

Local

BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 18

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

THURSDAY, SEPT. 19

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

SATURDAY, SEPT. 21

■ **The Great Salt Lick Contest and Auction:** 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., at Churchill School, 3451 Broadway St., Baker City.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 24

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

FRIDAY, SEPT. 27

■ **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.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 28

■ **National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center:** Free fee day in celebration of National Public Lands Day; volunteers are being sought to improve the site from 9 a.m. to noon. Sign-up starts at 8:45 a.m. Gloves, tools and trash bags will be provided.

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald September 19, 1969

Why are gasoline prices so high in Northeast Oregon? It is well known that there are frequent gasoline wars in Portland where gasoline sells for as little as 25 cents per gallon for regular grade.

25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald September 19, 1994

Matthew Brendan Shirtcliff, 27, started work today as the Baker County Deputy District Attorney.

Shirtcliff, a 1994 graduate of the Gonzaga University School of Law in Spokane, Wash., replaces Matt Jube, who left in late July to take a job in Provo, Utah

As a first- and second-grader, Shirtcliff attended North Baker Elementary. Shirtcliff's father, Pat, was an insurance agent in Baker County at that time.

10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald September 18, 2009

With nighttime temperatures forecast to dip into the low 40s next week, foretelling winter's impending arrival, anyone searching for a silver lining in the recession might find it in lower natural gas prices and a dramatic drop from last year's record high prices for heating oil.

Cascade Natural Gas Corp., which serves Baker City, has filed a request with the Oregon Public Utility Commission to cut residential rates by 12.4 percent starting Nov. 1, and 14.3 percent for commercial customers.

ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald September 19, 2018

Neighbors of the Baker City man who was killed earlier this month by a bite from one of his six dogs said the animals, which they described as pit bulls, were well-behaved in their presence.

Baker City Police did receive a complaint on July 26 regarding one of Michelle Segerdahl's dogs.

One of the dogs reportedly had nipped at someone's ankle and was growling and acting aggressively, Police Chief Dustin Newman said. Police met with Segerdahl, 53, of 2251 Mitchell Ave. in south Baker City, and the issue was resolved. No citation was issued.

Newman described Segerdahl's dogs as "mixed breeds" and not necessarily pit bulls.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, Sept. 16

7 - 12 - 18 - 30 - 41 - 44
Next jackpot: \$1.8 million

MEGA MILLIONS, Sept. 17

12 - 15 - 30 - 50 - 65 Mega 4
Next jackpot: \$211 million

WIN FOR LIFE, Sept. 16

22 - 39 - 68 - 72

PICK 4, Sept. 17

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

LUCKY LINES, Sept. 17

4-5-9-14-17-24-26-30
Next jackpot: \$15,000

SENIOR MENUS

- **THURSDAY:** Breaded pork loin, potatoes and gravy, mixed vegetables, bread, cottage cheese with fruit, cheesecake
- **FRIDAY:** Cheeseburgers on a bun with trimmings, potato salad, corn, fruit cup, tapioca

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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Ron Gillis

Formerly of Richland, 1952-2019

Ronald "Ron" Allan Gillis, 67, of La Grande, died on Sept. 13, 2019, after losing his courageous battle with cancer. He passed over peacefully with his loving family by his side.

A celebration of his life and potluck reception will take place Saturday, Sept. 21 at 3:30 p.m. at the Lighthouse Church in La Grande.

Ron was born on April 21, 1952, to Everett "Gene" and Norma Gillis. He spent his childhood in La Grande enjoying the beauty of the valley and surrounding mountains. In 1975 at the age of 23, he lost his legs in a wood chipper while working at a sawmill in Long Creek. Ron was never truly handicapped and never let his disability define who he was. After his accident he continued to hunt and fish with the best of them. In 1981 he moved to Richland, Oregon, just so he could fish every day on the Snake River.

In 1982 he met and married Laurel Anne Reagan-Gillis, who had three daughters, Jenny, Mandy and Christi. From that moment on he was their dad, teaching them to love the outdoors, hunting, camping and fishing. Ron and Laurel's fourth daughter, Heather, was born in 1983 and they lovingly raised their family in Richland, nestled in beautiful Eagle Valley for 38 wonderful years.

