

# Local

## BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

### 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.

### FRIDAY, JULY 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; continues most Fridays.

■ **"Gulliver's Travels":** 6 p.m., BHS, \$5

### SATURDAY, JULY 27

■ **"Gulliver's Travels":** 3 p.m., BHS, \$5

### FRIDAY, AUG. 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 and others.

### MONDAY, AUG. 5

■ **Haines Fire Protection District Board:** 7 p.m. at the Haines Library.

## TURNING BACK THE PAGES

### 50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald July 25, 1969

R.W. (Dick) Humphreys, State Game Commission biologist for the Baker-Union District, informed the Democrat-Herald Thursday that his district had been reduced.

Effective as of Wednesday, Humphreys is only responsible for the Baker District, which is approximately the same area as Baker County. Mike Kemp, SGC biologist in La Grande, was given the northern half of the district.

### 25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald July 25, 1994

Lightning sparked 25 small fires in the southern half of the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest during the weekend. All burned one-tenth of an acre or less.

### 10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald July 24, 2009

A gay rights group has accused the Huntington Lions Club of violating Oregon's anti-discrimination laws by refusing a couples' discount to two lesbians who entered the Club's annual Catfish Derby this May.

### ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald July 25, 2018

The owners of a parcel of private property in eastern Baker County are contesting the county's claim that they must remove a locked gate across a road near Lookout Mountain.

An attorney representing Todd Longgood and Dennis Omer Hansen, owners of the Timber Canyon Ranch, contends in a July 16 letter to the county's attorney that the gated road is not a public route, as the county argues, but a private road.

"There is no basis on which it can be considered a public road," attorney Charles F. Hudson of Portland law firm Lane Powell wrote in the letter to Larry Sullivan, a Vale attorney representing the county.

"Based on our review of the information available... it is our legal opinion that the County does not have any legitimate basis on which to claim a public road across our clients' property and that any attempt to do so will expose the County to liability for inverse condemnation and... for any attorney fees necessary to vindicate our clients' rights in their property."

## OREGON LOTTERY

### MEGABUCKS, June 22

22 - 29 - 31 - 32 - 39 - 41  
Next jackpot: \$6.5 million

### MEGA MILLIONS, June 23

1 - 4 - 23 - 40 - 45 Mega 11  
Next jackpot: \$40 million

### WIN FOR LIFE, June 22

36 - 47 - 54 - 61

### PICK 4, July 23

• 1 p.m.: 5 - 0 - 0 - 0  
• 4 p.m.: 3 - 5 - 0 - 9  
• 7 p.m.: 3 - 7 - 7 - 3  
• 10 p.m.: 6 - 3 - 8 - 1

### LUCKY LINES, July 23

3-8-11-15-17-23-26-30  
Next jackpot: \$14,000

## SENIOR MENUS

- **THURSDAY:** Boneless chicken breast with cream gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, roll, gelatin with fruit, cake
- **FRIDAY:** Barbecued ribs, baked beans, corn, green salad, roll, coleslaw, 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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## OBITUARIES

### 'Kathy' Merrick

Union, 1951-2019

Kathryn Ann "Kathy" Merrick, 68, of Union, died July 19, 2019, at her home. A celebration of her life will take place Saturday, Aug. 3 at 2 p.m. at the Union Baptist Church.

Kathy was born on April 10, 1951, at Prairie City to Robert and Louise (Voigt) Hiatt. She lived in Fox, Baker City, Mt. Vernon, Hermiston and Union. She attended Long Creek elementary and high schools. She then went on to Eastern Oregon State College. She married Steve Merrick on June 16, 1973, at the Long Creek Community Church.

Kathy was a substitute teacher in various school districts. She enjoyed reading, gardening, sewing, quilting, handwork and doing assorted crafts.

