

# Local

## BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

### FRIDAY, JULY 19

- **Baker County Miners Jubilee:** Events throughout the day in Baker City, continuing through Sunday.
- **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.
- **Baker City Bronc Riding event:** 7 p.m., at the Fairgrounds Rodeo Arena; general admission, \$17; children 10 and younger, \$10.

### SATURDAY, JULY 20

- **Baker City Bull Riding event:** 6 p.m., Fairgrounds Rodeo Arena; general admission, \$17.

### TUESDAY, JULY 23

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

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 24

- **Baker City Farmers Market:** 3 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Downtown at the Court Avenue Plaza.

### THURSDAY, JULY 25

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

## TURNING BACK THE PAGES

### 50 YEARS AGO

from the Democrat-Herald

July 18, 1969

Baker County Cattlemen have blasted as "unfair to the beef industry" an article appearing in today's Oregonian.

The article, "Housewives Beef Plenty About Prices," appeared in the society section of today's Eastern Oregon edition.

### 25 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald

July 18, 1994

Stan Wellman and his Oregon Trail wagons and riders captured the sweepstakes award in Saturday's Miners Jubilee parade.

### 10 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald

July 17, 2009

Mercury limits and other emission standards proposed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency could force the closure of concrete plants across the United States, including the Ash Grove Co. plant in Durkee.

"Not one cement plant in the country can comply with all those emission limits. Then where would we get our cement in this country?" said Mike Hrizuk, Ash Grove's vice president for manufacturing.

### ONE YEAR AGO

from the Baker City Herald

July 18, 2018

Virginia Lowry and Rocky Morris live their lives one stitch at a time.

Those stitches bind squares and those squares are sewn together to create beautiful fabric patterns of various detail, color and design.

The two women are quilters who've used their creative talents to produce hundreds of decorative coverings.

Lowry and Morris can't answer what might seem like a simple question: "Just how many quilts have you made?" Lowry's reply says it all: "A lot."

And while her handiwork shows up in various rooms around her Keating Valley log home, most has found its way to the homes of others.

"Quilters give most of their stuff away," Morris said. "We've made hundreds (of quilts), but we don't have many." The women will be among members of the Baker City Quilt Club who'll be displaying their fabric artistry on Friday and Saturday during Miners Jubilee.

## OREGON LOTTERY

### MEGABUCKS, July 15

5 - 26 - 31 - 37 - 41 - 43  
Next jackpot: \$6.2 million

### MEGA MILLIONS, July 16

8 - 16 - 31 - 48 - 52 Mega 23  
Next jackpot: \$154 million

### WIN FOR LIFE, July 15

26 - 30 - 67 - 73

### PICK 4, July 16

• 1 p.m.: 3 - 7 - 5 - 2  
• 4 p.m.: 4 - 5 - 7 - 8  
• 7 p.m.: 6 - 2 - 0 - 4  
• 10 p.m.: 4 - 8 - 8 - 4

### LUCKY LINES, July 16

2-5-10-13-18-21-25-31  
Next jackpot: \$22,000

## SENIOR MENUS

- **THURSDAY:** Breaded pork loin, baked potato, green beans, roll, beet-and-onion salad, brownies
- **FRIDAY:** Chicken-fried chicken, potatoes and gravy, mixed vegetables, roll, fruit ambrosia, 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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## ARSON

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Garcia was originally charged with two counts of first-degree arson, but one of the charges was reduced to second-degree arson, as required under Oregon law, because one of the buildings was not regularly used when Garcia lit the fire on May 23. The Streamliner Lounge and Howell's Cafe had not been

open for about one year prior to the fire, according to the press release.

A restitution hearing has been scheduled for Oct. 4. According to the press release, restitution could be "well in excess of \$100,000."

Shirtcliff said the victims will prepare records of their losses, including loss of the buildings and the loss of their abilities to operate their businesses, for the restitution

hearing.

A judgment will be established by the court and a payment plan will be developed that Garcia must follow to pay some part of whatever income he makes toward paying off the debt, Shirtcliff said.

Garcia was eager to settle the case and that is partly why the restitution hearing will take place later, Shirtcliff said.

Garcia had been moved to

the Grant County Jail at Can-

yon City after he damaged a sprinkler head in his Baker County Jail cell, Shirtcliff said.

Prosecuting Garcia for the damage, which was a misdemeanor, would have delayed resolution of the arson cases, Shirtcliff said. Instead, Garcia decided to plead guilty to the arson charges and to be sentenced Tuesday, and the state dropped the pending charges related to damage at the jail.

