

# Local

## BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

### FRIDAY, NOV. 2

- **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, 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.
- **Community meeting to discuss the Hells Canyon Motorcycle Rally:** 6 p.m., at Lefty's Taphouse, 1934 Broadway St.; the event's new organizers will be introduced and information will be gathered to help with planning efforts; for more information, call Robin Nudd at Baker City Hall, 541-524-2016.

### SUNDAY, NOV. 11

- **National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center Free Fee Day:** In honor of Veterans Day, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

## TURNING BACK THE PAGES

### 50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald Nov. 2, 1968

Reports have been received by the D-H that last minute phone calls have been going out to Baker residents telling them if Sen. Wayne Morse is defeated by Robert Packwood, all of the appropriations and allocations recently passed as a result of the senior senator's effort would be pulled.

"How stupid do they think the Oregon voters are," said Gary Wilhelms, county co-chairman for Packwood. "This just confirms my belief that the Morse camp is running scared and will do anything to save the election for the senator."

### 25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald Nov. 3, 1993

Leo Adler, who used his wealth and position in the community to benefit others, died Nov. 2, 1993, at St. Elizabeth Hospital. He was 93.

Mr. Adler put Baker City on the map with his success as a magazine dealer and his generosity to various organizations in Baker County and throughout the state and the nation.

He had been in and out of St. Elizabeth Nursing Home and Health Care Center for the past five months, according to Henry Levinger, a longtime personal friend and Mr. Adler's personal representative.

### 10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald Nov. 3, 2008

Gordon Smith's down-to-the wire re-election campaign featured a 30-minute stop at Bella Main Street Market in Baker City Friday morning.

Fifteen supporters welcomed the two-term senator to town while supporters of his Democratic opponent, Jeff Merkley, picketed Smith's appearance outside the store.

### ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald Nov. 3, 2017

The Baker County Board of Commissioners voted unanimously Wednesday to leave the Tri-County Cooperative Weed Management Area.

But two of the three commissioners left open the possibility that the decision wouldn't be final.

## OREGON LOTTERY

**MEGABUCKS, Oct. 31**  
7-8-13-16-19-35  
Next jackpot: \$2 million

**POWERBALL, Oct. 31**  
7-25-39-40-47 PB 20  
Next jackpot: \$53 million

**WIN FOR LIFE, Oct. 31**  
22-23-31-51

**PICK 4, Nov. 1**  
• 1 p.m.: 2-8-2-7  
• 4 p.m.: 9-5-1-1  
• 7 p.m.: 0-1-8-7  
• 10 p.m.: 5-1-6-3

**LUCKY LINES, Nov. 1**  
4-5-10-14-20-21-27-29  
Next jackpot: \$27,000

## SENIOR MENUS

- **MONDAY:** Hot beef sandwich, potatoes and gravy, peas and carrots, pasta salad, brownie
- **TUESDAY:** Breaded pork loin, green beans, carrot-raisin salad, roll, lemon bar

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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### HIGH SCHOOL (9-12)

Oregon avg. in ( )  
**CLASS SIZE**  
17 (25)

**ON-TRACK TO GRADUATE**  
students earning one-quarter of required credits in ninth grade  
**83% (85%)**

**ON-TIME GRADUATION**  
students earning diploma within 4 years  
**79% (77%)**

**FIVE-YEAR COMPLETION**  
students earning diploma or GED within 5 years  
**69% (84%)**

**REGULAR ATTENDANCE**  
**71% (80%)**

### MIDDLE SCHOOL (7-8)

Oregon avg. in ( )  
**CLASS SIZE**  
22 (25)

**ENGLISH**  
**53% (57%)**

**MATH**  
**39% (42%)**

**SCIENCE**  
**61% (61%)**

**REGULAR ATTENDANCE**  
students attending at least 90% of days  
**82% (80%)**

*English, math and science numbers are percentage of students meeting grade-level expectations*

### SOUTH BAKER (4-6)

Oregon avg. in ( )  
**CLASS SIZE**  
26 (25)

**ENGLISH**  
**46% (53%)**

**MATH**  
**41% (41%)**

**SCIENCE**  
**75% (65%)**

**REGULAR ATTENDANCE**  
students attending at least 90% of days  
**85% (80%)**

*English, math and science numbers are percentage of students meeting grade-level expectations*

### BROOKLYN (K-3)

Oregon avg. in ( )  
**CLASS SIZE**  
23 (25)

**ENGLISH**  
**40% (48%)**

**MATH**  
**44% (47%)**

**REGULAR ATTENDANCE**  
students attending at least 90% of days  
**82% (80%)**

*English and math numbers are percentage of students meeting grade-level expectations*

## SCHOOLS

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While Baker test scores, except in the area of science, did not outshine the statewide averages, Baker did well in two categories.