Kathy is survived by her husband, Steve; her son, Paul Merrick (Terra) of Gladstone, Missouri; her daughter, Amy McCants (Ken) of Union; her sisters, Mary Bennett of John Day and Donna Esser of La Grande; her brother, Bob Hiatt of La Grande; six grandchildren and 12 nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Louise, her brother-in-law, John Esser; her father-in-law, Leroy Merrick; and her mother-in-law, Jean Merrick.

Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com](http://www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com)

### Larry Wright

Formerly of Baker City, 1958-2019

Larry Dean Wright, 61, of Yerington, Nevada, and a former Baker City resident, died July 11, 2019.

He was a longtime resident of Hawthorne, Nevada.

Services will take place Aug. 4 at 2 p.m. in Yerington at the Catholic Center behind the Catholic Church, 311 Virginia St. For more information please contact Stephanie at 775-316-2665 or Todd at 775-217-1248.

Larry was born on Feb. 28, 1958, at Portland to Garland Wright (father) and Virginia Bryant (mother deceased), both residents of Baker City, where Larry grew up. Larry had one sibling, his sister, Ginny Harrison, who lives in Pendleton.

Larry was a Christian and very strong in his faith in the Lord and his Holy Word. Larry had many accomplishments in his life, and always had a great story to tell. Larry loved the Lord, his family and friends, a great motorcycle ride, camping, rock crawling, hanging in the shop with his wife, Cheryl, and pretty much doing anything that had to do with an engine and being in the outdoors.

Larry was survived by his wife, Cheryl Petersen-Wright; his father, Garland Wright; his son, Todd, and daughter-in-law, Tiffany Wright; his daughter, Stephanie Wright; his stepchildren, Donald Petersen and Stephanie Petersen; eight grandchildren, Tony Torres, Isaac Torres, Cade Torres, Trey Wright, Bransyn Wright, Maelie Wright, Kinsley

Wright and Alice Bourland; lots of nieces and nephews; his favorite cat, Pi; plus so many others who truly loved him.

Larry was preceded in death by his mother, Virginia Bryant, and his granddaughter, Kendrick Wright.

His smile will truly be missed!

### Emily Theodosiou

Baker City, 1923-2019

Emily Elizabeth (Loennig) Theodosiou, 96, of Baker City, died July 19, 2019, at Meadowbrook Place.

A celebration of Emily's life will take place Aug. 3 at 2 p.m. at Meadowbrook Place, 4000 Cedar St. Friends are invited to join the family for refreshments immediately following the service.

Emily was born on Feb. 3, 1923, west of Haines in the Muddy Creek area to Franklin and Grace (Cruickshank) Loennig, the second of three children. She graduated from Muddy Creek High School in 1940, and earned her elementary teaching certificate from Eastern Oregon Normal School (now Eastern Oregon University) three years later. During her time at Eastern Oregon she was president of the Associated Women Students and Pi Lambda Theta (teachers' honorary) and was a princess of the evensong graduation ceremony.

Emily began her teaching career at North Powder Elementary where she taught seventh and eighth grades for two years. She then returned to school to pursue a B.S., and a Secondary Teaching Certificate while trekking through the rain at the University of Oregon. After graduation, Emily taught English and Social Studies for a year at Ontario High School and then worked as the English Department Chairman and Dean of Girls at Redmond High School for four years where she enjoyed the colorful high desert.

While teaching at Redmond High School, Emily applied for a teaching position with the U.S. Defense Department's Army Schools in Europe. Emily was accepted and became a dedicated teacher in schools in Nurnberg, Stuttgart, Berlin, Frankfurt (West Germany) and Livorno (Italy) from 1953-1965. In 1960, she was honored as "International Teacher of the Year" by the General Federation of Women's Clubs in Washington, D.C. Emily stated that teaching and summer travel all over the world were always on her "top burner."

Emily met her husband, Paul Theodosiou, a merchant from Athens, Greece, while traveling on the Orient Express, and they were married at Frankfurt in 1964. A year later they settled in Martinez, California, in the San Francisco Bay Area. Emily taught and worked as a student counselor at Castlemont High School in Oakland for 20 years until she retired in 1985, ending a career of 40 years of educating American youth.

