

# Local

## BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

### FRIDAY, NOV. 30

■ **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; continues most Fridays.

### MONDAY, DEC. 3

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

### WEDNESDAY, DEC. 5

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

### THURSDAY, DEC. 6

■ **Baker School Board:** 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 1655 First St.; the December meeting has been rescheduled from the usual third Thursday of the month.

### FRIDAY, DEC. 7

■ **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, Broderick's Gallery and others.

### MONDAY, DEC. 10

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

## TURNING BACK THE PAGES

### 50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald Nov. 28, 1968

The most efficient producer of agricultural products the world has ever known — the American farmer — is honored throughout the nation during this Farm-City Week, which ends today.

Calling attention to this observance, John C. Hesketh, County Extension agent, points out that agriculture is Baker County's second ranking industry, exceeded only by timber.

### 25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald Nov. 29, 1993

SHERWOOD — Unranked Sherwood continued to play the role of giant killer Saturday at the OSAA/U.S. Bank Class 3A state football semifinals.

The Bowmen, who defeated top-ranked Bandon in the quarterfinals, stopped second-ranked Baker 35-6 Saturday to advance to the Class 3A championship game. Sherwood will play Junction City, a 35-6 winner at The Dalles, in Saturday's title contest.

### 10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald Nov. 28, 2008

Barbara Sidway doesn't exactly cherish the headline coronating her as the "Queen of Baker City" in the November/December edition of Via magazine published by AAA, but she is thrilled about the notoriety it brings to Baker City's historic downtown.

The Via article touts the ghostly history of the Geiser Grand Hotel, which had been threatened with demolition before she and her husband, Dwight, bought it and spent \$7 million over five years renovating it.

### ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald Nov. 29, 2017

The Baker City office of the Oregon State Police Fish and Wildlife Division is seeking help from the public to identify poachers who illegally killed and wasted three mule deer found on private property off Hunt Mountain Lane over the Thanksgiving weekend.

One buck and two does were killed, an OSP press release stated.

## OREGON LOTTERY

**MEGABUCKS, Nov. 26**  
6 - 11 - 17 - 23 - 31 - 41  
Next jackpot: \$4.2 million

**PICK 4, Nov. 27**  
• 1 p.m.: 5 - 4 - 1 - 5  
• 4 p.m.: 0 - 9 - 4 - 5  
• 7 p.m.: 4 - 6 - 0 - 0  
• 10 p.m.: 2 - 9 - 5 - 5

**WIN FOR LIFE, Nov. 26**  
1 - 4 - 30 - 73

**LUCKY LINES, Nov. 27**  
2-7-11-14-18-22-25-30  
Next jackpot: \$21,000

## SENIOR MENUS

- **THURSDAY:** Sausage gravy over biscuits, ham, cheese and egg frittata, hashbrowns, orange slice, cinnamon roll
- **FRIDAY:** Pot roast, parslid red potatoes, baby carrots, roll, green salad, apple crisp

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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### Evelyn Steele

Baker City, 1917-2018

Evelyn Mary Steele, 101, of Baker City, died peacefully in the early morning hours of Nov. 26, 2018, with family by her side.

A visitation will be Friday, Nov. 30, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at Coles Tribute Center, 1950 Place St. Her funeral will be Friday at 11 a.m. at Coles Tribute Center, with a reception following at the same location.

Evelyn was born at Conata, South Dakota, where she lived throughout her youth with her father and German immigrant mother, along with four siblings. They lived through the Great Depression; however, her family was already so poor that it did not affect their lifestyle. The values she developed in the Badlands and Black Hills of South Dakota included frugality, a rock-solid work ethic and the love of a close-knit family that always helped one another.

Evelyn attended a one-room schoolhouse through the eighth grade, and it was there that she met Thomas R. Steele, who was one grade ahead of her. Although she resisted his advances at first, she eventually married "her little feller" on Dec. 27, 1939, after a road trip in a blizzard with her brother, Aaron, and his wife, Emma.

After having their first daughter, Marilyn, in 1940, she and Tommy drew straws to decide if they would stay in South Dakota or follow her older brother and migrate West. They drew the short straw, loaded up their few possessions and eventually ended up in Baker City after a short stay in Fruitland, Idaho. Her parents and all but one of her siblings would eventually live in Northeastern Oregon. While her brothers are much more notorious in the region, she was always considered the boss of the pack, giving advice on relationships, jobs, business risks, lending money when they were in a tight spot and a good stern talking to when they had disappointed her.

