

Local

BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

THURSDAY, OCT. 7

■ Baker County Transient Lodging Tax Committee:

9 a.m. at the Courthouse, 1995 Third St., special meeting to review the two proposals for operating a visitors center in Baker City.

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald October 4, 1971

A two-vehicle accident, resulting in no injuries, was investigated Sunday afternoon by City Police.

According to police a station wagon driven by Albert Waldow Morin, 71, 1364 Elm St., Baker, was struck by a White Freightliner truck, while attempting to make a left turn into a driveway.

25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald October 4, 1996

The Wallowa-Whitman National Forest probably will have to deal with the third consecutive cut in its recreation budget during fiscal 1997, which began Tuesday.

10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald October 5, 2011

Nera Watson sure misses the truck stop at Farewell Bend.

Trouble is, quite a few travelers on nearby Interstate 84 never found out that the business had closed.

The truck stop, a retail oasis of gas station, restaurant and motel along the relatively lonely 73-mile stretch of freeway between Baker City and Ontario, closed in May.

Since then, Watson said, a relatively steady stream of drivers have rolled into Farewell Bend or Huntington, at four miles away the closest incorporated town, lacking enough fuel to reach either Ontario (21 miles southeast) or Durkee (26 miles northwest).

ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald October 6, 2020

The Baker City Council interviewed two candidates for the city manager's job Monday evening, and councilors will interview three others today.

Both evenings of Zoom interviews were slated to happen during executive sessions, closed to the public.

Oregon's public meetings law allows city councils and other elected boards to consider certain topics during executive sessions, including, as in this case, the employment of a public officer.

Councilors can't make any decisions during executive sessions, however.

Fred Warner Jr., who has been city manager since May 2016, plans to retire at the end of the year.

A total of 14 people applied for the job. On Sept. 17 a selection committee consisting of Mayor Loran Joseph and Councilors Lynette Perry and Jason Spriet trimmed the list of candidates to six.

One of those candidates withdrew Monday morning, leaving five, said Robin Nudd, the city's human resource manager.

In an email to the Baker City Herald, Nudd wrote that councilors plan to announce the names of the finalists during the Council's Oct. 13 regular meeting.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, Oct. 2

1 - 7 - 10 - 12 - 16 - 34
Next jackpot: \$3.9 million

POWERBALL, Oct. 2

28 - 38 - 42 - 47 - 52 PB 1
Next jackpot: \$670 million

MEGA MILLIONS, Oct. 1

21 - 25 - 36 - 62 - 63 Mega 6
Next jackpot: \$45 million

WIN FOR LIFE, Oct. 2

5 - 38 - 61 - 75

PICK 4, Oct. 3

• 1 p.m.: 7 - 6 - 4 - 3
• 4 p.m.: 5 - 7 - 2 - 8
• 7 p.m.: 3 - 6 - 6 - 3
• 10 p.m.: 8 - 8 - 9 - 4

LUCKY LINES, Oct. 3

3-7-11-15-20-22-28-29
Next jackpot: \$18,000

SENIOR MENUS

- **WEDNESDAY:** Roast beef sandwiches, vegetable beef soup, chips, broccoli and bacon salad, apple crisp
- **THURSDAY:** Chicken ala king, rice, rolls, carrots, macaroni salad, ice cream
- **FRIDAY:** Pork roast, red potatoes, rolls, mixed vegetables, carrot-raisin salad, cheesecake
- **MONDAY (Oct. 11):** Orange-glazed chicken strips, rice pilaf, biscuits, mixed vegetables, coleslaw, pudding
- **TUESDAY (Oct. 12):** Spaghetti, green beans, garlic breadsticks, green salad, 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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Volunteers help with Trail Center project

Baker City Herald

Volunteers gathered near the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center on National Public Lands Day, Sept. 25, to cut overgrown vegetation and do other work to prepare for the installation of nonmotorized access gates.

The work will improve access for hikers and visitors with mobility challenges, according to the Bureau of Land Management, which operates the Interpretive Center about five miles east of Baker City.

The Center itself is closed due to the pandemic, but its network of hiking trails,

including ones that lead to Oregon Trail wagon ruts, are open.

John-Luc Metz and Glenn Reynolds, rangers at the Interpretive Center, organized the volunteer project on National Public Lands Day.

