

# Local

## BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

### WEDNESDAY, OCT. 24

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

### FRIDAY, OCT. 26

■ **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.

### FRIDAY, NOV. 2

■ **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, NOV. 5

■ **Haines Fire Protection District Board:** 6 p.m. at the Haines Library.

### WEDNESDAY, NOV. 7

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

### SUNDAY, NOV. 11

■ **National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center Free Fee Day:** In honor of Veterans Day, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., at the Center, five miles east of Baker City just off Highway 86.

## TURNING BACK THE PAGES

### 50 YEARS AGO

from the Democrat-Herald  
Oct. 24, 1968

A meeting to acquaint Baker County farmers and ranchers with a computer management program offered by Oregon State University will be held in Baker on Wednesday, Oct. 30, John C. Hesketh, county agent announced.

The computer management program, known as the Farm Management Technology Program, was offered for the first time last year, Hesketh said. Some 50 farm and ranch operators from throughout the State are just now completing the first session of six classes provided over a period of 14 months.

### 25 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald  
Oct. 25, 1993

Visitor counts at the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center dropped only slightly from a week ago for seven days ended Sunday.

Trail center employees counted 4,107 visitors through Sunday, compared with 4,755 last week.

The sesquicentennial year has been busier than all but the most ardent optimists predicted. The week's total brings the 1993 count to 333,261. With 10 weeks left in the year, the 1993 total could reach 400,000.

### 10 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald  
Oct. 24, 2008

Concerns over Idaho Power's plan to build a 500-kilovolt transmission line through Baker County began to be voiced Thursday at the first of many scoping meetings planned for the project.

### ONE YEAR AGO

from the Baker City Herald  
Oct. 25, 2017

Right now it's a muddy lot between the Chevron station and the Campbell Street interchange on Interstate 84, but the 2.5-acre parcel will be home to a Grocery Outlet store in a little over a year.

Construction on the 19,000-square-foot building should start next spring after the snow melts, said Greg Smith, Baker County's contracted economic developer.

## OREGON LOTTERY

### MEGABUCKS, Oct. 22

4 - 13 - 14 - 18 - 38 - 41  
Next jackpot: \$1.2 million

### PICK 4, Oct. 23

• 1 p.m.: 3 - 7 - 1 - 2  
• 4 p.m.: 8 - 0 - 0 - 6  
• 7 p.m.: 8 - 8 - 8 - 9  
• 10 p.m.: 7 - 2 - 6 - 4

### WIN FOR LIFE, Oct. x

13 - 36 - 41 - 48

### LUCKY LINES, Oct. 23

1-7-12-15-17-24-25-31  
Next jackpot: \$18,000

## SENIOR MENUS

- **THURSDAY:** Baked ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans, roll, pasta salad, ice cream
- **FRIDAY:** Cheesburger with trimmings, potato wedges, corn, green salad, cookies

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

### Sue Baisley

Baker City, 1929-2018

Sue (Taylor) Baisley, 88, of Baker City, died Oct. 17, 2018, at Saint Alphonsus Medical Center in Baker City with her family at her side.

A graveside service will be Saturday, Oct. 27 at 1 p.m. at Mount Hope Cemetery. Friends are invited to join the family for a reception to be held immediately following the service at the Baker City Nazarene Church, 1250 Hughes Lane.

Sue was born on Oct. 26, 1929, at Talihina, Oklahoma. She was born to Roy and Mollie Taylor as Ida Sue, but she always preferred being called Sue.

She moved to Portland when she was quite young. Sue had fond memories of her school days there. She spent a lot of time roller skating at the Oaks Park. In fact, she became quite an accomplished figure/freestyle roller-skater.

When Sue was in high school, her family moved to Baker, where her father, a carpenter, began his own house-building business. During her teenage years, Sue worked at the well-known Tops Cafe.

Eventually, Sue met a man who would become her best friend and lifelong partner. She married Vern Baisley on Dec. 4, 1954, at Baker. Their journey together began in the small towns of North Powder and later Unity. Vern's job with the lumber mill brought them back to Baker. After much hard work and planning they were able to eventually build their dream home on 160 acres outside of Baker City during the mid 1960s. This home on Alder Creek Road was built by Sue's father, Roy Taylor. Here they raised five children, cattle, sheep, horses and numerous crops.

Music and laughter often filled the rooms of the home Vern and Sue built together. The kids were entertained by watching their parents dance around the kitchen together to the sounds of their favorite old country tunes. Sue loved games, and not just card games — she wasn't afraid to

hit a ball or shoot hoops with the "kids."

Sue's hobbies included sewing, crosswords and gardening. She loved to cook for family gatherings. Whether it was a 4 a.m. breakfast for a hunting party, a Thanksgiving feast, or feeding the hay crews, Sue never seemed to waver in her determination to make sure everyone was well fed.

