

# Local

## BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

### SATURDAY, DEC. 4

■ **Baker County Chamber of Commerce Christmas parade:** 5 p.m. on Main Street, followed immediately by the lighting of the community Christmas tree.

## TURNING BACK THE PAGES

### 50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald December 2, 1971

Can a teacher ever teach his student too much? Bulldog coach Gary Hammond hopes not as Baker opens its season in Boise Friday against a Borah Lion five directed by Hammond's former player.

### 25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald December 2, 1996

The Baker Ranger District is studying 20,000 acres of national forest north of Phillips Reservoir and considering logging and closing roads in the area.

District employees are studying three areas — Union, Miners and Deer — all north of Highway 7.

### 10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald December 2, 2011

A Cascade Natural Gas meter spewing its pressurized contents along a 10th Street building summoned the Baker City Fire Department and CNG personnel Wednesday morning.

The loud hissing sound of escaping gas could be heard several blocks away from the vacant building at 2250 10th St., formerly occupied by Bad Boy Buggies.

### ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald December 3, 2020

Baker City's Senior Center has been closed for months due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but when people return they'll find that it looks a bit different.

Beth St. John repainted one of the interior walls in a pale blue.

"My intention was to give it a fresh look, give it a nice pop of color, so when the seniors come back it's kind of a new space — something kind of bright and welcoming," said St. John, 66.

"I was excited to do this," she said.

St. John has been a volunteer and occasionally a paid employee at the Senior Center, operated by Community Connection of Baker County at 2810 Cedar St., since February, when she retired from Saint Alphonsus Health Services-Baker City.

She did the painting as an employee.

Although the painting is done, St. John isn't satisfied with the project.

She wants to decorate the blank wall space with photographs, and she's asking residents to donate them.

"I thought, thematically; pictures of Baker City, Baker County, nature, would be something that generally speaking everybody could buy into," St. John said.

She doesn't envision something resembling an art gallery, but just a selection of local scenes.

St. John wears multiple hats at the Senior Center. In addition to her volunteer work, she fills in for the kitchen staff and as a medical transport driver when they come up short.

## OREGON LOTTERY

### MEGABUCKS, Nov. 29

6 — 8 — 15 — 25 — 34 — 43

Next jackpot: \$6.4 million

### POWERBALL, Nov. 29

18 — 26 — 28 — 38 — 47 PB 17

Next jackpot: \$264 million

### MEGA MILLIONS, Nov. 30

7 — 8 — 26 — 30 — 39 Mega 17

Next jackpot: \$112 million

### WIN FOR LIFE, Nov. 29

27 — 47 — 50 — 64

### PICK 4, Nov. 30

• 1 p.m.: 6 — 0 — 4 — 6

• 4 p.m.: 8 — 8 — 3 — 2

• 7 p.m.: 2 — 6 — 1 — 2

• 10 p.m.: 4 — 0 — 6 — 9

### LUCKY LINES, Nov. 30

3-8-10-14-17-21-25-29

Next jackpot: \$33,000

## SENIOR MENUS

- **FRIDAY:** Chicken a la king, rice, rolls, broccoli, green salad, brownies
- **MONDAY (Dec. 6):** Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, rolls, corn, green salad, pudding
- **TUESDAY (Dec. 7):** Chicken and broccoli fettuccine, zucchini and tomatoes, rolls, 3-bean salad, cookies
- **WEDNESDAY (Dec. 8):** Goulash, green beans, garlic bread, sauerkraut, salad, lemon squares
- **THURSDAY (Dec. 9):** Pork roast, scalloped potatoes, peas, rolls, green salad, bread pudding

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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# Noxious weed of the week

By JEFFREY PETTINGILL

## The enemy

Mistletoe (*Phoradendron macrophyllum*).

This is an evergreen parasitic plant that grows on landscape trees and ornamental in coastal areas. Closer to home, we quite often see infestations of dwarf mistletoe (*Arceuthobium* ssp.) in conifer species in the local mountains.

