

Local

OBITUARIES

BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14

Baker County Economic Development Council:

3 p.m. at the Courthouse, 1995 Third St. Agenda items include selection of a council chair, and updates from Baker County Commission Chairman Bill Harvey, Baker City Manager Jonathan Cannon, and Baker County Economic Development Director Bryan Tweit.

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO

from the Democrat-Herald December 9, 1971

Baker's recent snow storm has caused hazardous and sometimes impassable conditions on Baker County's highways, and the weather outlook is not promising. State police said Ladd Canyon did not open until 6:30 this morning, and was closed at 1:30 yesterday afternoon.

25 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald December 9, 1996

Sixth-graders returned to classes at Churchill School today after maintenance workers spent the weekend cleaning up damage caused by a Thursday night fire.

The school, at 3451 Broadway St., was closed Friday while workers made necessary repairs to a basement classroom and cleared the heavy smoke smell that permeated the building.

10 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald December 9, 2011

The Wallowa-Whitman National Forest has laid out a big job, and one that's tailor-made for beavers.

But first the district has to entice these industrious, but relatively finicky, rodents to the work site.

In theory, attracting beavers is pretty simple. What you need, mainly, are water and trees.

ONE YEAR AGO

from the Baker City Herald December 10, 2020

The snow was getting deeper and the sun was dipping lower on the horizon, but Sam Belknap was still making slow progress

Until he wasn't.

When his 2015 Toyota Tacoma pickup truck bogged down in about two feet of snow Monday afternoon, Dec. 7, along the Elkhorn Drive Scenic Byway, Belknap figured he and his girlfriend, Shanda McDonald, had a few options.

The couple, who live in San Diego and are on a 10-day road trip to Oregon, a state they had never visited, tried to use the truck's electric winch to extricate the rig.

That didn't work.

They considered trying to walk out, but with each step they sank in to their knees.

And with the winter solstice two weeks away, dark comes early to the Elkhorn Mountains.

Besides which, the couple, unfamiliar with the area, didn't know how far they might have to hike to reach safety.

The nearest home was in reality about 19 miles away. "Walking wasn't viable," Belknap, 28, said in a phone interview Tuesday evening.

The couple's other option happened to be orbiting the Earth about 870 miles up.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, Dec. 6

3 — 18 — 25 — 31 — 35 — 40
Next jackpot: \$6.7 million

POWERBALL, Dec. 6

3 — 21 — 38 — 50 — 59 PB 6
Next jackpot: \$291 million

MEGA MILLIONS, Dec. 7

1 — 7 — 40 — 43 — 68 Mega 1
Next jackpot: \$135 million

WIN FOR LIFE, Dec. 6

44 — 45 — 49 — 50

PICK 4, Dec. 7

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

LUCKY LINES, Dec. 7

1-8-12-15-17-24-28-29

Next jackpot: \$40,000

SENIOR MENUS

- **FRIDAY:** Chicken cordon bleu, rice pilaf, mixed vegetables, rolls, macaroni salad, apple crisp
- **MONDAY (Dec. 13):** Hot turkey sandwiches, stuffing with gravy, mixed vegetables, banana pudding with vanilla wafers, fruit cup
- **TUESDAY (Dec. 14):** Meatloaf, mashed potatoes with gravy, rolls, mixed vegetables, fruit cup, brownies
- **WEDNESDAY (Dec. 15):** Chicken fried chicken, red potatoes, rolls, green salad, sherbet
- **THURSDAY (Dec. 16):** Baked ham, sweet potatoes, rolls, carrots, broccoli-bacon salad, gingerbread

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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Sherry Jurd

McEwen

Sherry L. Jurd (Sherry Howe Jurd), of McEwen, died Nov. 19, 2021, as a result of a heart attack. At the time, Sherry was visiting her granddaughter, Lily, who is undergoing emergency brain surgery in Portland to remove a malignant tumor. The tremendous emotional weight stemming from the potential loss of this precious little girl became too much for her to bear, and her heart gave out while grocery shopping with her beloved husband, Michael.

A celebration of Sherry's life will be take place in the spring or summer of 2022. The date and time will be announced.

