

Local

BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

MONDAY, OCT. 8

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

FRIDAY, OCT. 12

■ **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.

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.

THURSDAY, OCT. 18

■ **Baker Rural Fire Protection District Board:** 5:30 p.m. at the Pocahontas Fire Station.

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

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO

from the Democrat-Herald
Oct. 8, 1968

Army Specialist Four John Holcomb, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. George N. Holcomb, Richland, received the Bronze Star Medal Sept. 12 at Camp Evans, Vietnam.

Spec. Holcomb received the award for heroism in action while engaged in ground operations against a hostile force in Vietnam. He also holds the Air Medal, the Combat Infantryman Badge and the Army Commendation Medal.

25 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald
Oct. 8, 1993

Two open houses are scheduled in Baker City and Sumpter next week in regard to the planning effort for the Sumpter Valley State Park.

A master plan of future park acquisitions, development, partnerships, programs and management will be completed in the spring.

10 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald
Oct. 8, 2008

An early storm of sorts blocked the eastbound lanes of Interstate 84 east of Baker City Tuesday night but neither of the common causes — snow or ice — was to blame.

The culprit in this closure was corn.

Half a truckload of seed corn, to be specific.

The resulting five-hour closure forced dozens of drivers to stop in Baker City and police later closed the eastbound lanes of the freeway at La Grande.

ONE YEAR AGO

from the Baker City Herald
Oct. 9, 2017

Black bears roaming in and near Sumpter continue to keep biologists from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) busy.

And the latest bear to spring one of the agency's traps was something of a surprise.

The bear, which entered a trap Thursday night near Jan Smith's home in Sawmill Gulch, just south of Sumpter, was the same male bear that a Sumpter man, Doug Forell, shot in the face with a pistol on Sept. 7 while the bear stood on his front porch.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, Oct. 6

10 — 22 — 30 — 33 — 36 — 38

Next jackpot: \$8 million

POWERBALL, Oct. 6

1 — 22 — 27 — 53 — 67 PB 15

Next jackpot: \$282 million

WIN FOR LIFE, Oct. 6

4 — 34 — 49 — 56

PICK 4, Oct. 7

• 1 p.m.: 6 — 4 — 2 — 9

• 4 p.m.: 7 — 5 — 4 — 8

• 7 p.m.: 8 — 3 — 8 — 7

• 10 p.m.: 2 — 9 — 8 — 6

LUCKY LINES, Oct. 7

4-79-13-20-23-28-31

Next jackpot: \$49,000

SENIOR MENUS

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

■ **WEDNESDAY:** Pork filet mignon, potatoes and gravy, green beans, roll, broccoli-bacon salad, cake

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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Walden, McLeod-Skinner debate

By Gary A. Wamer
WesCom News Service

Two candidates seeking to represent the largest chunk of Oregon in Congress faced off Friday night in a sharp but civil one-hour televised debate.

U.S. Rep. Greg Walden, R-Hood River, is seeking an 11th term representing the 2nd Congressional District, which includes most of Eastern, Central and much of Southern Oregon, including the tri-county area.

He's being challenged by Democrat Jamie McLeod-Skinner, a former civic administrator living in Terrebonne in Deschutes County, and Independent Party nominee Mark Roberts, a truck driver from White City in Jackson County. Roberts pulled out of the debate at the last minute due to illness.

The debate, hosted by television station KTVZ in Bend, was the first public face-off before the Nov. 6 election.

Walden underlined his experience in Washington and his ability to have an impact at the highest levels of government. He's currently the chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, which has dealt with issues from tax cuts to net neutrality, opioid addiction programs to an attempt to repeal Obamacare. Walden also said he had been working to cut wildfires through reform of forest management that allows more cutting of dead, burned trees.

"At the end of the day, the changes we have made in Washington have given us the strongest economy in years," Walden said.

Walden said he was proud of his work on improving water quality in Oregon.

"When a mom is pouring water out of her tap at home, she knows that water is safe," Walden said.

Walden said he was working to expand rural broadband networks and the next generation of 5G networks.

"This will help close that digital divide," Walden said.

Calling Oregon a "small-business state," Walden said he was proud of the tax cuts

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— Jamie McLeod-Skinner

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— Rep. Greg Walden



signed into law by President Donald Trump.

"We have to lift the dead hand of government off of small-business owners," he said.

McLeod-Skinner called out what she said was Walden's "failed" leadership in Washington.

"Half of the people in our district live below the poverty line," McLeod-Skinner said, adding, "They struggle to put food on their table and a roof over their head."

McLeod-Skinner said she believed the main problem was that Walden had lost touch with the district.

"What I am hearing as I travel around the state is you are not showing up, you are not listening," she said.

McLeod-Skinner said her top priorities if elected are to improve access to affordable health care, end tariffs that hurt agricultural producers, build infrastructure, such as roads and bridges, that would also create high-paying jobs and create a program for which students could trade a pledge to work in public service in place of tuition at colleges and trade schools.