In her retirement, Emily enjoyed extensive traveling, gardening, writing and playing bridge. Her husband Paul died in 2002, and Emily stayed in their Martinez home until she was 92 years old.

Her nephew, Jim Peters, and niece, Janet Dyke, convinced her to return to Eastern Oregon in 2015, and Emily

moved into Meadowbrook Place Assisted Living in Baker City. She enjoyed her friends at Meadowbrook and attending local family gatherings. Emily was the oldest family member at the Loennig family reunion in 2018, celebrating 155 years of the family in Baker County.

Emily is survived by her stepdaughters, Helen Moore of Burke, Virginia, and Amalia Maliki of Athens, Greece, as well as many extended members of the Loennig family.

Emily was preceded in death by her sister, Flora Lou Peters, and brother, Frank Loennig.

She will be laid to rest next to her husband, Paul, at Oakmont Memorial Park in Lafayette, California.

For those who would like to make a donation in memory of Emily, the family suggests either the Eastern Oregon Museum or the North Powder Library 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).

### Shirley Brunner

Baker City, 1947-2019

Shirley Fay Brunner, 72, of Baker City, died on July 20, 2019, surrounded by her family, after a 5-year struggle with ovarian cancer.

A celebration of her life will take place Saturday, Aug. 3 at 1 p.m. at the Baker Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 975 S. Bridge St.

Shirley was born on Feb. 5, 1947, at Wendell Idaho, to Andrew and Nina Sherrill (James). She graduated from Baker High School in 1965. During her junior and senior years in high school, Shirley dated Pat Brunner. They spent many dates going for rides on the back his Honda motorcycle. They were married at Baker City on March 18, 1966.

Shirley was a wonderful beyond words wife, grandmother and friend. She had a very outgoing, loving, happy personality and was loved by so many people, especially the younger ones in her congregation.

Shirley was a talented artist, selling oil paintings for many years. She was an excellent seamstress and built numerous quilts that she would give away to her family and friends.

For the past 46 years she has been very active in the ministry of Jehovah's Witness. Helping people to learn the Bible was the high point of her life.

Shirley is survived by her husband of 53 years, Pat Brunner; her daughter, Jani Goertzen, and her son, Jeremy Brunner, both of Baker City; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Shirley had 14 brothers and sisters, four of them preceded her in death and the other 10 are living in Washington, Utah or Idaho.

For those who would like to make a memorial donation in honor of Shirley, the family suggests Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses 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).

## NEWS OF RECORD

### DEATHS

**Elva E. Lloyd:** 102, of Baker City, died July 23, 2019, at Blue Mountain Care Center in Prairie City. A graveside service and vault interment will take place Friday, July 26 at 10 a.m. at Mount Hope Cemetery in Baker City, with Pastor Dave Hoeffner of the Prairie Baptist Church officiating. Memorial contributions can be made to the Blue Mountain Hospice or the Blue Mountain Care Center through Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker

City, OR 97814. To leave an online condolence for her family, go to [www.grayswestco.com](http://www.grayswestco.com)

**Samuel Jacob Cribbs:** was born into the arms of angels on July 20, 2019, at Saint Alphonsus Medical Center-Baker City. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Online condolences can be made at [www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com)

**Ann Starke:** 78, formerly of Halfway, died July 21, 2019, at Saint Alphonsus Medical Center

in Nampa, Idaho. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Online condolences can be made at [www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com)

### FUNERALS PENDING

**Patricia Irene Adcock:** A celebration of her life will take place Saturday, July 27, at 3 p.m. at the Adcock Ranch, 39798 Bear Gulch Road near Sumpter. Please bring a dessert or side

dish.

**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](http://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 leave an online condolence for the family, go to [www.grayswestco.com](http://www.grayswestco.com)

**Michael Edward Moeller:** The rosary will be said Thursday, Aug. 8, at 6 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.

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