

# Local

## BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19

■ **Farmers Market:** 3 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., downtown at the Court Avenue Plaza.

### THURSDAY, JUNE 20

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

### FRIDAY, JUNE 21

■ **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.

### TUESDAY, JUNE 25

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

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 3

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

### TUESDAY, JULY 9

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

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 17

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

### TUESDAY, JULY 23

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

## TURNING BACK THE PAGES

### 50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald June 20, 1969

A door-to-door survey aimed at determining the housing needs of the City of Baker was announced today by John T. Schwiebert, Program Developer for the Community Action Agency.

### 25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald June 20, 1994

SUMPTER — Rod Dickson, the retired Baker City barber, remembers working on the Sumpter Valley Dredge.

So does his brother, Wilson or "Willie," also of Baker City. They were among a dozen former dredge employees honored Sunday at the first Sumpter Valley Dredge reunion.

### 10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald June 19, 2009

Expect your index finger to receive more of a workout starting July 12, when people who live in the 541 area code region should begin to dial 10 digits — even when placing local calls.

But if your trained dialing finger slips up and forgets to hit the additional three digits of the area code, you're not in any trouble and your call will still be completed.

The Oregon Public Utility Commission has instituted a grace period from July 12 to Jan. 10, 2010, when dialing all digits will become mandatory.

### ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald June 20, 2018

The Wallowa-Whitman National Forest plans to rebuild a nearly mile-long section of a mountain road near Unity that was severely damaged during a flash flood in September 2017 and remains impassable.

Floodwaters filled the channel of a seasonal tributary of Spring Creek, which flows into the South Fork of the Burnt River, breached the creek's banks and poured onto a section of Forest Road 6015, according to a Wallowa-Whitman report.

The water eroded the road bed so that it's now lower than the creek channel, making it vulnerable to future flooding.

According to the Wallowa-Whitman report, "this will continue to erode this portion of the 6015 road for several years to come."

## OREGON LOTTERY

### MEGABUCKS, June 17

15 — 20 — 37 — 45 — 47 — 48

Next jackpot: \$4.6 million

### MEGA MILLIONS, June 18

12 — 14 — 22 — 24 — 48 Mega 21

Next jackpot: \$55 million

### WIN FOR LIFE, June 17

15 — 42 — 49 — 58

### PICK 4, June 18

• 1 p.m.: 7 — 4 — 5 — 6

• 4 p.m.: 6 — 6 — 5 — 0

• 7 p.m.: 0 — 9 — 3 — 0

• 10 p.m.: 9 — 2 — 8 — 4

### LUCKY LINES, June 18

1-6-12-16-20-21-25-32

Next jackpot: \$54,000

## SENIOR MENUS

■ **THURSDAY:** Beef Burgundy over fettuccine, peas and carrots, bread, cottage cheese with fruit, pudding

■ **FRIDAY:** Spaghetti with meat sauce, cauliflower, garlic breadsticks, pea-and-onion salad

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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### Myma Potts

Formerly of Baker City, 1934-2019

Myrna Dell Potts, 85, of La Grande and formerly of Baker City, died May 22, 2019, at her home.

A graveside service will take place Friday, June 21, at 9:30 a.m. at the Hillcrest Cemetery in La Grande.

A celebration of life will begin at 11 a.m. at the Riverside Park Pavilion. Arrangements are under the direction of Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center.

Myrna was born on Feb. 25, 1934, at Helena, Montana, the daughter of Denzel and Annie Violet (Hicks) Collings. Annie died when Myrna was a baby and she was raised by her father and grandmother between Montana, Idaho and Oregon, finally settling in Granite. She moved into Baker City when she was a teenager, where she finished high school.

On March 3, 1952, she married Henry Earl Potts in Baker City. They lived at and ran the Fremont Power Plant near Granite until 1963 when they moved to Baker City, and finally to La Grande in 1964. She was married to Hank for 60 years until his passing in 2012.

Myrna was a Girl Scout leader for many years and always had a story to tell about those times. She was a member of the Methodist Church and the Rusty Wheels Car Club. She enjoyed working in her flower garden, camping and spending time with her family.

Survivors include her children, Jeri and Keith VanVickle of Cove, Leo and Suzanne Potts of Seattle and Earlene Gillette of Seattle; her sisters, Vonda Braun of Las Vegas, and Joann Barnes of Helena; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren and other relatives and friends.

Those who wish may make contributions in her memory to the Alzheimer's Association, 1650 N.W. Naito Parkway, Portland, OR 97209, the GRH Hospice, P.O. Box 3290, La Grande, OR 97850 or the Girl Scouts of America.

## School's out... watch out for kids!



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### Marcia Gover

Halfway, 1954-2019

Marcia Gover, 65, of Halfway, died June 15, 2019, at her home.

A memorial service and celebration of Marcia's life will take place on Saturday, June 22 at 10 a.m. at the Gover Ranch in Halfway. (Turn onto Gover Lane from Main Street by the bank in Halfway and stay on Gover Lane to the end.) Friends are invited to join the family for a reception which will immediately follow.

Marcia "Magna" Marie Gover was born on April 19, 1954, at Baker City. She spent a few of her early years attending school in Baker, and was raised in Richland for the rest of her childhood. The family enjoyed living off the land, processing food, helping neighbors and loving life. Marcia graduated from Pine-Eagle High School in 1972 and soon after was married to George Gover, when they spent years riding and ranching around Eastern Oregon. They were eventually blessed with their son, Stacy, and beautiful twin daughters, Holly and Joey.