Her caring heart went well beyond just feeding friends and family. She was a devoted grandmother who loved nothing more than to cuddle her grandchildren or sing them a catchy little tune they still recall. Over the years she spent hours helping Vern on the ranch and nursing lambs and calves back to health. Sue was also very involved in the Baker County 4-H program. She was not just a supportive 4-H parent, but she was a club leader and Fair clerk for many years.

After losing her soulmate, Sue moved back to town where she became a member of the Nazarene Church and volunteered at their Compassion Center. She spent her remaining years in Baker City often visited by her loving family and friends.

Sue is survived by her daughters, Diana Evans York (Paul) of La Grande, Gladys Lethlean (Kim) of Baker City, and Sami Walton (Dennis) of Payette, Idaho; his son, Mike Baisley of Bend; 8 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Sue was preceded in death by her husband, Vern Baisley; infant twin daughters; her daughter, Marlinda Baisley; her son-in-law, Chris Ellis; her grandson, Bill Lethlean; her infant great-grandson, Paxton York; and her sister, Maudie Dawley.

For those who would like to make a memorial donation in honor of Sue, the family suggests the Baker County 4-H Association Scholarship Fund through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home and Cremation Services, P.O. Box 543, Halfway, OR 97834. Online condolences may be made at [www.tamispinevalleyfuneral.com](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneral.com)

home.com

### Ruby Bowman

Baker City, 1922-2018

Ruby Alice Root Bowman, 96, of Baker City, died peacefully on Oct. 18, 2018, at Meadowbrook Place.

A graveside memorial service is planned for Thursday, Oct. 25 at 11 a.m. at Eagle Valley Cemetery in Richland. The family invites friends to a potluck gathering following the service, at the Richland Christian Church. (Meat will be provided; sides, salads and desserts are appreciated.)

Ruby was born on July 20, 1922, at Elk City, Oklahoma, to John and Ada (Byerly) Root.

Ruby moved with her parents and siblings from Oklahoma to the "far out West" in December of 1928. The family traveled by train, and Ruby relayed memories of the first stop in California, where the conductor belted "BARSTOW!" She remembered that she and her sister Mildred were wearing matching little sailor dresses at the time.

Ruby received Jesus as her savior when she was a teenager and was welcomed by baptism into the fellowship of the Dunkard Brethren Church. In everyday life, she passed on the lasting treasures found in God's Holy Word, the Bible. In 1939, Ruby met Charles Bowman, the love of her life, and they were united in marriage on July 27, 1940, at Modesto, California. Together they built a small home on the property where Charles had been born and raised.

God gave them three sons: Edison, Eugene and Charles Vernon. For many years, this young family worshiped in the loving fellowship of the Old German Baptist Brethren Church in Modesto. Ruby's love for her family, her friends and her Lord was a joy that we all got to share in. Ruby's commitment to others poured out in a selfless extension of genuine love. She was cheerful, with much laughter and many kind words of truth and encouragement. "Faith,"

she would say, "is what I can't see but what I believe."

Ruby thoroughly enjoyed spending countless hours at her sewing machine. She loved harvest season as well; if her husband could grow it, Ruby could can it. And of course, she was a "regular" in the babysitting department. Ruby was attentive to the needs of ranch livestock and pets, especially the dogs: Noni, Pippin, Rusty, Pepper, Caesar, Cece, Brutus, Sheba, Buster... (too many to count!)

Sixty-five years of Ruby's life were spent on what the family fondly thinks of as "the home place" located on Blue Gum Avenue, in the Wood Colony area of Modesto. When in 2005 the need for full-time assistance came 'round, Ruby and Charles moved with children to Wick-enburg, Arizona, and later Ruby came to be with family in Richland.

Ruby is survived by a sister, Mildred Miller (Hubert) of Modesto; her brother, Ben Root (Mary Jane) of Mesa, Washington; her sons, Edison Bowman (Nancy) of Richland, and Charles Vernon Bowman (Judy) of Mission Viejo, California; 8 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 70 years, Charles; their son, Eugene; her granddaughter, Celia Bowman; her great-granddaughter, Abigail Bowman; her parents, John and Ada Root; her stepmother, Louise Root; her sisters, Lola Ruschhaupt, Mina Andrews, Elizabeth Gish, Adaline Holsinger and Betty Knaus; and her brothers, Allen Root, Eldon Root and Emmert Root.

The Bowman family extends its warmest thanks for the kind and loving words and prayers of their wonderful friends. Memorial donations in Ruby's name may be made to Richland Christian Church or the Eagle Valley Rural Fire Department through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home, P.O. Box 543, Halfway, OR 97834. Online condolences may be made at [www.tamispinevalleyfuneral.com](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneral.com)

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