

## NEWS OF RECORD

### DEATHS

**Rodd Bunch:** 64, a long-time Durkee resident, died Nov. 6, 2021, at Saint Alphonsus Medical Center in Boise. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Online condolences can be made at [www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com).

**Donald Raupp:** 84, of Richland, died Nov. 8, 2021, at Wildflower Assisted Living Facility in La Grande. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Online condolences can be made at [www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com).

### FUNERALS PENDING

**Dean Franklin Spence:** Memorial service with military honors, Friday, Nov. 12 at 11 a.m. at the Harvest Church, 3720 Birch St. in Baker City. Following the service, a reception will take place at the Harvest Church Fellowship Hall. Memorial contributions in Dean's memory can be made to the Compassion International or to the Idaho Youth Ranch through Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814. To leave an online condolence for Dean's family, or to find a livestream link for the service, go to [www.grayswestco.com](http://www.grayswestco.com).

### POLICE LOG

**Baker City Police Arrests, citations**  
BAKER COUNTY WARRANTS: Loren Dean Prevo, 29, Baker City, 2:45 a.m. Monday, Nov. 8 in the 1600 block of Eldon Street; cited and released.  
FAILURE TO APPEAR (Baker County Circuit Court warrant): Stavin William Smith, 29, Baker City, 2:45 a.m. Monday, Nov. 8 in the 1600 block of Eldon Street; cited and released.

SECOND-DEGREE BURGLARY, SECOND-DEGREE THEFT: Brendon Michael Smith, 27, Baker City, 1:03 a.m. Monday, Nov. 8 at Clark and Campbell Streets; cited and released.  
SECOND-DEGREE CRIMINAL TRESPASSING: Juan Pablo Burgos, 60, Baker City, 6:13 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7 in the 1200 block of Campbell Street; cited and released.

CRIMINAL TRESPASSING, HARASSMENT: Valerie Jean Brinton, 53, Baker City, 2:33 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 7 in the 1200 block of Fifth Street; cited and released.

OUT-OF-COUNTY WARRANT: Michael Brendon Smith, 27, Baker City, 11:24 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6 at Main Street and Auburn Avenue; cited and released.

PROBATION VIOLATION (Baker County Circuit Court warrant): Jacob Daniel Walker, 30, Baker City, 4:23 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6 in the 1200 block of Fifth Street; jailed.

HARASSMENT: Austen James Titus, 29, Baker City, 6:44 p.m. Friday, Nov. 5 in the 700 block of Campbell Street; cited and released.

OUT-OF-COUNTY WARRANTS: Jessica Dianne Stricker, 43, Baker City, 6:12 a.m. Friday, Nov. 5 in the 1500 block of Campbell Street; cited and released.

### Baker County Sheriff's Office

**Arrests, citations**  
UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE: Kody Allen McManus, 25, Richland, 2:28 p.m. Friday, Nov. 5 in Richland; jailed.

PROBATION VIOLATION (Baker County Circuit Court warrant): Darion Alyssa Marie Grove, 27, Baker City, 9:05 a.m. Friday, Nov. 5 at the Sheriff's Office; jailed.

## GREENHORN

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With almost \$86,000 now in its coffers, Greenhorn can make real progress, McLouth said.

"We have a lot of mud holes in our road system," said McLouth, who lives in Molalla, a city in Clackamas County southeast of Portland.

Koellermeier said the city's main goal is to spread gravel on the streets, replace old culverts and install new ones to reduce erosion. The dozen streets are already marked with signs that wouldn't look out of place in a medium-sized city.

Koellermeier said he and other city officials have been talking with the Baker County Road Department about an intergovernmental agreement in which Greenhorn would hire the county, using the state grant, to do the street work.

The \$85,900 was allocated to Greenhorn from the state's Small City Allotment program, part of the Keep Oregon Moving transportation bill the Legislature approved in 2017.

Oregon officials announced the latest round of 53 small city grants, totaling \$5.1 million, in late October.

The state received 92 applications totaling a little over \$9 million, said Kris Strickler, director of the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT).

Other recipients in Northwest Oregon:

- Halfway, \$100,000
- Richland, \$100,000
- Sumpter, \$100,000
- Elgin, \$100,000

• North Powder, \$75,000  
Koellermeier said an ODOT employee notified Greenhorn councilors about the grant program earlier this year.

The council put together the application and, "to and behold, the state thought it was warranted," Koellermeier said.

### A 'special city'

McLouth describes Greenhorn as a "special city," and his appellation is not without foundation.

Greenhorn is by a fair margin the farthest above sea level of any incorporated city in Oregon, at 6,300 feet.

The area was settled in the 1860s and, as with many other places in Baker County, the lure was gold.

Greenhorn was founded on the divide between the North Fork of the Burnt River and the North Fork of the John Day River. The divide also serves in this area as the boundary between Baker and Grant counties.

Most of the city, which covers 53 acres, lies within Baker County, and it is, for administrative and legal purposes, within the county.

That distinction occasionally affects the operations of Greenhorn, McLouth said — most recently in 2020.