Over these years, their girls provided them with four wonderful sons-in-law and seven beautiful grandchildren. Their oldest grandchild, Hillary, then gave them a grandson-in-law and 2 great-grandchildren. All of which were the "apple of his eye."

Ron was an amazing father and grandpa. He loved his children and grandchildren with his whole heart and was there for whatever they needed. He loved spending time with his family either in the outdoors, playing cards, or swimming with the kids. He documented all of his grandkids' milestones on countless hours of videotape, memories that they will always cherish.

Aside from the outdoors and family, Ron was a big history buff. He enjoyed politics, Fox News and football. All of his interests led him to develop many strong friendships. He left a lasting impression on anyone who knew him throughout the years.

He is survived by his loving wife, Laurel Anne Reagan-Gillis; their four daughters: Jennifer Campbell (daughter Hillary and her husband Avry Whitesides and their two children, Cooper and Arya), Mandy Morrison (husband Edison Morrison and their two boys, Austin Graves and Brayden Morrison), Christi Edwards (husband Eddie Edwards and their two boys, Michael and Matthew Edwards), and Heather Farley (husband Joseph Farley and their two boys, Taylor and Brock Farley); his mother, Norma Gillis; his brother, Bob Gillis, and his wife, Peggy; his sisters, Carline Beck and Jody Siderius; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his "Pap," Gene Gillis; his niece, Danielle Gillis; and his puppies, Lizzy and Casey. "Our Dad Ron is so dearly loved and will be greatly missed," his family said. "We'll never know a stronger man that cared so deeply and gave so much. Though we are left with a huge void, his brave fight has ended and we take solace

DEATHS

Linda 'Kay' Petrik: 78, of Baker City, died Sept. 15, 2019, at her home. Her funeral will be Saturday, Sept. 21 at 1 p.m. at the First Church of the Nazarene, 1250 Hughes Lane, with Pastor Lennie Spooner officiating. Following the service friends are invited to join the family for a reception in the church's Fel-

lowship Hall. Interment will take place Monday, Sept. 23 at Riverside Memorial Park in Spokane, Washington. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Lydia Project-Cambodia, the non-profit organization Kay helped start more than 10 years ago. Donations can be made through Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker

City, OR 97814. To light a candle in memory of Kay, or to leave a condolence for her family, go to www.grayswestco.com

Marjorie Ann Miller: 70, of North Powder, died Sept. 16, 2019, in Baker City. Arrangements are under the direction of Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel. To light a candle for Marjorie or to leave a condolence for her

family, go to www.grayswestco.com.

POLICE LOG

Baker City Police Arrests, citations PROBATION VIOLATION: Michael Steven Myers-Gabiola, 28, Baker City, 1:07 p.m. Tuesday at Ninth and A streets; jailed.

WARRANT ARREST (Baker County Circuit Court): Robert Clayton Wiersch, 31, Huntington, 5:41 p.m. Tuesday in Huntington; cited and released.

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OBITUARIES

in knowing he is no longer in pain and will be with us again one day."

For those who would like to make a memorial donation in honor of Ron, the family requests Heart 'N Home Hospice (Opal Foundation) who gave us so much help, comfort and support these last few months. Donations can be made through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services, P.O. Box 543, Halfway, OR 97834. Online condolences can be made at www.tamispinevalleyfuneral-home.com



Ron Gillis

Dick Edmondson

Formerly of Baker City, 1927-2019

Richard Herbert (Dick) Edmondson, 92, formerly of Baker City, died Aug. 2, 2019, in hospice care at the home of his daughter, Lynn.

He had a stroke on July 18 at his retirement home in Seattle where he had lived since December 2016.

A celebration of Dick's life will take place on Sept. 28 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Lefty's Taphouse, 1934 Broadway St. in Baker City. If you are a friend, neighbor, coworker, or former patient you are invited to come and share your personal stories or just celebrate Dick. Suits and ties can be left at home. Please come as you are.

Dick was born on March 9, 1927, at Corvallis to Veva and Herb Edmondson. He was their only child. After graduating from Corvallis High School, Dick went on to graduate from Oregon State University and enjoyed his fraternity, Sigma Phi Epsilon. During this time, he served in the Navy during the Korean War. He received radio surveillance training in San Francisco which was of special interest to his father who was an amateur HAM radio operator. He was one of the fastest guys around and sprinted to blue ribbons all through high school and college.

