end.

Betty's lifelong love of literature led her to begin another career as a book-seller. In 1979 she opened Betty's Books on Court Avenue, with a little help from her friends. In 1981 the business moved to the Bamberger Building on Main Street. It blended her love of welcoming strangers with her love of books and reading.

She enjoyed encouraging local authors and holding autograph parties for them and was so happy to see the business carried into the next generation. All her grandchildren enjoyed visiting the store, and now her great-grandchildren do as well.

In her later years, Betty was able to continue living in her home where she enjoyed reading to her heart's content. She loved to sit in her "sun room" where she could observe her many interesting plants and flowers as well as watch the birds and changes in the sky. She took keen interest in the activities of all her family, and enjoyed being able to entertain them and friends, or catch up through phone calls. She was privileged to have the companionship and assistance of wonderful caregivers during the last few years.

Betty's book club was a great joy for many years, and the remaining members of that club were among her closest friends to the end.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ernie and Alberta Drake; two young brothers, Charles and Ernest; five sisters, Gladys Roberts, Dorothy Paradis, Virginia Puyear, Marilyn Lewis and Phyllis Day; infant great-granddaughter, Alice Reeve; and her beloved husband of 51 years, Billy Denver Kuhl.

Survivors include a sister, Eileen Reitmeier; four daughters, Barbara Kuhl, Carolyn Kulog (Tom), Amy Kuhl (Brian MacWhorter), and Sally Kuhl; nine grandchildren, Rebecca Henderson (Cal Henderson), Suzanne Reeve, David Reeve (Lindsay), Claire Giesige (Gabe), Naomi Dail (Dave), Alana MacWhorter, Kelly MacWhorter, Ian Hagley (April), and Bryn Hagley; and nine great-grandsons, Theodore and William Henderson, Thomas and Jonathan Reeve, Graham and Conrad Giesige, Dawson, Spencer and Oliver Dail; and dozens of beloved nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Baker Heritage Museum or the Baker County Library Foundation through Grays West & Co., 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814.

## NEWS OF RECORD

### DEATHS

**Karen Dee Christenson:** 82, of Baker City, died Sept. 22, 2018, at her residence at Meadowbrook Place. There will be a celebration of life today from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

at Meadowbrook Place, 4000 Cedar St., in the front piano room. Memorial contributions can be made to the Baker County Historical Society through Coles Tribute Center, 1950 Place St., Baker City, OR 97814. To light a candle in

memory of Karen, or to leave a condolence for her family, go to [www.colestributecenter.com](http://www.colestributecenter.com)

**Calvin 'Bud' Butts:** 86, died Sept. 22, 2018, at Vancouver, Washington. His memorial service will take place Saturday, Oct. 13, at 2 p.m. at Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave. Pastor Lennie Spooner of the Baker First Church of the Nazarene will officiate. Memorial contributions may be made to the Trail Tenders at the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center through Grays West & Co., 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814. To light a candle in memory of Bud, or to leave a condolence for his family, go to [www.grayswestco.com](http://www.grayswestco.com)

**Glenna Lucile Smith:** 96, died Sept. 23, 2018, at La Grande Post Acute Rehab. A Celebration of Life will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, October 13, at the Halfway Lions Club Community Hall, 235 Lion St. in Halfway, Oregon. Following the service, friends are invited to join the family for a reception at Wild Bill's. Memorial contributions may be made to the Pine Valley Fair Exhibit Hall through Coles Tribute Center, 1950 Place St., Baker City, OR 97814. To light a candle in memory of Glenna, or to leave a condolence for the family, go to [\[tributecenter.com\]\(http://tributecenter.com\).](http://www.coles-</a></p>
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**Donald Harris:** 90, a former Sumpter resident, died Sept. 24, 2018, at Bend. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Online condolences may be made at [www.tamispinevalleyfuneral-home.com](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneral-home.com)

### FUNERALS PENDING

**Olen Ragsdale:** There will be a memorial service at 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 28, at the Baker United Methodist Church, 1919 Second St., in Baker City. Interment will follow the service at Mount Hope Cemetery. Friends are invited to join the family for a reception afterward at the Baker Elks Lodge, 1896 Second St. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions to the Methodist Church, Best Friends of Baker Inc., FAFA (Forest Access For All) or Ehlers Danlos Syndrome research at Cincinnati Children's Hospital through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services, P.O. Box 543, Halfway, OR 97834. Online condolences may be made at [www.tamispinevalleyfuneral-home.com](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneral-home.com)

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Week of September 17th

**Monty White**

Missed 4

Wins \$25

**Ernie Darlington**

Missed 5, beat tiebreaker

Wins \$15

**Linda Koplein**

Missed 5 & tiebreaker

Wins \$10

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