

Local

BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

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.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 25

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

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. The first 30 volunteers will receive a commemorative T-shirt. Refreshments will be served and participants will receive a coupon good for free access to a Department of Interior-managed fee site.

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald September 20, 1969

HUNTINGTON — John E. Tietema, 43, of Havre, Mont., and a college professor for the past five years at the Lewis and Clark College in Lewiston, Ida., is the new superintendent at Huntington School District.

25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald September 20, 1994

Starting Saturday the Haines landfill will be open only to residents of that city.

The Haines City Council decided to close the landfill to people who live outside the city limits.

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality on Sept. 13 issued Haines a notice that the city was in violation of its landfill permit and had five days to respond.

10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald September 21, 2009

The City Council might offer the new city manager it hopes to hire next month an employment contract that includes severance pay.

Previous managers, including Steve Brocato, whom the Council fired by a 4-3 vote on June 9, had neither a contract nor severance pay.

ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald September 21, 2018

U.S. Rep. Greg Walden, R-Ore., was in Baker City Wednesday morning to attend a meeting of the Eastern Oregon Counties Association at the Courthouse.

Walden discussed the recent Blue Mountain Forest Plan Revision as well as the federal Farm Bill.

The new long-term management plans for the Wallowa-Whitman, Umatilla and Malheur national forests have prompted several complaints by Baker County commissioners and their counterparts elsewhere in the region, on issues such as the amount of timber harvest and livestock grazing, as well as motor vehicle access.

Walden asked county officials to compile a list of their most important concerns about the plans. He said he would take that list to Forest Service officials.

"I am ready to do whatever it takes," said Walden, a 10-term congressman who is running in the Nov. 6 election against Democrat Jamie McLeod-Skinner of Terrebonne, near Redmond.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, Sept. 18

11 — 14 — 19 — 29 — 37 — 48
Next jackpot: \$2 million

POWERBALL, Sept. 18

14 — 19 — 39 — 47 — 51 PB 15
Next jackpot: \$80 million

WIN FOR LIFE, Sept. 18

27 — 40 — 56 — 73

PICK 4, Sept. 19

• 1 p.m.: 4 — 4 — 6 — 1
• 4 p.m.: 8 — 1 — 7 — 3

• 7 p.m.: 4 — 4 — 1 — 8

• 10 p.m.: 0 — 3 — 6 — 6

LUCKY LINES, Sept. 19

4-6-10-16-20-24-25-31

Next jackpot: \$17,000

SENIOR MENUS

- **MONDAY:** Baked ham, sweet potatoes, broccoli-blend salad, biscuit, coleslaw, brownie
- **TUESDAY:** Chicken-fried chicken, potatoes and gravy, green beans, roll, fruit cup, ice cream

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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FRONTIER DAY CELEBRATION SUNDAY INCLUDES OPENING OF BLACKSMITH SHOP

Trail Center fired up about grand opening

By Lisa Britton

For the Baker City Herald

A celebration this weekend marks the grand opening of the new blacksmith shop at the National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center.

Frontier Day is set for Sunday, Sept. 22, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Although the shop has been open on occasion this summer, the bellows are now finished to make it fully functional, said Sandra Tennyson, lead park ranger.

"There were a lot of little things to get finalized and ready," she said.

The blacksmith building is located along a paved pathway on the northwest side of the center near the stamp mill.

During the two-hour event, visitors can see live blacksmithing demonstrations with volunteer Mike Popa.

The gold panning area will be open, and Dutch oven demonstrations will be located on the center's back patio.

This event, Tennyson said, will focus more on local history than other living history programs that detail life along the Oregon Trail.

"We'll talk more about the mining of the area," she said.

The center is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily through



Bureau of Land Management photo

Blacksmith Mike Popa works a piece of metal inside the new blacksmith shop at the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center. The shop opens to the public Sunday.

Oct. 12.

The BLM announced Thursday that admission fees will increase from some visitors starting Oct. 1. Daily admission for seniors, ages 62 and older, will increase from \$4.50 to \$6, and the per-person rate for commercial groups will rise from \$5 to \$6. The Center will continue to honor federal passes for seniors.

Larisa Bogardus, public information officer for the BLM's Vale District, said the "vast majority" of senior visitors have a free pass, so the effect of the fee change is likely to be relatively small.

Regular adult admission remains \$8 for a two-day pass, and visitors 15 and younger will continue to be admitted for free.

During December everyone

will be admitted free for the entire month. Admission fees will be waived on nine other days during the year.

Winter fees, which are in effect from Oct. 13 through March 30, will remain \$5 for adults, and increase from \$3.50 to \$4 for seniors.