Volunteers worked at the main entrance off Highway 86 and at the parking area for the trail to the wagon ruts, a bit west on the highway.

"It was a terrific opportunity for community outreach and will help inspire utilization of public lands and nurture present and future stewards," Reynolds said.



Bureau of Land Management/Contributed Photo

Volunteers remove brush near the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center on National Public Lands Day, Sept. 25.

Metz will oversee the next phases of the project, which has received funding through grants, according to the BLM.

OBITUARIES

Beth Morrissey

Baker City, 1928-2021

Beth Johnson Morrissey, 93, of Baker City, died Sept. 21, 2021, at Ashley Manor in Baker City.

Her memorial service will be take place on Oct. 23 at 11 a.m. at the Baker City Church of the Nazarene, 1250 Hughes Lane. Pastor Lennie Spooner will be officiating the service. The service will also be livestreamed by the Baker City Church of the Nazarene. Please visit the Gray's West & Co. website, www.grayswestco.com, for more details.

Lyla "Beth" was born on Aug. 16, 1928, in Superior, Nebraska, to Ceril Newton Calhoun and Margaret Rachel Maxey. The attending physician was her maternal grandfather, Dr. Frederick Wasco Maxey. Beth graduated from Roosevelt High School in 1946 and was married to Portland fireman, Kenneth Elsworth Johnson, on Nov. 8, 1946.

Together they raised four children in the Portland area: Eric, Paul, Ronn and Betty. They were married for 24 years.

After their divorce, Beth worked as a legal secretary in a prestigious downtown law firm. In the fall of 1970, Beth was swept off her feet by a dashing young rancher, Patrick Morrissey, who was traveling to the Willamette Valley frequently for business related to his work with the Oregon Cattlemen's Association. They were married on Feb. 6, 1971, and celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this year.

After relocating to their ranch house in Keating, Beth took a job with Western Bank, eventually achieving the position of loan officer, a rare feat for women in the 1970s. She loved the work and the people she met through the bank. Beth retired from Western Bank in 1979 to work full time with Patrick on the quickly expanding Steward and Morrissey Ranch.

Beth and Patrick worked together on community projects as well. Together they helped launch the Baker Family YMCA, heading up several sustaining campaigns in the early years and were instrumental in managing a successful campaign in 1984 which raised funding to build the Sam-O-Swim Center.



Beth Morrissey

Beth was a very active member of the Baker City Nazarene Church. She taught Sunday School, played the piano and sang in the church choir for many years. She loved ranch life, and enjoyed gardening, playing chess and challenging her wits with a good crossword puzzle. However, she saved her best energies for the cherished roles of mom and grandma.

Survivors include her husband, Patrick Morrissey of Baker City; a brother, Alan Dee Calhoun (Kathy) of Salem; her sons, Eric Johnson (Joy) of Riverton, Utah, Paul Johnson (Nancy) of Baker City, and Ronn Johnson of Brookings; her daughter, Betty Palmer (Rob) of Baker City; her stepson, Mike Morrissey (Janie) of Baker City; her stepdaughter, Sara Lee Seaman of Bellingham, Washington; 14 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, along with many beloved nieces and nephews.

Beth was preceded in death by her parents, Margaret and Ceril Calhoun; and her brothers, James Frederick, Richard Ross and Jerry Joe.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Baker YMCA through Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814. To offer online condolences to Beth's family, go to www.grayswestco.com.

Martha Keener

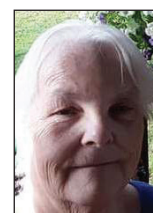
Baker City, 1950-2021

Martha Lucille Keener, 70, of Baker City, died Sept. 28, 2021, of natural causes.

Her memorial service will be set for a later date.

Martha was born on Oct. 10, 1950, in Madera, California, to Ira and Gladys Buttram. She graduated from McKinleyville High in 1968. She married Wellman Laird Keener Jr. on Jan. 4, 1969. Martha first and foremost loved the Lord and could always be seen telling someone about Jesus Christ and the way to heaven. She was a wife and mother, and a secretary for New Beginnings Fellowship Pentecostal Church of God.

She took care of numerous kids through the years. She also loved to volunteer at Settler's Park and to sing to the oldies. One of her greatest treasures was her grandchildren. She loved them all.



Martha Keener

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ira and Gladys Buttram; a brother, Amos Buttram; and a daughter, Kelly Keener.