### Eddie Joe Adamson

Richland

Eddie Joe Adamson, 80, of Richland, "our beloved Joe," his family said, died very unexpectedly on May 20, 2019, at St. Alphonsus Regional Hospital in Boise after three successful surgeries.

A memorial service, celebration of Joe's life and a potluck will take place Saturday, July 20, starting at 11 a.m. at the New Bridge Grange.

Eddie Joe was born at Great Falls, Montana, to Joseph A. and Rula (Mangum) Adamson and was the oldest of their children. The family was awarded 80 acres of land seven miles west of Fairfield, Montana, on Sunny Slope Bench that they farmed and ran a dairy which started with eight cows. Milking and separating was all done by hand. When Joe was 12 the electricity was installed and the milking machine was installed. He learned his hard work ethics on the farm. He went to 12 years of school at Fairfield Elementary and High School. He loved football and boxing and graduated in May of 1956.

Joe married Phyllis Whitmell of Salt Lake City. They were blessed with five children. Phyllis lost her life due to a tragic car accident, leaving three young boys, Keith, Steven and Ed.

Joe then married Melva Patterson, and added her three children to the family, Rob, Rick and Susan. They later divorced.

At last he found, met and married his best friend, Liddy Conklin. Joe gained and was best friend and Dad to her two children, Debra and Scott. This marriage lasted with understanding — A friend is someone who loves and appreciates your past, believes in your future and accepts you today the way you are.

Joe moved to Salt Lake City just after graduation. He worked for the Goodyear Tire Company until 1960. He then went to work for Leatham Bros. Trucking, doing long haul. During the

26 years of driving he was awarded Safety and Truck Driver of the year twice. He was recognized with an award from the American Trucking Association for driving 2,750,000 accident-free miles and was driver of the year for the State of Utah. He was very proud of his profession.

Joe moved to Boise in 1980 and partnered with LeRoy Jenkins Conestoga Transportation. He bought and ran two trucks along with the Conestoga Fleet, dispatched and loaded, running all 48 states and Canada. This was seven days a week and long hours. In 1990 he and Liddy started J & L Enterprises with five trucks and 50 self-owned and -operated units. This was lots of work, but a successful happy time and they had a great bunch of drivers.

When the fuel prices went out of sight, Joe took a hard look at their options and knew it was time to retire. They hauled the last load and brought all the trucks home on Dec. 31, 1996, when they closed.

Joe and Liddy moved to Richland in 1997 to enjoy retirement, which was short lived. He drove shuttle cars for Diane Jensen and was a taskmaster at Clear Creek Bed and Breakfast for Barbara Phillips. He was a member of the Sheriff's Posse and did Search & Rescue and was on the pistol shooting team. Joe started driving the Eagle Valley Ambulance and became a first responder. Then he was elected master of New Bridge Grange No. 789. Merle Beale got him to join Community Connection as a board member to replace her. He became chairman of the Advisory Council Board of Community Connection. Some 20-plus years later he was still doing his jobs with a happy smile and glorious laughter.

The first time he ever got to go fishing, he enjoyed seeing the wildlife and feeding the deer and turkeys. His greatest wonderment was the gardens he could grow in

Sparta.

Joe is survived by his wife, Liddy; his sons: Steve (Shirley) Adamson of Salt Lake City and Ed (Jan) Adamson of Fairfield, Montana; his stepchildren, Debra Greene of Fayetteville, North Carolina, and Scott Greene of Parma, Idaho; his brother, Monte (Janet) Adamson; his sisters, Doris of Fairfield, Montana and Arlene (Lloyd) of Augusta, Montana; numerous grandchildren, nieces, nephews and many lifelong friends.

He was preceded in death by an infant son, Joseph Brent, and 3-year-old daughter, Sandra Jo; his son, Keith; his parents; his brother-in-law, Merrill Snarr; and his best friend, Reid Tracy, who died in Joe's arms, shot by a ricochet bullet.

Joe's mottos were "Be a good friend and neighbor"; "If we can't have fun, then we don't do it"; "Whatever you do, do it right or not at all."

Those who would like to make a donation in memory of Joe may do so to Eagle Valley Ambulance through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services, P.O. Box 543, Halfway, OR 97834. Online condolences may be made at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com

### Phyllis Kiefer

Formerly of Baker City, 1931-2019

Our beautiful, funny and spunky mom, grandma, great-grandma, sister, aunt, cousin and friend, Phyllis Rita (Moser) Kiefer, 88, of Boise, a former Baker City resident, died June 30, 2019, surrounded by love and family.

