

Local

BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

■ **Baker County Board of Commissioners:** 9 a.m. special session at the Courthouse, 1995 Third St. Agenda items include lease agreement with the Bureau of Land Management to use part of the Baker Heritage Museum.

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald September 20, 1971

A potentially dangerous situation exists at Hewitt park near Richland in the form of violence between fisherman and speed boaters, according to Delmar Dixon, Baker County sheriff.

Actually, blood has already been spilled over an incident some time ago between fishermen and speed boaters. A boater harassed a fisherman to the point of actual combat and one man received a bashed head as a result.

25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald September 20, 1996

The Baker Elks Lodge has announced a program to help Baker County residents who need money for a variety of purposes.

Money for the program is from the Elks Blowout Bull Riding competition that takes place during Miners Jubilee, said Ed Hindman of the Elks bullriding committee.

10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald September 21, 2011

Representatives of the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) visited Baker City Tuesday to discuss local officials' concerns regarding expensive sewer and water projects looming in the future.

For example, Baker City plans to pipe treated effluent from its sewage treatment lagoons several miles across Baker Valley to a manmade marsh at Baldock Slough because DEQ likely will prohibit the city from continuing to divert the effluent into the Powder River.

ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald September 22, 2020

The Eltrym Theatre marquee hasn't lit up for months, but that all changed on Friday, Sept. 18.

Owner Terry McQuisten reopened Baker City's lone movie house to bring a sense of normalcy to her life and to downtown Baker City.

"It's amazing how much difference it made to have a routine," she said. "I had the smell of popcorn, the lights are on, and the doors are open. It feels normal."

The theater closed in mid-March due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Although the Eltrym showed films over the weekend, it's not fully open.

Ticket sales are limited to keep each theater at 25% capacity and to ensure required social distancing between audience members. That means 25 people in theater one (the biggest), and 13 people in each of the two smaller theaters.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, Sept. 18

3 — 5 — 9 — 17 — 23 — 42

Next jackpot: \$3.3 million

POWERBALL, Sept. 18

3 — 36 — 39 — 45 — 57 PB 11

Next jackpot: \$472 million

MEGA MILLIONS, Sept. 17

17 — 32 — 40 — 59 — 61 Mega 18

Next jackpot: \$432 million

WIN FOR LIFE, Sept. 18

25 — 26 — 32 — 44

PICK 4, Sept. 19

• 1 p.m.: 2 — 7 — 1 — 8

• 4 p.m.: 2 — 7 — 6 — 8

• 7 p.m.: 6 — 3 — 6 — 9

• 10 p.m.: 3 — 1 — 9 — 0

LUCKY LINES, Sept. 19

1-8-9-16-17-21-26-30

Next jackpot: \$26,000

SENIOR MENUS

- **WEDNESDAY:** Turkey sandwich, turkey noodle soup, green salad, tapioca
- **THURSDAY:** Chili cheese dog, potato wedges, mixed vegetables, Jell-O with fruit, ice cream
- **FRIDAY:** Spaghetti, green beans, garlic bread, rolls, green salad, cookies
- **MONDAY (Sept. 27):** Hot turkey sandwiches, mashed potatoes with gravy, mixed vegetables, coleslaw, ice cream
- **TUESDAY (Sept. 28):** Fettuccine Bolognese, garlic bread, rolls, green beans, ambrosia, brownies

Public luncheon at the Senior Center, 2810 Cedar St., from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; \$5 donation (60 and older), \$7.50 for those under 60.

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Raymond Howerton

Baker City, 1947-2021

Raymond Howerton, 74, of Baker City, died Sept 14, 2021, in the comfort of his own home surrounded by his loving friends and family.

A celebration of his life will take place on Oct. 22 at 3 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Club, 2005 Valley Ave. in Baker City. Please join family and friends for food, drinks, a good time and story sharing.

Raymond "Ray" Howerton was born Aug. 13, 1947, at Bremerton, Washington. He then moved to Pondsosa in Union County and continued school in Baker County where he met tons of friends. He has never missed a class reunion and never forgot a name.

Ray joined the United States Army and was deployed three times, serving from 1966 to 1969. On his first deployment he traveled by ship for 13 days, from Tacoma, Washington, to Vietnam. During this time, Raymond was honored with a Purple Heart.