Family life integrated with ranch life was second nature for Marcia, as she was happiest when in her element with her people. Marcia loved to live her life by example: dedicated to hard work, loving her people, and was never afraid to tell you how she felt. She always had high expectations of those around her, especially to follow the ranch rules, the first and foremost being IF YOU OPEN A GATE, YOU BETTER SHUT IT! She has touched many lives with her wisdom and compassion.

Marcia is survived by her husband of 47 years, George Gover of Halfway; her children, Stacy and Morgan Gover of Halfway, Holly and Dusty Gallimore of Notus, Idaho, and Joey and Ryan Davis of Middleton, Idaho; her grandchildren, Cooper and Trace Gover, Aubrey, Brock, Emma and Rainey Gallimore, and Sam and Baby Davis; her brothers, Dwight Saunders of Richland and Dan Saunders of Los Angeles.

Marcia was preceded in death by her parents, Stan and Jane Marie Saunders; and her grandparents, Mer-



Marcia Gover

ritt and Eva Saunders, and Gover and Ruth Allen.

For those who would like to make a donation in memory of Marcia, the family suggests the Hilary Bonn Benevolent Fund or the local charity of your choice through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services, P.O. Box 543, Halfway, OR 97834. Online condolences can be made at [www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com)

### Vaughn Moser

Formerly of Baker City, 1934-2019

Vaughn L. Moser, 52, a former Baker City resident, died peacefully after an illness on May 16, 2019, in Vale.

A celebration of his life ceremony will take place in his honor on June 29 at 11 a.m. at the Vale Christian Church.

Vaughn was born on May 8, 1967, at Baker City and grew up at Ironside and Baker City. He attended grade school at Unity and later graduated high school in Baker City. Vaughn was a skilled carpenter, cabinet maker, and mechanic, graduating from Wyoming Technical Institute with a degree in Automotive Technology.

Vaughn loved four-wheeling, woodworking, playing pinocle and hunting. He was happiest when he was spending time with his family and friends.

Anyone who knew Vaughn, knew him to be kind, gentle, fun loving, caring and always friendly.

He was a beloved son to Leta and Vaughn, and stepson to Shirley and George; a loving older brother to Will and the late Willow; a stepbrother to Tim, Gina, George, Angie and Laura; a devoted father to his children, Devin and Ashley; and a cherished uncle, nephew, cousin and friend to many.

A webpage has been set up to remember Vaughn at <https://www.forevermissed.com/vaughn-l-moser>

### Leon McGuire

Baker City, 1934-2019

Leon Ronald McGuire, 84, of Baker City, died June 16, 2019.

A celebration of his life will take place Friday, June 21 at 11 a.m. the Calvary Baptist Church with Pastor Kenneth Grafham officiating. Following the service, friends are invited to join the family for a reception at the church.

Leon was born on Oct.

23, 1934, at Williams, Minnesota, the last of 11 children of Gardner and Agnes McGuire. He moved with his parents to Caldwell, Idaho, when he was 9 or 10.

He graduated from Home-dale High School in 1952 and enlisted in the Navy that same year. He served during the Korean War and was discharged in 1955. After leaving the Navy, he worked for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at Frenchglen. Leon went to work for the U.S. Postal Service in October 1956 where he worked on the railroad mail service, first in Portland, before transferring to Baker City in 1957. He continued the "rail-mail" work on the Baker City to Pocatello, Idaho, route until 1967. His postal career continued in Bend until 1974 when he was appointed postmaster of Mitchell and later postmaster of Amity in 1975. Leon retired from the U.S. Postal Service in 1989.

Leon married the love of his life, Ila Bissonnett, on Dec. 7, 1958. They were blessed with four children — Michael (Nancy), Daniel (Sharon), Shari (Ken) and a daughter, Tina, who preceded him in death in 1990. Leon is also survived by 10 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. Through the years, Leon and Ila shared their love with many foster children.

After his retirement, he bought a motor home and they began their retirement adventures. They made Baker City their home base and continued traveling until late 1990s.

Leon was active as a football referee from 1975 until retiring from it in 2000. One of his proud achievements was refereeing two East-West Shrine All-Star games. Another favorite activity was umpiring OSAA baseball until retiring, also in 2000.

Leon loved to help people by volunteering for various organizations within the community such as the Rachel Pregnancy Center, Meals-on-Wheels, and Community Connection, for which he was named Volunteer of the Year in 2007 and 2008.

He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Baker City. He loved his Lord and Savior, and served as a teacher, deacon and other opportunities throughout his years. He was certain where he would be when this life ended and so does his family. He is seeing clearly and breathing deeply once again after years of health issues.

Donations in Leon's name may be made to Community Connection of Baker County through Coles Tribute Center, 1950 Place St., Baker City, OR 97814.

To light a candle in memory of Leon, go to [www.colestributecenter.com](http://www.colestributecenter.com)

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## Thank You

It is difficult for us to adequately express the appreciation we have for all your prayers, cards, flowers, and encouraging words shared with us since Jo went home to be forever in the loving arms of her Lord and Savior Jesus. We have especially appreciated your sharing with us of the many memories of how Jo's life powerfully impacted so many lives.

The staff at Gray's West and Co. were very helpful and kind to us at a very difficult time. We're so thankful for their gracious care and assistance.

We will also always be grateful for Julie Daly and the others at Meadowbrook Place who took such wonderful care of her these last several years and made it home to her.

Thank you all from the bottom of our hearts.

- The Family of Jo Dickson