

Local

BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

FRIDAY, OCT. 5

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

■ **First Friday Art Shows:** Baker City art galleries are open late to showcase the month's new artwork; opening times vary between 5:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. at Crossroads Carnegie Art Center, Peterson's Gallery, ShortTerm Gallery and others.

MONDAY, OCT. 8

■ **Medical Springs Rural Fire Protection District Board:** 7 p.m. at the Ponds Station.

TUESDAY, OCT. 9

■ **Baker City Council:** 7 p.m., City Hall, 1655 First St.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 10

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

■ **Lower Powder River Irrigation District Board:** 6 p.m. at Barley Brown's, 2190 Main St.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 17

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

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

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald Oct. 4, 1968

Approximately 15 persons heard the committee of Citizens for Civic Affairs discuss and then explain their proposed city charter last night in a meeting at the Community Center.

The meeting was held for interested citizens to explain the three-commissioner type charter that is proposed to take the place of the present manager-council type government in the city of Baker. The proposal is known as Proposition 51 and will be voted upon in a special ballot during the Nov. 5 General Election.

25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald Oct. 5, 1993

Photo: Ready for Halloween — Joe Heck, 2109 Colorado St., is ready for Halloween. He and his wife have a pumpkin patch behind their house that yielded about 300 of the large, orange potential jack-o'-lanterns.

10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald Oct. 6, 2008

Fred Warner Jr. felt so much better about Baker County's Road Department budget this morning that he couldn't wait for the sun to clear the horizon before he went down to talk with the crew.

The historic \$700 billion financial bailout bill that President Bush signed into law on Friday included \$3.3 billion to continue, for four years, the program that has supplied about half of the county's road budget in the past several years.

ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald Oct. 6, 2017

Jan Smith stayed calm for about 10 minutes, and then she realized what might have happened had the black bear that lumbered into her isolated home not been satisfied with making a mess of a bookcase.

"I just started shaking," Smith said Thursday morning, several hours after she discovered the nature of her late-night intruder.

The books that the bear scattered about had been shelved just inside the front door of Smith's home, which is in the forest near Sumpter off Sawmill Gulch Road.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, Oct. 3
1 - 14 - 40 - 43 - 45 - 47
Next jackpot: \$7.9 million

POWERBALL, Oct. 3
41 - 53 - 59 - 63 - 66 PB 3
Next jackpot: \$253 million

WIN FOR LIFE, Oct. 3
3 - 51 - 68 - 75

PICK 4, Oct. 4
• 1 p.m.: 2 - 5 - 2 - 0
• 4 p.m.: 4 - 7 - 2 - 3
• 7 p.m.: 1 - 4 - 4 - 9
• 10 p.m.: 0 - 4 - 3 - 7

LUCKY LINES, Oct. 4
15-10-15-19-23-25-32
Next jackpot: \$46,000

SENIOR MENUS

■ **MONDAY:** Meatloaf, potatoes and gravy, peas, biscuit, cottage cheese with fruit, brownie

■ **TUESDAY:** Old-fashioned steak, rice pilaf, broccoli-blend vegetables, roll, green salad, ice cream

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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OBITUARIES

'Bud' Beeson

Baker City, 1935-2018

Russell "Bud" Beeson, 83, of Baker City, died Oct. 1, 2018, at his residence.

A private family burial took place at Mount Hope Cemetery in Baker City on Thursday, Oct. 4, and a celebration of his life took place at 11:30 a.m. today at Community Connection in Baker City.

Bud was born on Jan. 17, 1935, at Ontario. He lived at Farewell Bend for two years. Then he moved to Baker City and graduated from Baker High School.

After high school, Bud went to work for the Blue Mountain Ranger Station at Bates as a fire tower watchman. In 1953, he moved back to Baker and worked the night shift at Oregon Lumber Co. until 1959. And then from 1960 to 1963, he worked on the construction of the Rodgers Keystone Freeway.

In the late '60s he worked at the golf course as a greens keeper and at the Burnt River Lumber Co. on the green chain. From 1972 to 1974 he worked for John Carlson Electrical at Sisters.

He returned to Baker City in 1974 and worked for the Baker County Road Department until his retirement in 1997.

Bud's hobbies included making key chains, collecting antiques, hunting and fishing. He was an avid elk hunter. He was a member of Eagles Aerie, No. 4265, at La Grande.

Around 1968, Bud donated some videos to the Baker Heritage Museum that he took while his mules were being used on the set of "Paint Your Wagon." He enjoyed taking people for drives around the county sharing his vast knowledge of the rich history and his love of the area.

Survivors include his daughter, Denece Caton of Post Falls, Idaho; and his son, Doug Beeson of Caldwell, Idaho.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Oregon Trail Regional Museum or the Eastern Oregon Museum in Haines through Coles Tribute Center, 1950 Place Street,

Baker City, OR 97814.

To light a candle in memory of Bud, go to www.colestrib-utecenter.com

Katie Helman

Baker City, 1994-2018

Katie Noelle Helman, 24, of Baker City, died Oct. 1, 2018, at St. Alphonsus Hospital in Baker City.