In 1943 she had a second daughter, Shirley, and settled into being a homemaker and began her work managing their small income into fruitful real estate and business investments. She was

remarkable at using compound interest in her favor and was very proud of what she had earned over the years. She only held one job outside the home, at Robb's Ladies Shop in downtown Baker, for a short time. She spent much of her life as the quiet and generous support system behind many of her children's and grandchildren's business ventures.

She filled her days as a mother and eventually a much-beloved grandmother focusing on the important work of raising her children and helping with her children's children. She collected and tried new recipes regularly for family dinners every Sunday, which nearly always followed working to improve or maintain her or one of her daughter's homes or businesses. She, along with Tommy, grew a fruitful garden providing much of the family produce, and maintained an impeccable weed-free yard. She was an accomplished seamstress and made most of her own clothes, as well as teaching her granddaughters the basics of sewing. In the 1970s, she became an expert at turning regular jeans into bell bottoms with colorful insets and then would construct handbags of matching quilted fabrics for her granddaughters.

Her guilty pleasure was afternoon soap operas, with the characters from "One Life to Live," "General Hospital" and "All My Children." In the summers she usually had at least one grandkid staying with her if not more and would shuttle them all to swim lessons, teach them the proper way to do yard work, how to bake the perfect butter cookie and provided meals. They all remember many of her catchphrases and sage advice with great fondness as well as having an appreciation for the discipline she expected from them.

Her lifetime spanned an entire century — from riding a horse to school to the dawn of self-driving cars. From living in a sod house with an outhouse to her final ranch style home that she referred to as "elegant." From a time when no one had a home phone to a time when everyone has a cellular phone with video calling and a camera at their fingertips. However, this was a technology she loved due to being able to see her picture immediately after being taken and being able to see pictures of family that lived far away. This

technology allowed her to share her most recent great-great-granddaughter, whom she regularly showed to her caregivers, affectionately calling her "a little doll." She came from a time when owning a book for knowledge was a luxury, to everyone having the entire world's worth of information readily available on the internet. From a time when diseases like measles and mumps were death sentences to them being eradicated — the list of changes is endless. But even with all that mind-blowing change going on around her, outliving all her contemporaries, her siblings, her husband and even one child, she remained a steadfast girl from South Dakota who was content with all she had and all she had learned in life, a woman who loved one man her entire life, and a woman who was always ready to give all her energy and resources to her family.

She is survived and will be greatly missed by her daughter, Shirley McPherson (Ken) of Baker City; her granddaughters, Tracy Bragg (Kelly) of Arlington, Washington, Jenny Millich (Derik) of Arlington, Washington, Cherie Dubell of Monroe, Washington, and Lisa Xeros-VandenBos (Todd) of Baker City, Teri Tynan of Wasilla, Alaska; her grandson, Shane Pierce (Tammy) of Baker City; her sister-in-law, Rosie Logsdon of Baker City; her nieces, Patsy Hampton of La Grande, Elaine Logsdon of Baker City, Caroline Barton (Bob) of Baker City, Laura Green of Yuma, Arizona, and Jody Logsdon of Redmond; her nephews, Norris Logsdon of Stanfield, and James Logsdon of Baker City; 15 great-grandchildren, 12 great-great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Henry and Dina Logsdon; her husband of 64 years, Thomas Steele; her daughter, Marilyn (Tudy) Carr; her brothers, Henry Logsdon, Aaron Logsdon and Joe Logsdon; her sister, Margaret Paris; her grandsons, Wayne Pierce and Robert Carr; and her nephews, Howard Logsdon, Stan Paris and Kerry Logsdon.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Heart 'N Home Hospice through Coles Tribute Center, 1950 Place St., Baker City, OR 97814. To light a candle for Evelyn, go to [www.colestributecenter.com](http://www.colestributecenter.com)

## OBITUARIES



Evelyn Steele

## NEWS OF RECORD

### DEATHS

**Alfred James Berdahl:** 82, of Baker City, died Nov. 27, 2018, at his home. Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel is in charge of arrangements. To light a candle in memory of Alfred, go to [www.grayswestco.com](http://www.grayswestco.com)

**Yvonne R. Plaeth:** 86, of Baker City, died Nov. 27, 2018, at her home. Coles Tribute Center is in charge of arrangements. To light a candle in memory of Yvonne, go to [www.colestributecenter.com](http://www.colestributecenter.com)