Witty touted Baker High School's performance above the state average for on-time graduation and five-year completion rates, in a press release issued Thursday.

According to the "At-A-Glance School Profile" developed as a parent-friendly reporting tool, 79 percent of BHS students are expected to earn a diploma within

four years (down 8 percent from last year), which beats the statewide average of 77 percent by two points.

The report also shows Baker's five-year completion rate, which counts students earning a high school diploma or GED within five years, as topping the state average 89 percent to 83 percent. BHS's rate was up 3 percent from a year ago, the report stated.

On the downside, Witty noted that the state has enacted a penalty for schools that don't meet the target test participation rate of 95 percent, which has a negative impact on student achievement in English/language arts and mathematics.

"With this change, if fewer

than 95 percent of students take the standardized tests, non-participating students are counted as non-proficient (as if they had taken the tests and answered zero questions correctly)," Witty said in the press release.

"As a result, student achievement data for schools and districts with participation rates under 95 percent does not accurately reflect student performance," he said.

Witty gave this example: In 2017-18, the participation rate at BHS for English/language arts was 81 percent, which negatively impacted the school's overall "meets" score by 13.5 percent.

"This is the first year that the State has counted those

that choose to opt out of state testing as if they had taken the test and failed," Witty said. "Changing the rules in this manner by state and federal agencies makes it very difficult for any district to compare true year to year progress."

Palmer acknowledges that it's hard to explain test scores that are less than what the district would expect given the staff's hard work without sounding defensive.

Still, she says, curriculum changes, a large turnover of staff as a result of longtime employees retiring and the new system of penalizing scores for districts where testing participation doesn't meet the state's target have left their marks.

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## OBITUARY

### Edith Richerson

Baker City, 1945-2018

Edith F. "Edie" Heinke-George-Richerson, 73, of Baker City, died Oct. 28, 2018, at her home with her family by her side.

Her memorial service will be Saturday, Nov. 3, at 11 a.m. at the Baker City Church of the Nazarene, 1250 Hughes Lane. Pastors Troy Teeter and Lennie Spooner will officiate. A reception will follow in the fellowship hall.

Edie was born on May 9, 1945, at Everett, Washington, to Fred L. and Frances E. Heinke. She was the youngest of their three children.

Edie grew up in the Everett area and attended Everett public schools. She was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Everett, and later Christian Faith Center in Mill Creek, Washington. She graduated from Cascade High School in 1963 and was married to Sidney A. George of Seattle that same year. They were married for 14 years. During their marriage, they had two children, Gene C. George and Jonathan T. George.

Years later she married Lee C. Richer-

son Sr. of Santa Monica, California. They were married 25 years until Lee died in 2008.

Edie was employed for 30 years driving a school bus for Edmonds School District in Edmonds, Washington, and a transit bus for Community Transit in Everett. During that time she was the recording secretary for ATU (Amalgamated Transit Union) Local 1576 and served on its executive board. She also worked as an administrative assistant for Community Transit in a job-sharing program with the company.

She retired in 2009 and started a new life in Baker City in 2012 when her sister Phyllis' husband, Delbert Gossett, died.

While living in Baker City, she joined the Church of the Nazarene and appreciated the welcoming spirit of the people at the church and loved the small-town atmosphere of Baker City. She volunteered as secretary on the church board and several ministry teams. She also volunteered with St. Alphonsus Hospital Auxiliary, working in the gift shop where she donated many handmade items. Edie made over two dozen quilts for friends and family and treasured the women of the church's Thursday Quilting Group.

She also joined the Citizens on Patrol (COP) program of the Baker City Police Department. Edie volunteered as administrative help in the front office while encouraging her colleagues and helping on special projects around town.