He married the love of his life, Beatrice Duce on Sept. 16, 1949. The couple lived in Portland during his training at OHSU Dental School. Directly after, in 1953, they moved to Baker City with \$50 in their pocket, where Dick began practicing dentistry.

Bea and Dick loved everything about Baker City from the day they arrived: the people, the community and the landscape. For 63 years he hunted birds and deer, mined for gold on several mining claims, planted spectacular gardens all from seed, made home brew as well as mead from the beehives he managed, and taught anyone who was interested how to water ski on the Snake River or Phillips Reservoir.

Dick believed life is a gift. His appreciation of and respect for nature and gentleness of spirit defined him. He was a patient listener, forever curious about everything, and had a great memory for detail.

Dick leaves his daughter, Lynn Gemmell of Seattle; four grandchildren, Kelley Gemmell of Seattle, Nikki Gemmell, Jeffrey Edmondson of Camas, Washington, and Zack Edmondson and their mother, Kathy Edmondson of Oregon City.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Bea, in 2008, and their son, Gary, in 2017.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances can be made to "Hope for Zack" at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/9yxyx-hope-for-zack> to provide for grandson Zack's ongoing medical expenses for a traumatic head injury.

Kathleen Inman

Klamath Falls, 1933-2019

Kathie Ann Inman, 85, a longtime Klamath Falls resident and former Baker City resident, died Sept. 9, 2019, surrounded by her loving family.

Kathie retired from the Oregon Institute of Technology where she worked in the business office. She earned her associate's degree in accounting from OIT while being a very involved mom. She never missed a football game, volleyball game or concert. She and her husband, Jack, enjoyed trips to many places in the world.

Kathie is survived by Jack, her husband of 67 years; her sister, Margie Wagner-Conlee; her children: Cindy Pierce, Ken Inman (Mary), Jeff Inman (Shannon), Mark Inman (Susan) and Deanne Inman; 12 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Gerald Teixeira

Baker City, 1940-2019

Gerald Antonio Teixeira, 78, known as Jerry by his friends, died on Aug. 7, 2019, in his Baker City home with his daughter and eldest grandson by his side.

A memorial will be schedule later this fall.

Gerald Teixeira was born on Sept. 23, 1940, at Providence, Rhode Island, to Antonio Fernandez and Mary Angel Teixeira.

He enlisted in the Army when he was 17 years old, completed two tours in Vietnam as a combat vet and retired from the military at 37 years old. After his military career, his love of cooking and feeding others led him to obtain his bachelor's degree as a dietitian and establish a second career in the food industry, working as a manager at the Knott's Berry Farms Red Lobster restaurant and as a hospital dietitian. After retiring, he and his wife moved to Baker City to be near family and enjoy the outdoors.

His had two children with his first wife, Waltraud Jocher. He married a second time to his wife, Diane, who he loved with all his heart.

He played the banjo, was a published poet and together with his wife, Diane, wrote church hymns. From the time of his youth, he was an avid fisherman. When he told stories of his childhood fishing adventures, under the bridges along the Atlantic coast with his cousin, it was like hearing a Huck Finn story. He loved animals and among his fondest pets were two loyal pups he raised while serving in Vietnam.

He was a very generous man. Those who knew him can tell you that once you got beyond his coarse exterior, you found he had a heart of gold. He was a man who would not let the need of another go unmet, if he could help it. As a devote Catholic, he accepted Jesus into his heart as a child, loved reading the Bible and chose to honor God all his life.

He will be greatly missed — until we met again in heaven, his family said.

Gerald is survived by his daughter; his son; five grandsons and three granddaughters; three great-grandsons and two great-granddaughters.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father, and his wife, Diane Teixeira.

NEWS OF RECORD

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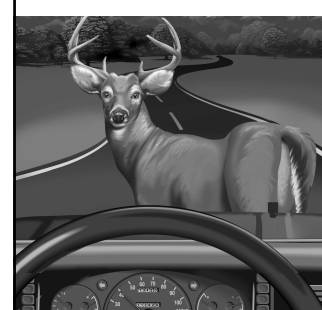
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