

# Local

## BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

### MONDAY, NOV. 18

■ **Baker County Library District Board:** 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Riverside meeting room at the library, 2400 Resort St.; regular meeting rescheduled from second Monday.

### TUESDAY, NOV. 19

■ **Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative Board of Directors:** 9 a.m., at the OTEC Headquarters, 4005 23rd St. in Baker City.

■ **Elkhorn Community Preparedness:** 5:30 p.m. supper; 6:30 p.m. meeting; at the Sunridge Inn Restaurant, 1 Sunridge Lane.

### WEDNESDAY, NOV. 20

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

### THURSDAY, NOV. 21

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

■ **Baker School Board:** 5:30 p.m., Council chambers at City Hall, 1655 First St.

### FRIDAY, NOV. 22

■ **Baker Community Orchestra:** 7 p.m., Baker High School Auditorium, 2500 E St.; free admission; everyone welcome.

## TURNING BACK THE PAGES

### 50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald November 18, 1969

The 1969-70 drama season opens at Baker High School on Thursday and Friday evenings with the production of the three-act comedy, "My Three Angels," By Sam and Bella Spewack.

### 25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald November 18, 1994

ENTERPRISE — Several briefs have been filed with the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco in the continuing dispute between environmentalists and ranchers over grazing of cattle in the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest.

### 10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald November 18, 2009

The two finalists for the Baker City manager's job hail from opposite sides of the country.

The Baker City Council on Monday chose Tim W. Johnson of Portland, a consultant and former assistant to the city manager of San Diego, and Clarence Hulse, a managing consultant for Belize Real Estate Development Group in Florida.

### ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald November 19, 2018

While Baker City residents were voting on Nov. 6, John Clark was starting his new job as the city's fire chief.

Clark, 57, is a newcomer to the West, having lived most of his life in the Midwest, primarily Ohio and Michigan.

He grew up in Jackson, Ohio, a town of about 6,400.

Clark said he applied for the Baker City job after achieving all his goals as fire chief for Delta Township, Michigan, population 33,000.

He resigned from the Michigan job in July.

The Delta Township department was much larger than Baker City's, with three stations and 47 full-time employees.

Baker City's Fire Department has one station and 21 employees.

Clark said that although he had offers from other departments, he was won over by Baker City's residents and the area's natural beauty.

## OREGON LOTTERY

### MEGABUCKS, Nov. 16

9 — 14 — 16 — 17 — 21 — 30  
Next jackpot: \$6.2 million

### POWERBALL, Nov. 16

14 — 22 — 26 — 55 — 63 PB 26  
Next jackpot: \$80 million

### MEGA MILLIONS, Nov. 15

12 — 19 — 34 — 35 — 68 Mega 20  
Next jackpot: \$192 million

### WIN FOR LIFE, Nov. 16

7 — 27 — 44 — 59  
PICK 4, Nov. 17

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

### LUCKY LINES, Nov. 17

3-8-11-14-17-23-26-32  
Next jackpot: \$15,000

## SENIOR MENUS

- **TUESDAY:** Baked ham, sweet potatoes, mixed vegetables, roll, green salad, tapioca
- **WEDNESDAY:** Meatloaf, potatoes and gravy, broccoli-blend vegetables, bread, gelatin with fruit, cinnamon roll

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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# Fire damages Baker City home

By Chris Collins  
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An unoccupied house in south Baker City was damaged when a fire burning in the wall behind a wood stove traveled into the ceiling sending smoke throughout the house early Saturday morning.

The Baker City Fire Department and volunteers with Baker Rural Fire Protection District responded to

the general alarm at 5:24 a.m., said Baker City Lt. Ben Decker.

"When we arrived there was smoke throughout the house," Decker said. "The house was supposed to be vacant."

The house at 1304 Third St. is owned by Susan Stewart of La Grande and is valued at \$51,180, according to Baker County Assessor's Office records.

"It was a unique situation," Decker said. "We were confused as to why there was a fire there."