Edith is survived by her two sons, Gene (Sue) George of Raleigh, North Carolina, and Jonathan T. George of Seattle; two grandchildren, Chelsea George and Austin (Kailie) George, both of Raleigh; her brother, Robert (Adele) Heinke of Marysville, Washington; her sister, Phyllis Gossett of Baker City; her niece, Renee Green of Baker City; and three nephews, Steve (Deb) Heinke of Snoqualmie, Washington, David (Laura) Heinke of Lake Stevens, Washington, and John (Kim) Heinke of Bellingham, Washington.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Northeast Oregon Compassion Center or Heart N Home Hospice through Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814. Edie's family appreciates the terrific care Heart N Home gave to Edie.

To light a candle in memory of Edie, or to leave a condolence for the family, go to [www.grayswestco.com](http://www.grayswestco.com)

[valleyfuneralhome.com](http://valleyfuneralhome.com)

### FUNERALS PENDING

**Bill and Veryl Waldron:** Memorial service Saturday, Nov. 10, at 11 a.m. at Pine Valley Presbyterian Church in Halfway. Friends are invited to join the

family for a reception immediately following the service at the Halfway Lions Hall. That evening at 8 p.m. a celebration of Bill and Veryl's life continues with live music at Wild Bill's restaurant and lounge in Halfway. Online condolences may be

made at [www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com)

### POLICE LOG

#### Baker City Police Arrests, citations

**THEFT III:** Daisy Mar-lee Carrier, 32, of 2735 Myrtle St., 8:19 p.m. Thursday, at 1217 Campbell St.; in connection with a report of shoplifting at Rite Aid; cited and released.

#### Baker County Sheriff's Office

#### Arrests, citations

**DISORDERLY CONDUCT II,** RESISTING ARREST and **ASSAULTING A PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER:** Gael Eileen Grooms, 58, of 1645 Eldon Court, Apartment 202, 4:04 p.m. Wednesday, on North Cedar Street; jailed and later released.

**ASSAULT IV DOMESTIC and HARASSMENT:** Shebb Robert Bassman, 30, of 42901 W. Airport Road, 4:25 p.m. Wednesday, at his home; jailed and later released.

**DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF INTOXICANTS** (Baker County Circuit Court warrant) and **PROBATION VIOLATION:** Michael Steven Myers-Gabiola, 26, of Baker City, 3:36 p.m. Thursday, in the 2200 block of Wabash St.; jailed.

November 2-8

**ELTRYM HISTORIC THEATER**  
1809 1st St, Baker City • [www.eltrym.com](http://www.eltrym.com)

**BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY** PG-13  
A chronicle of the years leading up to Queen's legendary appearance at the Live Aid (1985) concert.  
FRI & SAT: (3:45) 6:45, 9:35  
SUN: (3:45) 6:45  
MON-THURS: 6:45

**THE NUTCRACKER & THE FOUR REALMS** PG  
A young girl is transported into a magical world of gingerbread soldiers and an army of mice.  
FRI & SAT: (4:00) 7:00, 9:40  
SUN: (4:00) 7:00  
MON-THURS: 7:00

**THE OLD MAN & THE GUN** PG-13  
FRI & SAT: 7:10, 9:45  
SUN-THURS: 7:10

**GOOSEBUMPS 2: HAUNTED HALLOWEEN** PG  
FRI-SUN: (4:10)

(Bargain Matinee)  
Show Times: 541-523-2522  
Office: 541-523-5439

**Adoptable Pet Of The Week**

**LUCKY**

*Lucky is a young, male mixed breed that might include: Border Collie, Australian Kelpie, Rottweiler and possibly Entlebucher mountain dog. He is a kind dog to people and most other dogs. He is very intelligent and doing well in his schooling. Lucky is house trained, knows approximately 10 commands and is fine tuning his leash walking skills. He is neutered, micro chipped and current on shots. He has transitioned well from his homeless unclaimed status to a dog eager to have a family life with someone and show his loyalty.*

**Contact New Hope for Eastern Oregon Animals at 541-403-2710**

**Business Owners & Readers...**  
*Want to sponsor the pet of the week for only \$39? Include a logo, memorial or short message here for free! Call 541-523-3673 or email [info@bakercityherald.com](mailto:info@bakercityherald.com)*