

Local

BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

THURSDAY, NOV. 28

■ **Thanksgiving Day.**

FRIDAY, NOV. 29

■ **National Oregon Trail Interpretive Center Family Fun Day:** 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the center 5 miles east of Baker City just off Highway 86; the event includes pioneer games, tall tales from the Oregon Trail and a selfie station; for \$3 per person, make three seasonal crafts to take home; hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily through Nov. 30.

■ **National Oregon Trail Interpretive Center Free Admission during December:** Beginning Dec. 2, the center will shift to its winter schedule of 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday through Sunday.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 4

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

THURSDAY, DEC. 5

■ **National Oregon Trail Interpretive Center Free-Fee Days:** Free admission; information about winter hours is available by calling 541-523-1843.

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald November 25, 1969

The Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs paid \$18,149,828 in 1969-70 taxes Nov. 15 on the properties of 39,950 war veterans who have state farm and home loans. In Baker County, the tax on 225 properties this year was \$60,655.80.

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

The Baker County Court signed a resolution reaffirming the county's snowmobile ordinance during the regular court session Wednesday.

Four roads near Unity and Hereford have been added to the list of designated county snowmobile roads.

10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald November 25, 2009

The state plans to repave the rutted section of Interstate 84 where a Colorado church van crashed earlier this month.

Three of the 16 people in the van died.

The Oregon Department of Transportation had patched some sections of the freeway in preparation for the repaving, which could happen as soon as next year.

ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald November 26, 2018

The Baker County Planning Commission has scheduled a public hearing Dec. 11 to consider a California company's application to install solar power panels on private land near Baker City.

The hearing will start at 5 p.m. at the Courthouse, 1995 Third St. in Baker City.

Enerparc Inc. of Oakland has applied for a conditional-use permit on behalf of the property owner, Hat Brand Land & Livestock LLC of Baker City. Brent Gyllenberg is Hat Brand's manager, according to Oregon Corporation Division records.

The solar power array would consist of 45,000 to 55,000 panels installed on 90 to 100 acres of rangeland near Sutton Creek Road, about six miles southeast of Baker City. The property is about one mile east of the landfill and about 7/10th of a mile south of Interstate 84.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, Nov. 23

5 — 8 — 12 — 18 — 23 — 27
Next jackpot: \$6.5 million

POWERBALL, Nov. 23

28 — 35 — 38 — 61 — 66 PB 23
Next jackpot: \$100 million

MEGA MILLIONS, Nov. 22

7 — 12 — 17 — 49 — 53 Mega 24
Next jackpot: \$226 million

WIN FOR LIFE, Nov. 23

16 — 32 — 40 — 54
PICK 4, Nov. 24

• 1 p.m.: 8 — 0 — 8 — 1

• 4 p.m.: 1 — 9 — 5 — 4

• 7 p.m.: 4 — 3 — 6 — 3

• 10 p.m.: 3 — 3 — 5 — 9

LUCKY LINES, Nov. 24

2-5-11-16-18-24-25-30
Next jackpot: \$22,000

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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Huntington Christmas bazaar Dec. 6, 7

HUNTINGTON — The Huntington Historical Society's annual Christmas bazaar and fundraiser is set for Dec. 6 from noon to 5 p.m. and Dec. 7 from

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Huntington School. There will be bingo games, hand-crafted gifts, baked goods and hot drinks. Santa will also make an

appearance. The venue is wheelchair-accessible.

More information is available by calling Jenny at 208-407-2701.

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Partners who have joined the police department for the shopping spree include Bi-Mart, where it will take place; Blue Mountain Baptist Church,

which will provide lunch for the children; Thatcher's Ace Hardware, which has provided gift-wrapping supplies for all gifts; Community Connection, which supplies the transportation; and the Nazarene Church, which provides the venue for

activities.

"We are appreciative to the Baker County Sheriff's Office, the Baker City Police Association, the Baker Fire Department Association and several individual financial contributions that have helped make

this event possible," Duman said.

To donate to the program, visit the Baker City Police Department at 1768 Valley Ave., or call the office at 541-523-3644, and ask for Detective Shannon Regan, event coordinator.