This plant is parasitic, which means that it uses another plant to survive. It is normally spread by birds, and germinates and roots into the bark and stems of trees. You may have seen this without knowing it. If you look up into a tree and see a very dense section of a branch or one that looks like it has a tumbleweed stuck in it, this is usually mistletoe infestation.

The tree tries to grow around it which causes it to have a very thick branch with smaller stems growing out of it.

Because mistletoe is parasitic, it draws all its moisture and nutrients from the host tree, thus it does not require direct sunlight like many invasive plants.



Colorado State University/Contributed Photo

Dwarf mistletoe in a conifer tree.

It greatly disfigures trees by causing these large clumps in the branches. When in deciduous trees, it will be the only noticeable green growth once the leaves fall off in the fall. Dwarf mistletoe spreads its seeds by forcible discharge of the seeds. They can "launch" their seeds 30 to 40 feet.

## The defense

Mechanical control by pruning out the mistletoe

seems to be the most effective method of control. Cutting the mistletoe from the branch will normally not control it completely as the threadlike roots penetrate well into the branch. Complete removal of the branch is best.

Chemical control can be effective, using a product such as Florel Fruit Eliminator (same thing that keeps crabapples from growing fruit) early in the spring, when the host tree is dormant

is most effective. This type of herbicide is very slow acting and may take a few years to completely control the weed.

This Christmas when you are kissing under the mistletoe, just imagine it is also an unwanted pest in someone else's eyes.

*Jeffrey Pettingill,  
supervisor of the Baker  
County Weed District, can be  
reached at 541-523-0618 or  
541-519-0204.*

## OBITUARIES

### John Widman Sr.

Baker City, 1955-2021

John Widman Sr., 66, of Baker City, died Nov. 22, 2021, at his home.

A private service will be held at a later date with the spreading of his ashes on the family ranch.

John Scott Widman Sr. was born on Nov. 8, 1955, in Baker City to William (Bill) and Lorraine Francis Widman. John was a fourth-generation rancher of the Widman Ranches, which date back to 1864 on Lookout Mountain.

John graduated from Baker High in 1974. While in school he enjoyed playing baseball.

John married Teresa Thompson and they had three children: John Jr., Tasia and Tiffany. They were later divorced.

John worked the ranch and did custom haying until he became sick. After battling cancer and beating it, he later developed other health problems which kept him housebound most of the time.

John is survived by his children, John Widman Jr. of Haines, Tasia (Rob) Mendes of Salem, and Tiffany Widman of Boise; his grandsons, Ismael (Izzy) and Andrew Perez of Amity, Oregon; his brothers, Jack (Diane) Lemmon of Tualatin and Mike Widman of Baker City; his nephew, Wyatt Widman; and many cousins.

John was preceded in death by his parents, Bill and Lorraine Widman; his brother, Billy Widman; his aunt, Bernice Pavelek; and his great-uncles, Fred (Pearl) Widman and Bud (Estel) Powers.

For those who would like to make a donation in memory of John, the family suggests Oregon Health & Science University 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](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com).

### 'Jim' Smith

Formerly of Baker City, 1929-2021

James E. "Jim" Smith, 92, passed in peace on Nov. 17, 2021, in Sisters.

Funeral arrangements are by Niswonger-Reynolds Funeral Home of Bend. A celebration of his life will take place next spring.

Jim was born on April 30, 1929, in Oroville, California, to Eli and Alma (Turk) Smith. The middle of three sons, Jim was raised in the Calveras County communities of Arnold and Angels Camp, where he attended Bret Harte Union High School.

He married Dona Gavette on July 8, 1949, in Minden, Nevada, and together they raised two sons, Daryl and Dane, after migrating north to Hillsboro. Jim started his 38-year career with the city of Forest Grove in 1954, retiring from Cleanwater Services of Washington County in 1992.

After retiring and the passing of his wife, Dona, Jim married Loy (Fossum) Harsin in 1993 and soon thereafter the

couple moved to Baker City, where they remained until Loy passed away in October 2020. Jim relocated to Sisters in July of this year, to be nearer to his sons, and to be lovingly and respectfully cared for by the staff at The Lodge in Sisters.