Greenhorn's city charter establishes a five-member city council, three of whom serve four-year terms, and two serving two-year terms.

Occasionally, McLouth said, the terms of all five councilors expire at the same time. When that happens, he said, the Baker County Board of Commissioners

appoints three city councilors, and that trio then picks two others to join them.

To be eligible, councilors must own property within the city and live in Oregon, McLouth said.

(Several properties in Greenhorn are owned by people who live outside the state.)

Greenhorn is also notable for the way in which its boundaries were defined.

In 1912 President William Howard Taft issued a patent for the 53 acres to the city, making it unique in Oregon in that respect.

Although Greenhorn is isolated not only by its location but also by those prodigious winter snow depths, Koellermeier said the city, if never exactly bustling, can be somewhat lively, by ghost town standards, during the warmer months.

"It's sort of a mecca for weekend drive-thru tourists," he said.

Greenhorn also has a public outhouse, which is undoubtedly an attraction.

No power lines extend to Greenhorn; McLouth said property owners use generators to light their cabins.

An underground line brought landline phone service to Greenhorn about 20 years ago, but McLouth said most residents use cellphones, despite the somewhat spotty signal coverage.

"Most of us have a favorite spot outside our cabins to stand where we know we can get service," he said with a laugh. "Or I can just go upstairs in my cabin and stand by the window."

With money available to work on streets, Greenhorn



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Phone service arrived in Greenhorn about 20 years ago, with equipment housed in the building at right. A public restroom is at left.

should also be able to focus on its otherwise pressing infrastructure need, McLouth said — its water system.

The city taps a pair of springs in the mountains above town, but sections of the water supply lines are seven or eight decades old, and leaks have been more common, he said.

### What's in a name?

Greenhorn is the one-word derivation of a natural feature known, and aptly so, as the green horn.

That's a pinnacle, not far west of town toward Vinegar Hill, that's made of serpentinite, a distinctive, green-colored metamorphic rock.

Greenhorn is applied not only to the town, which had a post office from May 24, 1902, until Dec. 15, 1919, but to the subrange of the Blue Mountains that extends more than a dozen miles to the west, forming the divide between the Middle Fork of the John Day River to the south, and the North Fork on the north.

## OBITUARIES

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Pam devoted her life to her family as a stay-at-home mom. She spent several years involved in local 4-H clubs with her children, teaching ceramics and entering many things in the county fair. When her children were grown, she worked for several businesses in Baker City until her retirement.

She was a proud member of the Red Hat Society and the Baker City Eagles Lodge, considering members of those organizations as her extended family. She enjoyed meeting up with friends to socialize and play cards.

Pam is survived by her daughter, Shannon Brown, and her husband, Steve Brown of Sandy; her sons, Scott Tritt and his wife, Lorrie Tritt, of Baker City, and Steve Tritt and his wife, Heather Tritt, of Lebanon; her grandchildren, Tristen Tritt, Matthew Brown, Tommy Tritt and Miranda Tritt; her sister, Janice Plumbtree, and her husband, Larry, of Baker City; her brother, Robert (Bud) Fawcett and his wife, Carla, of Apple Valley, California; her nephews, Wayne Plumbtree of Albany, and Justin Plumbtree of Baker City; and her nieces, Elizabeth Miller of Baker City, and Alison Everson of Richfield, Washington.

She was preceded in death by her mother and father. Memorial contributions can be made to the Baker City Eagles Lodge Scholarship Fund 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](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com).

### 'Connie' Colvin

Formerly of Baker City, 1947-2021

Constance Helen "Connie" Colvin, 88, entered eternal peace Thursday, Oct. 28, 2021, in Pensacola, Florida, with family at her side.

Her funeral Mass and burial will take place at a later date at Arlington National Cemetery.

She was born on May 3, 1933, to the late Michael and

Pauline (nee Popinchalk) Novak in McKeesport, Pennsylvania. She graduated from Rostraver High School in 1950 and subsequently received her diploma from St. Francis School of Nursing in Pittsburgh prior to joining the United States Navy Nurse Corps.

While in the Navy, she met her first husband, Air Force pilot, Capt. Charles E. Klingmeyer Jr. They married in 1957 and welcomed daughter Mary Patricia in 1959. Charles died suddenly in 1961 due to medical complications while the family was stationed in Tokyo, Japan.

Upon return to the United States, Connie worked and received her bachelor of science degree in Nursing at Georgetown University in 1967. The following year she was introduced to Marine Corps fighter pilot, Lt. Col. H. Clifford Colvin. Widowed with two children, Kathryn and Michael, Cliff proposed to Connie and they embarked on a long and happy marriage of 46 years, welcoming sons Timothy and Andrew.

After Cliff's retirement from the Marine Corps in 1972, the family moved to Baker City, where she became deeply involved with the local hospital (St. Elizabeth), community service organizations (Rotary International, PEO) and St. Francis de Sales Cathedral parish. Connie lent her beautiful voice to the choir and led the singing at Mass for many years.