Ray married his first wife, Debbie, in 1970 and together they had three daughters. They later divorced. Not long after the divorce their 2-year-old daughter, Mary, was diagnosed with cancer; sadly, she lost her fight at age 4. Ray and Debbie remained very close through the years raising their two other daughters.

In 1994 he married Jacquelyn Jones. The two were inseparable and did not like to be apart; she adored Ray and cherished taking care of him. Ray was loud spoken and everyone would tell her, "you're lucky you're deaf, he is loud!"

Ray worked for the City of Baker for 21 years until he retired due to medical disabilities. During the years he worked for the city, he also did respite for Step Forward. Even though he had to retire at a very young age due to heart failure he fought death many times! We like to call him our miracle, his family said.

Ray enjoyed the outdoors and was a great hunter and fisherman. He loved getting loads of firewood, the fall season, the color blue and lived by the philosophy that "life is what you make it." Ray was a die-hard Raider fan and member of "Raider Nation."

He lived for his grandkids and loved them all very much. He cared about so many people, no one was a stranger and he helped anyone in any way he could. Ray was very proud of his daughters and the lives they were blessed with. Ray was very kind, funny, quick-witted, and the life of the party. "Everybody Loves Raymond."

Ray is survived by his wife of 27 years, Jacqueline Howerton; his daughters and sons-in-law, Becky and Rus Hull, and Jenny and Victor Sanchez; his stepchildren, Sally Sheeks, Julia and Aitor Ansotegui, Don and Geneva Olson, and Mark and Paige Olson; his brother, Denny Spence; his sisters, Eva Blanger and Audrienne Brunnell; his grandchildren, Richard, Haven, Rei, Tyler and Case Olson, Jacob Shoop, Aspen, Arianna and Gaven Nelson, Xavier, Anaya, and Penelope Sanchez, Daniel Humbert, Britnee Webb, Aj Ansotegui, Tabbi Groshens, and Samantha Hull; his great-grandbabies, Alexis, Dallas and Isabella; and many nieces and nephews.

Ray was preceded in death by his daughter, Mary Howerton; his mother, Lorraine Dawson; his father, Jim Howerton, and stepdad, Dorrel Spence; and his brothers, Barney and Jerry Howerton and D Spence.

A special thanks to Tami, Stephanie and Heart 'N Home Hospice.

For those who would like to make a donation in memory of Ray the family suggests the



Raymond Howerton

Hunt of a Lifetime program 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.

'Leroy' Kee

Baker City, 1935-2021

Vernon "Leroy" Kee, 86, loving husband and father of three children, died Sept. 17, 2021, in Baker City.

There will be no funeral service.

Leroy was born on Jan. 2, 1935, at Louisburg, Missouri, to Albert and Laura Campbell Kee. The family moved to Ventura, California when he was two years old. He attended high school and college in Ventura. He excelled in all sports. Leroy received a football scholarship to Cal Poly Tech; however, instead of playing football he enlisted in the United States Army in 1956. Prior to being shipped overseas he married Deanna Sims on Sept. 1, 1956, at Albuquerque, New Mexico. He was stationed in Germany and was joined several months later by Deanna. Together they explored the German countryside, the castles, and the culture.

After leaving the military Leroy began his career with the Bell Telephone Company, eventually moving to Baker City to work for Pacific Northwest Bell. He continued his employment with the telephone company until retiring in 1990.

Leroy had a passion for hunting and sports; he could talk for hours about both. He and his hunting partner, Gary Hester, spent many days together walking the steep hills of the Elkhorn Mountains looking for elk. Leroy traveled to Utah for several successful mule deer hunts.

Leroy enjoyed his four grandchildren. He and Deanna took a huge part in raising all four of them to be productive, hard-working people.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Deanna; his three children, Mike Kee (Mary Jo), Edie Palmer (Jeff), and Glen Kee (Amy); his grandchild, Megan Kee, Chelsea Massingale (Buddy), Ryan Kee, Delaney Lane (Dustin); and his great-grandson, Luke Massingale.

Leroy was preceded in death by his father, Albert, and his mother, Laura.

For those who would like to make a donation in memory of Leroy, the family suggests the Alzheimer Association through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services, P.O. Box 543, Halfway, OR 97834. Online condolences can be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

Donna Weir

Formerly of Richland, 1931-2021

Donna Weir, 90, formerly of Richland, died Aug. 24, 2021, at Green Valley, Arizona.