### FUNERAL PENDING

**Patricia "Pat" Zennie:** There will be a celebration of Pat's life, with a meal prepared by the VFW Auxiliary, beginning at 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, at the Veterans Memorial Club, 2005 Valley Ave. Memorial contributions may be made to Heart 'n' Home Hospice or to the VFW through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home and Cremation Services, P.O. Box 543, Halfway, OR 97834. Online condolences may be made at [www.tamis-pinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tamis-pinevalleyfuneralhome.com)

**Gloria A. Grammatico:** Memorial service will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7, at Coles Tribute Center, 1950 Place St. Pastor Karl Wittich of Calvary Baptist Church will officiate. Memorial contributions may be made to Calvary Baptist Church through Coles Tribute Center, 1950 Place

St. Baker City, OR 97814. To light a candle in Gloria's memory, go to [www.colestributecenter.com](http://www.colestributecenter.com)

**Mardell McCauley:** Friends are invited to join the family for a Celebration of Life luncheon starting at noon on Sunday, Dec. 16, at the VFW Hall, 2005 Valley Ave. The family invites friends to stop by to share a bite to eat, a story and a laugh. The family suggests memorial contributions to Creating Memories through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home and Cremation Services, P.O. Box 543 Halfway, OR 97834. Online condolences may be made at [www.tamis-pinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tamis-pinevalleyfuneralhome.com)

### POLICE LOG

**Baker City Police Arrests, citations**  
UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF METHAMPHETAMINE

(U.S. MARSHAL'S WARRANT): Nicolas Cixto, 43, of Burns, 4:49 p.m. Monday, in the 1000 block of West View Drive; jailed.

**Baker County Sheriff's Office**  
VIOLATION OF RELEASE AGREEMENT, CRIMINAL MISCHIEF III and DISORDERLY CONDUCT II: Ashley Anne Chase, 31, of 1523 Madison St., 7:35 p.m. Monday, at the Sheriff's Office; jailed.

**Oregon State Police**  
UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A VEHICLE, CRIMINAL TRESPASSING II and VIOLATION OF RELEASE AGREEMENT (Baker County warrants): Melissa Jean Lattymyer, 33, of Ontario, 3:02 p.m. Friday; jailed; police said Lattymyer was taken into custody after she was found stumbling along Highway 7 just south of Baker City. The OSP officer, who was assisted by a Baker County Sheriff's deputy, determined that Lattymyer had the three outstanding warrants.

Please Help Us Help Others  
YOU can make a difference!

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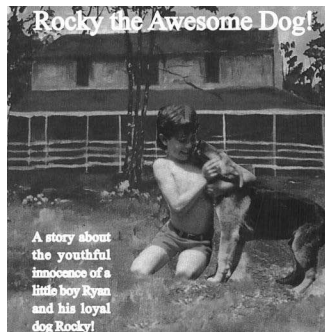
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**Baker City residents are invited to a MEMORIAL MASS for RYAN SULLIVAN at St. Francis de Sales on December 3, 2018 at 9 AM.** The Mass will be presided by Father Telegani, with the Baker City Knights of Columbus Council #849 providing a reception after the Mass in the parish hall.

The Knights reception will share the contact information for a children's book with all proceeds to benefit the Sullivan grandchildren Declan, Jack, and little Ryan's College Education Fund.



The children's book "Rocky the Awesome Dog," @ Authorhouse.com was written for the Sullivan grandchildren by their grandfather Capt. Ed Sullivan (Rt.) sharing reflections on the joyful youth of their father Ryan and his loyal dog Rocky!

The children's book "Rocky the Awesome Dog!" can be purchased locally at Betty's Books on Main St., in Baker.

Special Thanks is extended in Baker City to Hal Huntington and Sam Raabe of the Baker Knights of Columbus Council #849; Randy Dodson @ Ryder Brothers; Fr. Telagani, Fr. Grenier, Ann and Dawn Coles @ St. Francis; Oregon State Deputy of the Knights of Columbus Francis Mohr & his wife Tay Mohr; Steve & Patty Bachman; Chief Dustin Newman; Ed Higgins @ Banner Bank; Barbara Sidway, Geiser Grand; and Carolyn Kulog @ Betty's Books. Along with the many kind folks of Baker City who extended a sincere reception and condolences one long year ago.

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