Connie was also a committed nursing professional and nurse educator. She received her master's degree in Nursing from the University of Portland and a Doctorate in Education from Gonzaga University. She enjoyed many years educating nursing students at Treasure Valley Community College and Oregon Health and Science University School of Nursing, La Grande campus.

She passed her appreciation of education and learning to her children. Connie was immensely proud of her family and leaves behind nothing but beautiful memories.

Connie is survived by her five children and their spouses,

Michael Colvin (Carol), Kathryn Robbins (Denzil), Mary Patricia Colvin Park (Edwin), Timothy Colvin (Denise) and Andrew Colvin. She is also survived by six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Connie was preceded in death by her loving husband, Cliff, in 2015.

The family requests that people make donations in support of St. Francis de Sales Food Bank in Baker City or the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA.

Special thanks to the loving staff at Memory Lane in Pensacola.

### William Jackson

William E. Jackson, 47, died Nov. 3, 2021, beginning a final mission to explore strange new worlds.

The family will have a private celebration. At a later date, a celebration of William's life will be scheduled where members of the community will be invited to share stories, memories and merriment.

William's life of boldly going where no man has gone before started on Jan. 18, 1974, at Barksdale Air Force Base in Bossier City, Louisiana.

Those fortunate to know William were aware of his tender heart and warm hugs. His work with Community Connection and the Meals on Wheels program allowed him to touch the lives of many souls in the community. His service with Community Connection gave him the opportunity to transport so many who were unable to get their medical, dental or grocery needs otherwise handled. Every trip was an adventure in getting to know someone a little bit better.

He graduated from Pine Eagle High School in Halfway in 1993 and went on to complete an associate of arts degree from the University of Phoenix in Information Technology with a concentration in Networking. His progress followed him to California

for a stint where he administered state testing for a school district and like his days of Community Connection, navigated beautiful places in an RV touching the lives of even more people.

Years earlier, he was the Scout leader of one of the most successful programs in Pine Valley, giving a number of young men some amazing opportunities. On the family ranch, he was a great partner in operations. He was quite talented in his abilities to come up with many solutions for issues. His business, Lone Fir Dairy, blossomed from fresh milk to various butters, yogurts and flavors of ice cream. The list goes on and on! His life touched thousands as did his stories of living on the farm.

He was passionate about all he did and his interests were as varied as he. His significant other, Chance Anderson, hopes to publish books of his photography and works of art he would create in his spare time. William was a lover of foods and cooking and no better times were ever treasured than conversing, laughing and dancing in the kitchen. When the weather was good, he enjoyed hikes with dogs and if time permitted, a quick break of mining, fostered by his time with Eastern Oregon Mining and Prospecting. William enjoyed connections with people: He knew a little bit about everything and would be eager to dive in and learn more. He had an innate ability to be hopeful, optimistic and resourceful in times of darkness.

William was family focused, always reaching out to siblings, nieces and nephews in his unique way of making everyone feel like they are important. The only thing bigger than his smile was his heart. He did his best to see the talents in others flourish.

William is survived by his life partner, Chance Anderson; his mother, Ila Rae Jackson; his siblings, Clinton Jackson, Cynthia Macle, Craig Jackson, Pamela Spendlove and Andrew Jackson. He shared many great memories, traditions and explorations with his many nephews and nieces.

William was preceded in death by his father, Clifford Dwayne Jackson.

In lieu of flowers, please send the family pictures or anecdotes. Donations to Community Connection in William's honor would be greatly appreciated and may be done 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](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com).

### Maure Albert

Baker City, 1945-2021

Fern Maure Albert, 76, of Baker City, died Nov. 7, 2021, at her home, surrounded by her husband, children and grandchildren.

Her funeral service will take place Saturday, Nov. 13 at 10 a.m. at the Church

of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Baker City. She will be interred immediately after at Mount Hope Cemetery.

Maure was born on May 25, 1945, in Sacramento, California, to Fern Steward and Maurice Wescott. She spent her childhood in Surprise Valley, California, with her beloved grandparents, cousins, and many relatives. Maure's lifelong love of family history can be traced back to her early childhood and sitting at her grandparents' table and listening to the old-timers tell their stories. Her family moved to Bonanza, Oregon, where Maure graduated from high school and where she met her sweetheart, Larry.

Maure and Larry were sealed in the Oakland, California, Latter-Day Saints Temple and moved several times before settling in Baker City. After graduating from Eastern Oregon University, she taught school for almost 20 years. Upon retirement, Larry and Maure completed a service mission for their church, which had been her lifelong goal. In the past few years, Maure worked tirelessly making family history.

Maure is survived by her husband, Larry, and their children, Jennifer (Bernie) Weldon, Lance (Becca) Albert, Maura-Lee Albert (Shane Adams), Jesi (Brent) Earley, LaRyn (Luke) Woydziak, and Luke (April) Albert; and 18 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her beloved granddaughter, Sloane Weldon.

To leave an online condolence for Maure's family, go to [www.grayswestco.com](http://www.grayswestco.com).

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