Kelsey Dennis

Baker City, 1930-2019

Kelsey Dale Dennis, 89, died on Oct. 28, 2019, at Baker City.

Kelsey was a beloved father who was loved very much and will be dearly missed. Kelsey was a hardworking, honest man and those who knew him will always remember his warm smile and kind blue eyes.

Kelsey was born on July 4, 1930, in his family's home on Broadway Street in Baker City. He was the third son of Earle Francis Dennis and Verlie Agnes Graven Dennis. Kelsey lived nearly his entire life in Baker County. Kelsey was from a pioneer family. His paternal great-great grandfather, Abraham Tharpe, traveled the Oregon Trail to the territory of Oregon in 1845 where his son, Abraham, was born in 1848. Kelsey's grandfather David Dennis (1861-1941), came from Mower, Minnesota, on the Oregon Trail in the 1870s settling at Joseph, and in 1897 he married Augusta Tharpe (1871-1936). Later the family moved to Baker County in the Hells Canyon area in the very first years of the 1900s. Kelsey's maternal grandparents, Clint Graven, (1884-1967) and Callie Rose Graven (1884-1921), came from Amega, Missouri, in 1904 settling at New Bridge where later that year Kelsey's mother, Verlie, was born. Kelsey had many memories of Baker in the 1930s where some ranchers still came to town on horses or in wagons. There were still horse-watering troughs on Main Street and the trains were driven with steam engines.

Kelsey attended Baker Schools and played football and basketball. Kelsey was the quarterback of the football team and was a letterman. He also was a member of 4-H and raised a black Angus bull which was controversial to the area ranchers at that time since Herefords were mainly raised. It was in high school that Kelsey met Patricia Dusbabek, and they were married in 1947. They had four children. In 1948 the couple lived at Roseburg where Kelsey was a log scaler at the Roseburg Mill. In 1949 the family moved back to Baker and Kelsey worked for the Chevrolet Garage. In 1952 the family moved to the Territory of Alaska and lived in Juneau for a couple of years where Kelsey worked as a mechanic.

In 1954 the family moved back to Baker where Kelsey built a house on

17th Street. Kelsey built stock cars and raced at the Baker race track where he won trophies. Other hobbies included hunting and fishing. He enjoyed bird hunting along with big game hunting and he harvested many trophy deer and elk. Kelsey was an incredible marksman and loved to demonstrate his skills by flipping a bottle cap up in the air and drawing his pistol and hitting the cap.

The family owned and operated Dennis Auto Wrecking from 1957 until 1962. In 1961 the family bought land on Dogtown Creek (Dry Creek), southeast of Baker where Kelsey built a beautiful home and ranched until 1971. Kelsey was the owner operator of Dennis Well Drilling from 1973 to 1995 and drilled hundreds of wells in Eastern Oregon, and he also held an Idaho license. In 1978 Kelsey and Patricia built a home at Old Auburn and lived there for 24 years where he enjoyed mining for gold. Kelsey was a talented inventor and a gifted metal fabricator. Some of the items he built are still in use today.

Kelsey was a very proud American, appropriately born on the Fourth of July. Kelsey was an American patriot interested in Republican politics and was never shy about stating his political opinion. He was a member of the National Rifle Association and a property rights group, Oregonians in Action.

Kelsey is survived by his four children, Linda Dennis Patton of Baker City, Kelsey Earle Dennis of Yuma, Arizona, Stephen Dennis of the Durkee area and Valerie Dennis Russell and her husband, Bob, of Medical Springs; seven grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Patricia; his parents and his three brothers, LaVaughn, Wayne and Lynn Dennis, as well as his stepfather, Clyde Wilkins.

For those who would like to make a donation in memory of Kelsey, the family suggests either the local YHEC (Youth Hunter Education Challenge) or Baker County Meals on Wheels 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

Tiz Landers

Richland, 1939-2019

Tiz Landers, 80, a longtime Halfway and Richland resident, died Nov. 17, 2019, at her home in Richland with her

family at her side.