Jim is survived by his sons, Daryl (Linda) of Salem and Dane (Diane) of Bend; his brother, Steven (Terri) of Baker City; his grandsons, Cory (Crystal) of Forest Grove, Adam (Shanna) of Aloha, and Tyler (Althea) of Salem; his granddaughter, Lyndsey (David) Jones of Florida; six great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. He is also survived by his stepdaughter, Cindy Heesacker of Baker City; his stepsons, Dallas (Laura) of Condon and Kerry (Sue) of Forest Grove; six step-grandchildren and three step-great-grandchildren.

In addition to Dona and Loy, Jim was preceded in death by his parents; his older brother, Winfield; and a nephew, Dale (as well as two of Dale's children) in an Idaho plane crash.

Those acquainted with Jim also were familiar with his lifetime of stories, most told in the context of the particular make/model/year of whatever motorized vehicle played a part. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, motorcycles, old cars and gardening in his later years, and was a member of the Baker City Elks and Eagles organizations.

Memorial contributions can be made to Partners in Care Hospice, 2075 N.E. Wyatt Court, Bend, OR 97701.

## NEWS OF RECORD

### DEATHS

**Frederick Judy:** 80, of Sisters, died Nov. 25, 2021, in Baker City. Arrangements are under the direction of Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel. To leave an online condolence for Frederick's family, go to [www.grayswestco.com](http://www.grayswestco.com).

**Dianna Carol:** 81, of Baker City died Nov. 26, 2021, at Saint Alphonsus Medical Center. Arrangements are under the direction of Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel. To leave an online condolence for Dianna's family, go to [www.grayswestco.com](http://www.grayswestco.com).

**Brenda Stanton:** 55, formerly of Baker City, died Nov. 17, 2021, at St. Charles Hospital in Bend. 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)

### BIRTH

**Hill:** Hannah and Bryce of Haines, a girl, Johannah Hill, Nov. 11, 2021, at 2:30 a.m.; 6 pounds, 14 ounces.

### FUNERAL PENDING

**Michael Myers-Gabiola:** Celebration of life, Saturday, Dec. 4 at 11:30 a.m. at the Baker City Church of the Nazarene, 1250 Hughes Lane. For those who would like to make a donation in memory of Michael, the family asks that they be made to help defray service expenses 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](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com).

### POLICE LOG

**Baker City Police Arrests, citations**  
DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF INTOXICANTS: Trent

Ryan Fisher, 24, Baker City, 9:44 p.m. Monday, Nov. 29 at Fourth Street and Auburn Avenue; cited and released.

**WALLOWA COUNTY WARRANT:** Kody Allen McManus, 25, Baker City, 8:07 p.m. Monday, Nov. 29 at Colorado Street and Foothill Drive; jailed.

**Baker County Sheriff's Office Arrests, citations**

**SECOND-DEGREE ASSAULT, FAILURE TO PERFORM DUTIES OF A DRIVER:** Joseph Michael Randolph, 50, Durkee, 11:10 p.m. Monday, Nov. 29 on Express Road, jailed following a hit and run incident.

**FAILURE TO APPEAR** (Union County warrant): Cody J. Steenhard, 41, Baker City, 8:53 a.m. Monday, Nov. 29 on Elk Creek Road; jailed.

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**ENCANTO** (PG)  
Disney Animation. Mirabel must save her family's magic, although she has no special gift of her own.

Friday 4:20, 7:20  
Sat & Sun 1:10, 4:20, 7:20  
Mon - Thurs 7:20

**HOUSE OF GUCCI** (R)  
When Patrizia Reggiani marries into the Gucci family, her unbridled ambition begins to unravel the family legacy.

Friday 3:45, 7:00  
Sat & Sun 12:30, 3:45, 7:00  
Mon - Thurs 7:00

**GHOSTBUSTERS AFTERLIFE** (PG-13)  
A family discovers they have a connection to the original Ghostbusters and the legacy their grandfather left behind.

Friday 4:10, 7:10  
Sat & Sun 1:00, 4:10, 7:10  
Mon-Thurs 7:10

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