Decker said nine Baker firefighters worked until 7 a.m. to extinguish the blaze, which caused damage estimated at \$4,000 to \$5,000.

Baker City brought two ambulances, a ladder truck and a primary engine to the scene. Baker Rural responded with three to four firefighters.

A second report of fire at the Baker Sanitary landfill site on Sutton Creek Road came in about 10 minutes after the Third Street fire was reported, Decker said.

Baker City sent two units and all but one Baker Rural volunteer responded to that fire. No water was used to suppress the fire, Decker said. Baker Rural Chief Sean Lee was the incident commander at that fire.

# BTI training employees for Arlington landfill

Baker Technical Institute, based in Baker City, is teaming up with Waste Management Pacific Northwest to provide heavy equipment operator training at its Columbia Ridge Landfill near Arlington.

BTI will provide training to approximately 47 operators currently working at the Columbia Ridge site during December and January. BTI will utilize its mobile operator training platform that combines the latest technol-

ogy of virtual reality through simulation, with time in the seat running equipment, such as dozers, wheel loaders and excavators.

"Being able to train right at the customer's site is key. This allows us to focus on

using technology to build the exact skills, right in their work environment, that will increase efficiency and build safety practices in the most efficient manner possible," said lead instructor Dave Frazey.

## POPULATION

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## SUMPTER

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Lucas, in an email to the Herald, wrote that Councilor Linda Wise voted against each of the three motions.

Lucas and the three other councilors

— Jennifer Lake, Charlie Briscoe and Mick Allen — voted in favor of the motions to terminate the three employees.

Lucas wrote that he "voted reluctantly aye on Jeff McKinney. Just aye on the other 2."

Woolf had been on paid leave since

May 14, and the McKinnys since June 14.

The City Council met with each of the three employees separately Friday afternoon, during public hearings, to allow them to respond to complaints about their job performance.

## OBITUARY

### Wilma Shankle

Baker City, 1945-2019

Wilma Lee Shankle, 73, a longtime Baker City resident, died Nov. 6, 2019, at her home, surrounded by her family.

A celebration of her life will take place Saturday, Nov. 23, at 1 p.m. at the Elkhorn Eagles Club, 2935 H St. in Baker City.

Wilma was born on Nov. 11, 1945, at Baker City to Homer and Mary Pierce. She attended elementary schools in North Powder and Halfway, then to Baker High School in Baker City. Wilma continued her education and graduated with an associate degree in business in 1976.

Wilma married Jerry Dean Shankle in 1965 and together they had four children: Kari, Richard, Randall and Rodney. After her divorce from Jerry, she met Chuck Rohner. They had a wonderful 35 years together.

During her working career, she did bookkeeping for more than 20 years. She also was well-known for her role as custodian at Haines Elemen-

tary and as a Baker School District bus driver from 1992 to 2007. She loved the kiddos on her bus route and they quickly became like family. Recently, many have reached out to the family to let them know how important Wilma is to them still.

Wilma was an excellent cook. She was always willing to lend a hand, taking care of to others. She loved a game of shuffleboard at the Eagles, playing cards, and playing marbles/Aggravation with family and friends. She especially loved teaching grandchildren and great-grandchildren how to be master Aggravation players.

She loved her professional bull riders! And most especially she loved being able to watch her kids and grandkids play sports. Wilma had been a member and volunteer at the Eagles since 1983, meaning 36 years. She will be remembered most as being a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and a caring friend to many.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Mary (1981) and her father, Homer (1986); her son, Rodney Shankle (1996) and stepson, Doug Davis (2012); her grandson,

Gavin Davis (2015); her son, Richard Shankle (2016); and her life partner, Chuck Rohner (2017).