For a list of activities this Sunday and other events at the Interpretive Center, go to www.oregontrail.blm.gov

OBITUARY

Linda 'Kay' Petrik

Baker City, 1941-2019

Linda "Kay" Petrik, 78, of Baker City, died Sept. 15, 2019, and was reunited with her precious daughter, Robin. She lived a full and beautifully bright light.

In 2015 Kay was diagnosed with a rare infection and eventually had to have one lung removed. She lived the past four years with one lung and one kidney, doing everything she could despite a frustrating diagnosis.

Kay's funeral service will be Saturday, Sept. 21, at 1 p.m. at the First Church of the Nazarene, 1250 Hughes Lane. Pastor Lennie Spooner will be officiating. Following the service, friends are invited to join the family for a reception in the church Fellowship Hall. Kay loved to wear bright bold colors like pinks, purples and reds and always had on a bold lip. The family would like for those ladies attending to wear bright colors (jewel tones) in honor of her as we celebrate her life.

Interment will be Monday, Sept. 23, at Greenwood Memorial Terrace in Spokane, Washington.

Linda Kay Nelson was born on Jan. 3, 1941, at Oakdale, Louisiana. She was an only child to William and

Marian Nelson. When she was two, her family moved to Springfield, Oregon. Kay graduated from Springfield High School in 1959. That fall she left to attend Oregon State University where she met the love of her life, Robert "Bob" Petrik, on a blind date. She was a diehard Beaver fan the rest of her life. After a sweet courtship, they were married on May 17, 1963.

Bob was commissioned by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in 1962, and assigned to Germany shortly after they married. Kay stayed behind in the States to finish her last term at OSU and then joined him shortly after. Kay loved exploring that part of the world as a newlywed. She taught military children for two years while they were stationed there. During Vietnam, Kay returned to Springfield to live while Bob was deployed. When he returned they moved to Portland.

In 1969 they purchased a ranch in Echo, Oregon, and settled in to start their family. Their first child, Robin, was born that same year, with many internal issues as a result of Bob's exposure to Agent Orange. She had six surgeries in her first year of life. Kay not only became a mother, but a full-time nurse to Robin. Their son, Ryan, was born a year-and-a-half later, and five years after that, another son, Rodger, was born. Kay gave so much to the care of Robin, eventually giving her a kidney, saving

her life. Bob and Kay raised their three children on the farm for several years, caring for Robin's health needs and bringing up two active boys until they moved to Deer Park, Washington, in 1980 to be closer to more quality medical care for their daughter. In December of 1983, after 14 beautiful years, they suffered their greatest loss when Robin went to be with the Lord.

In 1990 the family moved to Baker City, where Bob and Kay established a successful small business together. During 2004, they met their great friend, Bobby Michaels, and became enthralled with the good work he was doing in Cambodia. Their hearts were moved for the people of that nation after visiting with Bobby. They established and ran a purse factory that created hundreds of jobs for women in Cambodia, supported several orphanages, and ministered to the Khmer people, traveling there many times over the next decade. They established The Lydia Project, a nonprofit organization to continue and support their work there. Kay's favorite part of their travels was visiting the orphanages and loving on the children, passing out toys and candy, shoeboxes, and basic needs. Bob and Kay's passion and love for the Cambodian people overflowed to anyone who talked with them during this time. Many, many lives were changed thanks to their

ministry there.

Kay and Bob retired from Ag Insurance in 2008, passing on the business they had built to their youngest son, Rodger, and his wife, Lindy. They spent their retirement years visiting Cambodia, enjoying their grandkids, hosting birthday parties and holidays, and gardening. Kay loved to go on trips and adventures with her family, from Beaver football games, to Hawaii, to Disneyland, and she made so many beautiful memories with all of her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Kay is survived by her husband, Robert Petrik; her sons, Ryan Petrik and his wife, Katie, and Rodger Petrik and his wife, Lindy; her five grandchildren, Vivian, Elizabeth, Grady, Gemma, and Griffey Petrik; her two stepgrandchildren, Bailey and Riley Lancaster; and her two great-grandchildren, Clara Parker and Remington Petrik.

Kay was preceded in death by her parents, William and Marian Nelson; and her daughter, Robin Petrik.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Lydia Project — Cambodia, the nonprofit organization Kay helped start over 10 years ago, through Gray's West & Co., 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

SEPT 20-26

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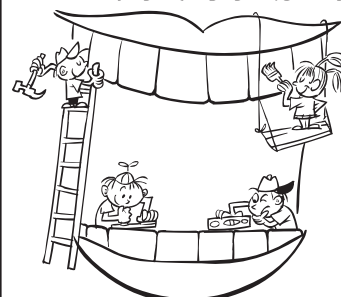
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