

Local & State

BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

MONDAY, DEC. 9

- **Baker County Library Board:** 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Riverside meeting room at the library, 2400 Resort St.
- **Medical Springs Rural Fire Protection District Board:** 7 p.m. at the Ponds Station.

TUESDAY, DEC. 10

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

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 11

- **Lower Powder River Irrigation District Board:** 6 p.m. at Barley Brown's, 2190 Main St.

FRIDAY, DEC. 13

- **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.
- **Community Choir Christmas Concert:** 7 p.m., featuring South Baker Intermediate Children's Choir, at the Baker Heritage Museum, 2480 Grove St.

SATURDAY, DEC. 14

- **CASA Classic Christmas Homes Tour:** 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; tickets on sale at Crossroads and Betty's Books; more information is available from CASA of Eastern Oregon at info@eocasa.org or 541-403-0405.

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald December 9, 1969

A request from Cablevision for a new franchise with the City of Baker was denied by the Baker City Council Monday night.

Cablevision had sent a letter to city manager Vernon Jacobson stating that because of economic necessity a rate increase is necessary.

25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald December 9, 1994

The Baker Progress Board wants to build a foot/bicycle/rollerblade path along Powder River through Baker City and name it for Leo Adler, the town's longtime benefactor who died Nov. 2, 1993.

10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald December 9, 2009

Winter made its bone-chilling debut early this week with an arctic blast that sent temperatures below zero, but so far it's not the winter wonderland skiers and other recreationists are hoping for.

ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald December 10, 2018

The Baker City Police Department had its third-annual Drug Prevention K9 fundraiser Saturday but the department's money-raising campaign didn't start, or end, there.

This year the police department is also selling miniature stuffed versions of Capa, the department's drug-detecting canine officer, to raise money for the program.

The stuffed animals went on sale on Dec. 3 for \$20 each. They come with a collar with a dog-tag in the shape of a dog bone and a vest with the BCPD logo on it and the name "BCPD K9."

The department bought 50 stuffed animals and as of Friday 20 had been sold.

During Saturday's fundraiser the department sold at least four more.

Sgt. Wayne Chastain, Capa's handler, said the stuffed animals have been selling like hotcakes.

He got the idea from the Oregon City Police Department, which sold stuffed animals to raise money to cover veterinary expenses for retired canine officers.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, Dec. 7

1 - 5 - 7 - 28 - 30 - 47
Next jackpot: \$71 million

POWERBALL, Dec. 7

18 - 42 - 53 - 62 - 66 PB 25
Next jackpot: \$140 million

MEGA MILLIONS, Dec. 6

20 - 31 - 40 - 46 - 61 Mega 20
Next jackpot: \$314 million

WIN FOR LIFE, Dec. 7

21 - 47 - 73 - 74

PICK 4, Dec. 8

• 1 p.m.: 8 - 4 - 4 - 0

• 4 p.m.: 6 - 3 - 0 - 3

• 7 p.m.: 2 - 0 - 1 - 7

• 10 p.m.: 9 - 2 - 2 - 7

LUCKY LINES, Dec. 8

3-7-10-13-17-23-27-30

Next jackpot: \$22,000

SENIOR MENUS

- **TUESDAY:** Cabbage rolls, parslid red potatoes, peas, bread, Jell-O with fruit, cheesecake
- **WEDNESDAY:** Spaghetti with meat sauce, cauliflower, garlic bread, green salad, pudding

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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Cat, owner reunited after 2 months

By **Kathy Aney**
East Oregonian

PENDLETON — Antonio Martinez had only a glimmer of hope he would ever see his cat again.

Two months ago, he stopped at the Deadman Pass rest area 18 miles east of Pendleton to stretch his legs. He and his father had driven from Texas and were on their way to Beaverton where Antonio was moving. Korra, his 4-year-old tabby cat, had meowed unhappily the entire trip. When Martinez got out, his cat saw her chance, slipping unseen through the open door. Martinez didn't notice she was gone until he got back into the car.

"It was too quiet," he said.

He and his father searched the rest area for a long while but finally had to continue on. Martinez posted details about Korra's escape on the Eastern Oregon Pet Lovers Facebook page and contacted PAWS, a Pendleton animal shelter, to leave information about his cat. He moved in to his new Beaverton home. The hope of getting Korra back dimmed as time passed.

"I started to lose a bit of hope, especially with the colder months coming up," Martinez said.

He didn't dare ponder Korra's chances against coyotes, birds of prey and other predators. As the weeks wore on, Martinez missed his feisty cat.

"She has a bit of an attitude," Martinez said, "but she's friendly and can be sweet and really affectionate."



Submitted photo

Antonio Martinez, of Beaverton, stopped at the Deadman Pass rest area to stretch his legs and Korra, his 4-year-old tabby, slipped out. Two months later, they were reunited.

One night about a week ago, a motorist headed to his home in Aberdeen, Washington, stopped at the rest area and spotted Korra. Using an old ham sandwich, Robert Holt lured the feline into his car with his wife and four children.

"Once inside the car, the cat was purring and happy," Holt said.

As he resumed driving west on Interstate 84, his wife called an animal rescue person in Aberdeen who connected them with Cat Utopia in Pendleton. Finally, they reached Cat Utopia President Cindy Spiess, who arranged for

months.