Wilma is survived by her daughter, Kari Thoresen of Las Vegas, Nevada; her sons, Randall Dean Shankle and his wife, Melissa, of Baker City; her stepsons, Skip Davis and his wife, Chris, of Tucson, Arizona, Boyd Davis and his wife, Rebecca, of Irrigon, Chad Davis and his wife, Trish, of Hermiston, and Tyler Davis of Hermiston; her daughters-in-law, Alexandra Markantonatos Davis of Portland, Kari Lansdon of Baker City, Mary Shankle of Baker City and Cheryl Guzman of Baker City; her brothers, Bill Pierce of Baker City, Larry Pierce of John Day, and Tom Pierce of Echo; her sisters, LaVelle Raley of Baker City, Joanne Salsby of Sun Valley, Nevada, and Judy McKay of Reno, Nevada; 28 grandchildren: Kara Bond, Brooke Rogers, Lacey Banks, Chelsy Groat, Jake Woolard, Jon Woolard, Anthony Shankle, Lisa Kennedy, Sarah Shankle, Janelle Shankle, Alan Shankle, Trevor Shankle, Kayla Davis, Jessica Norris, Patricia Reichert, Andrew Davis, Jordan Davis,

Alison Davis, Delanie Davis, Kyra Davis, Ellen Vandever, Dana Davis, Taylor Davis, Myka Davis, Boyd Davis Jr., Ryker Davis, Zane Davis, Jordyn Davis, Miguel Guzman and Grover White; 21 great-grandchildren and three on the way.

For those who would like to make a memorial donation in honor of Wilma, the family suggests the Elkhorn Eagles Club Auxiliary through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services, P.O. Box 543, Halfway, OR 97834. Online condolences can be made at [www.tamis-pinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tamis-pinevalleyfuneralhome.com)

## NEWS OF RECORD

### DEATHS

**Tiz (Smelcer) Landers:** 80, a longtime Halfway and Richland resident, died Nov. 17, 2019, at her home in Richland with her family at her side. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Online condolences can be made at [www.tamis-pinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tamis-pinevalleyfuneralhome.com)

**Shirley King:** 87, of Baker City, died Nov. 15, 2019, at her home. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Online condolences can be made at [www.tamis-pinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tamis-pinevalleyfuneralhome.com)

### FUNERAL PENDING

**Violett May Caviness:** Her graveside memorial service will take place Friday, Nov. 22, at 1:30 p.m. at Mount Hope Cemetery. Pastor Tim Fisher of Elkhorn Baptist Church will officiate. After the service, friends are invited to join the family for a celebration of her life at the Baker City Eagles Lodge, 2935 H St. To light a candle in memory of Violet, or to leave a condolence for her family, go to [www.grayswestco.com](http://www.grayswestco.com)

### POLICE LOG

**Baker City Police Arrests, citations**  
ASSAULT IV, DRIVING WHILE OPERATOR'S LICENSE SUSPENDED, RECKLESS ENDANGERMENT and ATTEMPT TO ELUDE (Baker County Circuit Court warrant): Logan Tod Scott, 23, of 2711 Tracy St., 12:56 a.m. Sunday, in the area of the Leo Adler Memorial Parkway and H Street; cited and released.

VIOLATION OF CONDITIONAL RELEASE AGREEMENT (Baker County Circuit Court warrant): James Montez Lansdon, 35, address unknown, 8:23 p.m. Friday, in the 1100 block of Campbell St.; cited and released.

## HELP NEEDED!

Best Friends of Baker & New Hope have gathered the resources to trap, spay/neuter and vaccinate a colony of feral cats IF we have somewhere to put them afterward. If you have a barn on your property and are willing to provide food & water for a few cats, they will serve as loyal mousers! Please call 541-523-6863. Working cats need very basic care: shelter and access to food & water in all seasons. They WILL continue to hunt when fed! (Everyone needs fuel to get the job done!)

**FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED**  
Drop off food donations at Saturday Market Tuesday or Thursday 9-1 or Saturday 8-2 located at 2950 Church Street, Baker City

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SUN: (4:00) 7:00 MON-THURS: 7:00

**LAST CHRISTMAS**  
PG-13  
FRI & SAT: (4:10) 7:10, 9:45  
SUN: (4:10) 7:10 MON-THURS: 7:10

**DOCTOR SLEEP**  
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SUN: (3:50) 7:20 MON-THURS: 6:45

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