Her graveside service will

be Saturday, Sept. 25 at 11 a.m. at the Eagle Valley Cemetery in Richland. A potluck reception will follow immediately at the Eagle Valley Community Park.

Donna was born on April 8, 1931, at Baker to Emmett and Alice (Stacey) Blank. She was raised in Eagle Valley, attending Richland Grade School, Sunnyside and New Bridge School, and graduating from Eagle Valley High School in 1949.

During their lives, John and Donna knew each other. When they were in high school, they began dating, and on June 8, 1949, she and John married in Richland. They had four children, two boys and two girls. Donna was a stay-at-home mom with plenty to do around the farm. Over the years she worked at the restaurant and for a short time (26 years) she worked at the Hitching Post store. She was always active in the children's schools, clubs, anything to do with the town of Richland and the Eagle Valley Grange.

She enjoyed doing things for the family, picnics, and picking berries and mushrooms. She loved to go camping, fishing and riding ATV's in the Arizona desert. In 1999 they went to Quartzite, Arizona, and got hooked on the desert, so every winter they would head to Arizona. In 2010, they decided to live in Arizona full time and moved to Green Valley, Arizona.

Donna is survived by her daughter, Judi Grantz and her husband, Ron, of Arizona; her sons, Neil Weir and his wife, Cindy, of Idaho, and Jerry Weir and his wife, Sue, of Idaho; seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren; and one great-grandson; her sister, Laura Lee Curry of Tennessee; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Donna was preceded in death by her husband, John; her parents; two infant brothers at birth; her sister, Delma; her brother, Lyle; and her daughter, Mary Yoder.

Those who would like to make a donation in memory of Donna may do so to the Eagle Valley Grange through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services, P.O. Box 543, Halfway, OR 97834. Online condolences can be at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

Don Gage

1938-2021

Don Gage, 83, died Sept. 16, 2021, at his daughter's home in Halfway, with his family at his side.

Donald "Don" Gage was born in March 1938 at Engadine, Michigan, to Mary and Harold Gage. He had two sisters, Ruth and Betty, and a brother, George. After attending school in Engadine Don entered the Mennonite Voluntary Service during



Donna Weir

the Korean War, in which he served for two years. During his service, Don met Elaine in Portland, Oregon. They were married in 1962 in Hubbard, Oregon.

Don and Elaine lived in the Portland metro area for 40 years, giving birth to a daughter, Brenda, and a son, Rob. During his time in Portland, Don created Gage Construction Company, remodeled existing homes and doing new construction. Don and his family enjoyed camping on the Oregon coast and visiting Kah-Nee-Ta resort in Central Oregon. Many family adventures across the country were enjoyed visiting family in Michigan and Arizona.

Don enjoyed carpentry, traveling to scenic areas in the Pacific Northwest, and watching professional/amateur wrestling. Upon retirement Don and Elaine ventured to Arizona to enjoy the sun and warmth of the south. During their time in Arizona, Don designed and built their home in Arizona City, Arizona, visiting their daughter in Eastern Oregon to escape the "warm" Arizona summers.

Don is survived by his two sisters; his wife; and his daughter and son.

Don was preceded by his mother and father, and a brother.

Those who would like to make a donation in memory of Don, may do so to Pine Eagle High School Ag Land Lab (students learning the construction trade) 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.

Ed Bowman

Richland, 1942-2021

Edison William Bowman, 79, was called to his eternal home on Sept. 16, 2021, at Richland after succumbing to cancer.

His graveside memorial service will be Friday, Sept. 24 at 10 a.m.

at Eagle Valley Cemetery in Richland. Following the service, friends are invited to join the family for a potluck lunch at the Richland Grange. Main dish and drinks will be provided. Please bring a side dish and/or dessert.

Ed was born on March 8, 1942, at Modesto, California. Ed was raised by Charles and Ruby Bowman on a small family farm in the Wood Colony area west of Modesto. Ed was the eldest of three brothers, a quintessential big brother to Eugene and Charles. He attended Hart Ransom School and later graduated from Modesto High School. His involvement in Future Farmers of America, raising pigs and attending many livestock shows, led him to the lifelong calling of stewardship in the form of caring for livestock.

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Ed Bowman



Don Gage

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