She leaves behind her husband of 52 years, Larry Keener of Baker City; her daughters, Vicki (Judd) Richards of Missoula, Montana, and Rebecca Rogers of Baker City; her grandchildren, Laney (Leeman) Matthew of Plains, Montana, Cody (Shelby) Richards of Missoula, and Rachel and Samantha Rogers of Baker City.

A GoFundMe account will be set up under Rebecca Rogers' name for those who would like to make contributions to help the family out with funeral costs or you can contact Rebecca Rogers at 541-403-4142 with any questions.

Dale Koontz

Baker City, 1939-2021

Dale Gene Koontz, 81, of Baker City, died Sept. 5, 2021, at his residence.

A celebration of his life, with military honors, will take place Saturday, Oct. 9 at 3 p.m. at Coles Tribute Center, 1950 Place St. A reception will follow the service.

Dale was born on Dec. 1, 1939, in Glens Ferry, Idaho, to Elza Raymond and Nellie Koontz. He was a graduate of Baker High School and a member of the Army National Guard.

He was an employee of the Idaho Power Co. for more than 42 years, working his way up from surveyor, oiler 1, 2, and 3, and maintenance mechanic, and retiring as a Hells Canyon maintenance foreman.

Dale married Josephine Pifher on April 8, 1961, at St. Francis Catholic church in Baker City. They enjoyed years of camping, fishing, hunting, and many adventures in the great outdoors.

He is survived by his bride of 61 years, Josephine Koontz; three children: Carl Koontz of Baker City, Rodney Ray Koontz of Baker City, and JoDale Miller of Boise; seven grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, three siblings, and many nieces and nephews.

To leave an online condolence for Dale's family, go to www.grayswestco.com.



Dale Koontz

NEWS OF RECORD

DEATHS

Charles Lesley Kamondy:

69, of Baker City, and formerly of Cloverdale, California, died Sept. 29, 2021, at his residence, surrounded by his loving family. A memorial service with military honors will take place in California at a later date. To leave an online condolence for Charles' family, go to www.grayswestco.com.

Homer Boutwell: 71, of Halfway, died Oct. 4, 2021, at St. Mary's Hospital in Walla Walla, Washington. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Online condolences can be made at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

FUNERALS PENDING

Dave Romine Sr. and Dave Romine Jr.: Memorial service

will be Saturday, Oct. 9 at 2 p.m. the Pine Valley Presbyterian Church in Halfway. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Online condolences can be made at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

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1950 Place St. To leave an online condolence for Dale's family, go to www.grayswestco.com.

POLICE LOG

Baker City Police Arrests, citations

SECOND-DEGREE CRIMINAL TRESPASSING: Alexandra Joyce Potter, 27, Baker City, 8:02 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 3 in the 1700 block of Valley Avenue; cited and released.

FIRST-DEGREE CRIMINAL TRESPASSING, SECOND-DEGREE CRIMINAL TRESPASSING, THIRD-DEGREE THEFT: Jeremy James Broyles, 38, Baker City, 11:52 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 2 in the 1100 block of Campbell Street; cited and released.

VIOLATION OF RESTRAINING ORDER: Joshua Adam Carpenter, 35, Baker City, 4:36 p.m. Friday, Oct. 1 in the 3000 block of 10th Street; jailed.

VIOLATION OF RESTRAINING ORDER: Joshua Ryan Brown, 39, Baker City, 3:02 p.m. Friday, Oct. 1 in the 1700 block of Church Street; jailed.

FAILURE TO APPEAR (Washington County warrant): Jacob Andrew Williamson, 27, Jurupa Valley, California, 12:45 p.m. Friday, Oct. 1 in the 200 block of Bridge Street; cited and released.

BURGLARY (out of county

warrant): Luke Ethan Chastain, 18, Baker City, 10:07 a.m. Friday, Oct. 1 in the 1500 block of 15th Street; jailed.

Baker County Sheriff's Office

Arrests, citations

DRIVING WHILE LICENSE

SUSPENDED OR REVOKED: Rob-

ert Wayne Jarboe, 46, Huntington, 6:55 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 2 in Huntington; jailed.

FAILURE TO APPEAR (Union

County warrant): Pearl Naomi Adair, 41, Baker City, 8:58 a.m. Friday, Oct. 1 at the sheriff's office; cited and released.

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