There will be no service at this time. Cremation is under the direction of the Alden-Waggoner Funeral Chapel at Boise. A portion of her cremains will be scattered at a later date, with the remainder being buried in the Moser family plot at Galena, Illinois.

She was born on May 15, 1931, at Galena, Illinois, the fourth of nine children born to Fred and Helen (Maxwell) Moser. She attended grade

school and high school at Galena, where she graduated in 1949. Later that same year, she married Ralph (Chris) Kiefer

and together they had four children. They moved from Galena to Marengo, Illinois, where they lived for several years prior to divorcing.

Phyllis then moved to Baker City with her two younger children. She also lived at Mill Valley, California, and Manhattan, Kansas, before retiring to Boise, where she was residing when she passed away.

Her greatest joy in life was her family. She looked forward to every visit and loved seeing everyone. She also enjoyed visiting a casino every now and then. Even though she never learned to drive, she traveled all over the country. She was an avid reader and had several Kindles on which she also played a lot of games.

She is survived by her children, Kris White of Boise, Stephen (Nancy) Kiefer of Evergreen, Colorado, Daniel (Karen) Kiefer of West Des Moines, Iowa, and Sandi (John) Eagle of Monroe, Washington; six grandchildren, Jessica White, Rebecca (Mark) Basinski, Joseph Kiefer, Patrick Kiefer, Zachary Kiefer and Brian Kiefer; seven great-grandchildren; one brother, Dan Moser; and several cousins and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Fred and Helen Moser; her sisters, Louise Davis, Helen "Dode" Herrick and Mary Carol Moser; and her brothers, Fred "Tad" Moser, Harvey "Max" Moser, Ron Moser and David Moser.

Family members expressed their appreciation to her caregivers at Spring Creek Overland Assisted Living and the staff of Doctor's Hospice of Idaho for their loving and compassionate care during Phyllis' final days.

## NEWS OF RECORD

### DEATHS

**Travis Levi Culbertson:** 36, of Baker City, died July 14, 2019. His memorial service will take place at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, July 24, at ColesTribute Center, 1950 Place St. Pastor Brad Phillips of the Harvest Church will officiate. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of one's choice through Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814.

**Jesse David Butler:** 30, of Baker City, died July 14, 2019,

near Baker City. A memorial service for Jesse will take place Saturday, July 20, at 1 p.m. at Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., and a celebration of his life will directly follow the memorial service at Wade Williams Park. To light a candle in memory of Jesse, or to leave a condolence for his family, go to www.grayswestco.com

**Mary Jane Peska:** 73, of Huntington, died suddenly at her home on July 16, 2019. Arrangements are under the direction of the Haren-Wood Funeral Chapel in Ontario.

leave an online condolence for the family, go to www.grayswestco.com.

**Michael Edward Moeller:** The rosary will be said Thursday, Aug. 8, at 8 p.m. at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church in La Grande, and Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Friday, Aug. 9, at 10 a.m. at the church. A celebration of his life will follow at the Country Club Golf Course. A full obituary will be published later. Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory of La Grande is in charge of arrangements.

### POLICE LOG

**Baker County Sheriff's Office**

**Arrests, citations**

**UNION COUNTY PAROLE AND PROBATION DETAINER:** Quinten James Stephens, 23, of Haines, 11:39 a.m. Thursday, in the 3500 block of Ninth Drive; jailed and later released.

**OFFENSIVE LITTERING:** Emily Noelle Frerichs, 46, of 2375 Campbell St.; and Alexander Allen Adams, 23, of 1370 Ninth St.; 2:27 p.m. Thursday, on Old Highway 30; Frerichs was cited and released. Adams, who also was charged with a post-prison supervision violation in a parole and probation detainer was jailed Thursday and remains in custody.

**Baker County Parole and Probation**

**PAROLE AND PROBATION DETAINER:** Justin Michael Shelton, 29, of 400 Second St., 10:20 a.m. Tuesday, at College and Campbell streets; jailed.



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**FUNERALS PENDING**  
**William 'Bud' Thomason:** His memorial service will take place Saturday, July 27, at 1 p.m. at Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., with Pastor Brad Phillips of the Harvest Church officiating. Memorial contributions can be made to the Hilary Bonn Benevolence Fund through Gray's West & Co., 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814. To light a candle in memory of Bud, or to leave an online condolence for the family, go to www.grayswestco.com  
**Loren Dee Goracke:** There will be a celebration of his life with military honors at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 3, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Halfway. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Pine Eagle Medical Clinic through Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814. To light a candle in memory of Loren or to

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