"I was worried she might not recognize me," he said, "but as soon as she sniffed my hand, she immediately started purring."

Korra settled in to Martinez's new home in Beaverton, where she is recovering.

"She actually lost a lot of weight. She was skin and bones," Martinez said. "She is gaining it back slowly and seems pretty hungry."

Glynn hopes this happy ending will convince other cat owners to consider microchipping their animals.

OBITUARIES

Stacia Ward

Formerly of Baker City, 1962-2019

Stacia Ann "Staci" Ward, 57, died Dec. 2, 2019, at Madison, Wisconsin, from complications of pneumonia.

Her graveside service will be announced during the summer of 2020.

Staci was born on Sept. 8, 1962, at Baker City to Gaylord and Gertude "Ann" (Morrow) Ward. Staci's early years were spent helping her dad, "Doc Ward," in his medical practice. She also enjoyed spending time with her mom in their backyard along the Powder River watching and identifying birds. While growing up, Staci enjoyed playing bingo, bowling and line dancing.

She attended Baker High School and worked at Step Forward Activities. In 2003, Staci moved into the Grandview Care Home in Baker City, owned and operated by Lolly Amans. Prior to the passing of Staci's mother, Ann, it was promised that Staci would always have a home. When Lolly retired and the foster home closed in 2009, Staci did, indeed, have a home with Lolly and her family. Shortly after, Lolly became Staci's legal guardian and was unofficially adopted by the family.

Staci loved the colors red, white, and blue, lighthouses, word search books, card games, camping, fishing, and any reason for a party. She could always be counted

on to have "the words" to celebrate any occasion or a one-liner that was sure to give everyone a good laugh.

In the past 10 years, Staci was able to travel extensively and had many adventures along the way. One of her biggest adventures was a road trip around the United States and a move to the Midwest with Lolly and their Yorkie, Chloe. Staci enjoyed life to the fullest and was up for almost anything.

Staci is survived by her unofficially adopted family: Lolly Amans of Winnebago Illinois, Angie McVay of Baker City, Chris Cutsforth (Sherisce) of Birchwood, Wisconsin, Zack McVay (Lacey) of LaPine, Chelsea Zweber (Aaron) of Astoria, and Debra Hamilton of Winnebago; and countless friends she made along the way. Staci had a knack for making friends wherever she went.

Staci was preceded in death by her parents, Gaylord and Ann Ward; and her grandparents, Cyrus W. Morrow and Mabelle (Moore) Morrow, and Charles A. Ward and Jessie E. Ward.

'Louene' Landry

Formerly of La Grande, 1934-2019

Lorna "Louene" Landry, 85, of Hermiston and formerly of La Grande, died Dec. 4, 2019.

A private family burial will take place at the Hermiston Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of the Burns Mortuary of Hermiston.

Known as Louene, she was born March

7, 1934, at Baker City to Louis and Georgia (Ferguson) Haynes. Louene graduated from La Grande High School in 1952 and pursued her love of nursing, graduating as a registered nurse in 1957.

After graduating, Louene met and married Richard "Dick" Landry, a pilot in the U.S. Air Force. They spent time overseas in Guam and Panama before moving to La Grande in the early 1970s.

Dick and Louene moved to Hermiston when Dick was offered a job with Pendleton Grain Growers. Louene went to work for Good Shepherd Hospital, where she worked until she retired in 2003. She had a love for horses and the outdoors.

Surviving relatives include her niece and nephews and their spouses, Lauri and Dwayne Huxoll of Hermiston, Louis Haynes and Mila Pallares of Vernal, Utah, and Mike and Laura Mallory of La Grande; and numerous great-nieces and great-nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dick Landry; her parents, Louis and Georgia Haynes; her brother and sister-in-law, Joe and Verna Haynes; and her niece, Terry Mallory Decker.

Memorial contributions may be made to Vange John Memorial Hospice, 645 W. Orchard Ave., Suite 300, Hermiston, OR 97838. Share memories of Louene with her family at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com



Louene Landry

NEWS OF RECORD

DEATHS

Jerry Duncan: 80, of Halfway, died Sunday, Dec. 8, 2019, at his home with his family at his side. A family gathering will take place later. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Online condolences can be made at www.tamispinevalley-funeralhome.com

POLICE LOG

Baker City Police
CONTEMPT OF COURT (Baker Justice Court warrant): Justin Michael Shelton, 29, of Baker City, 9:44 p.m. Sunday, in the 2200 block of Mitchell Street; cited and

released.

Baker County Sheriff's Office

ASSAULT IV DOMESTIC, HARASSMENT and RECKLESSLY ENDANGERING ANOTHER: Josie May Huston, 43, of Halfway, 5:34 p.m. Friday, in the 100 block of Valley Avenue; jailed.

Oregon State Police

RECKLESS DRIVING: Jeri Leigh St.Clair, 66, of Troutville, Virginia, 1:50 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 3, on Interstate 84, about 5 miles north of Baker City; transported to the Baker County Jail; cited and released. Police said St.Clair was cited after investigation of several driving complaints detailing hazardous driving, including driving on the wrong side of the road. Dogs in the vehicle were taken to the Baker City Animal Clinic for safe keeping; the Hyundai Elantra St.Clair was driving was towed from the scene.

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