Friends are invited to join the family of Katie Helman in celebrating her life at 3 p.m. Oct. 20, at Baker Christian Church at 675 Highway 7 in Baker City.

Dress is casual. The family asks those attending to bring their thoughts, prayers and fondest memories of Katie. A small reception will follow.

Katie was born on May 16, 1994, at Portland to Darin Helman and Donna (Whitmore) Helman. Her sister, Lindsey, was only 18 months older and was Katie's best friend and teacher throughout her life.

She lived at Newberg until she was 3 years old and then moved with her family to Milton-Freewater before eventually settling in Baker City. She let her family know that Baker was her favorite place to live.

She loved traveling, visiting family and new places but she always wanted to make sure she was coming back to Baker. She finished high school in 2015. She later got a part-time job at Lefty's Taphouse.

Katie brought so much joy and happiness into her family's lives. She lived each day to its fullest and didn't worry about what was to come or what anyone else thought. She loved singing, dancing, playing on her iPad and phone.

Her favorite thing to do was spending time with her dad, mom, and sister. Whether it was snowmobiling or four-wheeling with her dad, going to the beach, zoo, or shopping with her mom and sister, she was up for anything. She brought color and direction to her family and to friends she met along the way. She will be greatly missed, family members said.

Survivors include her parents, Darin and Donna

Helman; her sister, Lindsey Helman; her grandparents, Marilyn and Miles Thompson, Donald and Jenny Whitmore, and Carolyn Helman; her aunts and uncles on both sides; and numerous cousins.

She was preceded in death by her Grandma Louise Whitmore; Grandpa Terry Helman; and her Aunt Kari Delint.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Katie Helman's Memorial Fund c/o Donna Helman at Umpqua Bank.

To light a candle in memory of Katie, or to leave a condolence for the family, go to www.grayswestco.com

Rod Miller

Baker City, 1935-2018

Rod Miller, 82, of Baker City, died peacefully on Sept. 30, 2018, at Meadowbrook Place Assisted Living

With the love and support of many family members, he has found peace and serenity with the Lord, his family said.

As per his request, there will be no funeral service.

Rod was born on Nov. 1, 1935, at Stevenson, Washington, to Roland and Martha Miller.

Rod attended the Cascade Locks Grade School and High School then attended Oregon State University, graduating in 1958 as a range and wildlife biologist. Shortly after graduating from OSU Rod and Bernie wed in June 1958. From January 1959 to January 1961 Rod served in the U.S. Army as a chaplain's assistant in Pittsburgh. There, Rod and Bernie had their first child, Scot Miller.

After his service to the military, Rod and Bernie moved to John Day where Rod began his career as a range and wildlife biologist for the United States Forest Service. While in John Day the family grew with the birth of Karen (Miller) Phillips in 1962, Kevin Miller in 1965, and Lori (Miller) Smith in 1968. The family of six then moved to Baker City in June 1971 where Rod continued his 33-year career with the Wallowa Whitman National Forest, retiring in 1989.

Outside of his career with the Forest Service, Rod and Bernie spent much of their time advocating with other parents and families of children with special needs for programs and services of inclusion and support for children with disabilities. He and Bernie were very involved with the then ARC (Association for Retarded Citizens) and raising funds with "Hike Bike." It wasn't long after that,

with the help of the community, that children with special needs had a place within the Baker County school system to gain an education and skills which then became a much larger organization, Step Forward. Rod also played a role with the Powder River Sportsmen's Club, organizing for several years the well known crab feed.

Rod is survived by his wife of 60 years, as of June 7, 2018, Bernie Miller; his son, Scot; his daughters, Karen and Lori; his grandchildren, Erik, Ethan and Amy Miller, Sean Conley, Derek Phillips, and Travis, Tanner, Adam and Amanda Smith; 10 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Rod was preceded in death by his son, Kevin Miller; both parents; and his older brother, Gerald Miller.

The family would like to extend their appreciation Heart 'N Home Hospice and to all of the staff for the wonderful care given to Rod while living at Meadowbrook. During this extremely difficult time of his passing, you all were so loving and kind, the family said.

Thank you. For those who would like to make a memorial donation in honor of Rod the family suggests Step Forward in memory of his son, Kevin Miller, through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services, P.O. Box 543, Halfway, OR 97834. Online condolences may be made at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com

Lane Duncan

Formerly of Baker City, 1994-2018

Mona Shelaine "Lane" Duncan, 43, formerly of Baker City, died on Oct. 1, 2018.

It is with great sadness that

we said goodbye to beloved daughter, sister, niece, cousin, granddaughter and friend, her family said.

The family asks, always remember that when someone loses their way, try to be the light they need to find their way back home. May she find the peace and comfort she was looking for wherever her spirit has taken her.

A favorite quote of Lane's, from Charles Bukowski, was: "What matters most is how well you walk through the fire."

Lane is survived by her mother, Jodi Nickerson; and her sisters, Kaylin, Stasia and Devon Nickerson.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Joshua Summers.

Online condolences may be made at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com

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We will be open for business on Monday, October 8th 2018.