"Government has to know when to get involved and when to get out of the way," she said.

On guns, both candidates said they supported gun owner rights.

McLeod-Skinner said she wanted to balance her support of the Second Amendment with her support of the idea of "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" in the Declaration of Independence that

includes people feeling safe in their workplaces, schools and churches. She suggested subsidizing gun locks as one step forward.

Walden said that shootings were every parent's greatest fear and that solutions included repairing the firearm background check system, better training of law enforcement and continuing to fund mental health services.

McLeod-Skinner said that one in five residents of the 2nd District would have lost health insurance if the Senate had not blocked the repeal of the Affordable Care Act that passed through Walden's House committee. She said Walden supported legislation to allow insurance companies to charge "deterrence premiums" to cover people with pre-existing medical conditions.

The candidates hit each other on their positions, but mostly kept away from direct personal attacks — while both claiming to have been the target of the other.

Walden claimed that McLeod-Skinner's critique of his record was the kind that deserved "four Pinocchios" for being untrue. He referred to her as a "Nancy Pelosi" Democrat, a reference to the often unpopular House Minority Leader from California. McLeod-Skinner claimed Walden supporters were the source of unspecified "attacks on me and my family." She also tied Walden to the "culture of divisiveness" created by President Trump.

McLeod-Skinner challenged Walden to two more debates — one in Eastern Oregon

OBITUARY

Patti Garoutte

Baker City, 1957-2018

Patti Jo Garoutte, 61, of Baker City, died on Sept. 9, 2018, at St. Alphonsus Medical Center in Boise.

A celebration of her life will take place Friday, Oct. 12, at 2 p.m. at the La Grande First Christian Church.

Patti was born on Feb. 11, 1957, at La Grande to M. Gene Walters and Judy (Beeson) Walters. She was raised in La Grande and attended Central Elementary School and graduated from La Grande High School. She married Darrell Garoutte and they later divorced.

Patti was employed with Albertsons in La Grande, and her last employment was with the Baker City Rite Aid store. Patti's children and grandchildren were the center of her life along with many, many friends. She enjoyed bowling and

fishing but she loved the ocean and the beach. She was a wonderful daughter, mother and grandmother.

Patti is survived by her children: Heather Garoutte of Nampa, Idaho, and Rachelle Moreno of Yakima, Washington; her mother, Judy Ackley of La Grande; her sisters, Samantha Amy (Tony) of La Grande, and Darla Meyers (Chris) of Albany; her brothers, Bryan Ackley of La Grande, and Todd Garoutte (Ute) of Caldwell, Idaho; seven grandchildren: Alexandra Garoutte, Caitlyn Garoutte, Anthony McMullen, Austin Shelton, Ileaha Jolley, and Luke and Alexis Garoutte; her great-granddaughter, Harmony Shelton; her aunt, Florina Preszler of Bonanza; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, M. Gene Walters; and her stepfather, Melvin Ackley.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com



Patti Garoutte

NEWS OF RECORD

DEATHS

Lloyd E. Cole: 77, a former Baker City resident, died Oct. 5, 2018, at Bend. Lloyd was a member of the Baker High School Class of 1959. Services will take place in July 2019 and will be announced later.

FUNERALS PENDING

Colleen Crow: There will be a celebration of Colleen's life and memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, at the Pine Valley Presbyterian Church in Halfway. Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com

Calvin 'Bud' Butts: Memorial service 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

Glenna Lucile Smith: A Celebration of Life will take place at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, October 13, at the Halfway Lions Club Community Hall, 235 Lion St. in Halfway. After 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 www.colestributecenter.com

POLICE LOG

Baker City Police Arrests, citations DISORDERLY CONDUCT II: Matthew Wayne Doud, 25, of Baker City, 12:33 p.m. Sunday, in the 1100 block of Park Street; jailed.

HIT AND RUN: Wednesday Lynn Sontag, 47, of 39449 Pocahontas Road, 6:25 p.m. Sunday, in the 1200 block of Campbell Street; jailed and later released on bail. Police Chief Dustin Newman said Sontag left the Safeway parking lot after crashing her vehicle into a shopping cart return that then struck a parked 2006 Dodge Charger belonging to Steven Porter, 26, of Baker City. Newman said Porter's vehicle sustained \$1,100 in damage.

October 5-11

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A STAR IS BORN R
A musician helps a young singer find fame, even as age and alcohol threaten his own career.
FRI & SAT: (3:45) 6:45, 9:35
SUN: (3:45) 6:45
MON-THURS: 6:45

VENOM PG-13
Eddie Brock acquires the powers of a symbiote, and must release his alter ego "Venom" to save his life.
FRI & SAT: (4:00) 7:00, 9:40
SUN: (4:00) 7:00
MON-THURS: 7:00

SMALL FOOT PG
A Yeti is convinced that the elusive creatures known as "humans" really do exist.
FRI & SAT: (4:10) 7:10, 9:45
SUN: (4:00) 7:10
MON-THURS: 7:10

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