A family gathering will take place at a later date.

Tiz Jaraldine was born on Oct. 3, 1939, at Halfway to LeRoy and Leslie Smelcer. She was the youngest of four children. Tiz was raised on the Smelcer Ranch in Pine Town. She attended first through eighth grades at Pine Town School and then went on to Halfway High.

At the age of 15, Tiz met Byrl Landers, and they were united in marriage on Dec. 2, 1959, at Weiser, Idaho. They had three children, James (Gene), Leslie and Steven (Steve). Tiz lived the ranch and dairy life in Halfway until 1964 when they moved to Vanderhoof, British Columbia, Canada, where she continued the ranch style life. While in Vanderhoof she was involved with the saddle club; going to rodeos and gymkhana events. Tiz loved to barrel race. She loved to use a little off color flare and referred to most as ol' or little as those close to her know how to fill in the blank.

In 1973 the family moved back to Pine Valley to help her parents on the Smelcer Ranch. Then they started the Landers Dairy and reopened the Lyric Theatre for a number of years. After that Tiz went to work in Baker City at McDonald's and at Marvin Wood Products.

After retiring she moved to Richland, where she enjoyed her garden and flowers. Tiz also liked to travel. She made several trips to Alaska where she had bought properties to spend summers up there. She also loved to go gold panning and hunting. In general she just loved life and being in the outdoors.

Tiz is survived by her two sisters, Jane Smelcer Buttice and Benita Smelcer Thompson; her children, Gene and his wife, Lori, Leslie and her husband, Rick Morris, and Steve and Molly Landers; 8 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Tiz was preceded in death by her parents, Roy and Leslie Smelcer; her sister, Volney Smelcer Facto; and her husband, Byrl Landers (2019)

For those who would like to make a donation in memory of Tiz, the family suggests MISTI Cancer Center in Fruitland 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

NEWS OF RECORD

POLICE LOG

Baker City Police

Arrests, citations

ASSAULT IV, MENACING and HARASSMENT: Aaron L. Daniels, 51, of 1860 Plum St., 4:51 p.m. Sunday, at East and Broadway streets; jailed.

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF INTOXICANTS: Melinia Renee Owens, 50, of 3015 College St., 2:16 p.m. Friday, in the 200 block of Campbell Street; jailed.

THEFT III: Andrienna Dione Morris, 22, of Baker City, 10:52

p.m. Friday, at Albertsons; cited and released.

Baker County Sheriff's Office

Arrests, citations

FAILURE TO APPEAR (Umatilla County warrants): Dominic Michael Silva, 26, of Pendleton, 1:42 a.m. Sunday, on Campbell Street in Baker City; jailed.

RECKLESSLY ENDANGERING ANOTHER PERSON: Manuel Delgado, date of birth unknown, of Hidalgo, Texas, 9:45 p.m. Friday, on Interstate 84, about 10 miles north of Baker City; cited

and released.

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF INTOXICANTS: Nicholas Morgan Roberson, 30, of Spokane, Washington, 12 a.m. Saturday, on Interstate 84 about 5 miles north of Baker City; jailed.

Oregon State Police

Arrests, citations

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF INTOXICANTS — CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE:

Tammy J. Flocchini, 57, of Boise, 1:30 p.m. Nov. 19, Interstate 84, about 5 miles south of Baker City; police said Flocchini was taken to the Baker County Jail for evaluation and was cited and

released.

NO OPERATOR'S LICENSE, DRIVING UNINSURED and FAILURE TO INSTALL ID ON VEHICLE:

Ah Pu, 28, of Boise; 8:37 p.m. Nov. 16, on Interstate 84 near Baker City; cited and released.

POST-PRISON SUPERVISION VIOLATION and PROBATION VIOLATION (Baker County warrants): Lacey Dawn Kolb, 38, of Huntington, 8:07 a.m. Nov. 14 at Huntington; jailed.

PROBATION VIOLATION (Two Baker County warrants): Andrew Jay Culley, 30, of Baker City, 1:44 p.m. Nov. 14, in the 2700 block of Second Street; jailed and later released.



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