Sherry had always dreamed of becoming a Nana, so we are all so very grateful that she was able to experience the incredible joy that her granddaughter brought to her before she departed this Earth, her family said. We will always find comfort in knowing that Sherry is now watching over her sweet Lily Bean. Making sure that Lily is comfortable, protected from pain, and ever aware of just how much she is loved.

Sherry's light was, and will always be, extraordinarily bright.

Born in Akron, Ohio, to Emily Howe and Frank L. Howe, Sherry was the oldest of her siblings, including her two brothers, Richard and Larry, and her sister Marsha. Tragically, Marsha was killed at an early age in a freak accident. Being very close to Marsha, Sherry often talked fondly of her to friends and family. This was the kind of person Sherry was; able to shine light and love even through the most tragic of circumstances.

Leaving Ohio while she was still a teenager, Sherry headed to Paradise Camp, California, where she graduated from Santa Ynez High, class of 1965. She gave birth a few years later to a beautiful baby girl in January of 1968. Unfortunately, having no means to support a child, she made a heart-wrenching decision that would shape the rest of her life. She put her daughter up for adoption. This was a decision that became deeply regretted by Sherry later in life. But it was also one that ultimately blossomed into something truly amazing and miraculous further down the life paths of her and her family.

A few years later, Sherry moved to Santa Barbara, California, where she met and fell in love with her life partner, Michael Jurd. The couple formed the first of several bands, this one called Sweetheart, and entertained audiences in the Santa Barbara area with their amazing harmonies and melodies for

NEWS OF RECORD

DEATHS

Douglas C. Humphress: 83, of Baker City, died Dec. 6, 2021, at Saint Alphonsus Medical Center-Baker City. A visitation will take place today, Dec. 9 from noon to 4 p.m. at Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave. A graveside service with military honors will take place Friday, Dec. 10 at 1 p.m. at Mount Hope Cemetery with Pastor Tim Fisher of the Elkhorn Baptist Church officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Toys for Tots or the Baker City Police Department through Gray's West & Co., 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814. To leave an online condolence for Douglas' family, go to www.graywestco.com.

Helen S. 'Sandy' Watson: 72, of Boise, died Dec. 4, 2021, at Saint Alphonsus Medical Center in Boise. Services are under the direction of Coles Tribute Center, 1950 Place St., Baker City, OR. To light a candle in memory of Sandy, go to www.colestribute-center.com.

several years. In 1972 the budding musicians moved to Felton, California, and played even more music with their bands Jericho Stitch and



Sherry Jurd

Caribou in that city and in Santa Cruz for four more years. They were married in their backyard in Felton, overlooking the redwoods, in 1975.

The newlyweds moved to Sumpter in the fall of 1976, celebrating their first Christmas in a cozy cabin without running water or electricity. They both have said that that was one of the most memorable Christmases either had ever had. They purchased property in McEwen two years later, and built a home together from the ground up which they have lived and loved in ever since.

In 1979, Sherry and Michael had a baby boy, Landis, and welcomed their second son, Kelley, into the world in 1982. For Sherry's 50th birthday, the family surprised her by reintroducing her firstborn daughter, Charmagne Howe Douglas. Sherry, who had long told her immediate family about the daughter and sister they all shared through her, was beaming through joyous, heartfelt tears when their connection was once again established ... her family had become complete. Family was the most important thing to her and she adored her three children, keeping very close relationships to them into adulthood. She even learned how to use an iPhone to keep up with texting!

Committed and loyal to her careers, as well as providing for her family, several places that Sherry was employed throughout the years include Pioneer Savings and Loan (head teller), Farm Credit (financial officer), New Directions Northwest (human resources manager), Baker City Bi-Mart (cashier), and Sumpter Nugget (cashier/tender).

In addition to her working life, Sherry had many creative interests. Not only was she a lead vocalist in their final band that her and Michael had created — The Deer Creek Band — but she was also a highly skilled blanket and clothes maker. Often found with hooks in hand while she talked with friends and family, her passion for crochet eventually led her to a new style called "Mochila." She became a member of sev-

eral Mochila groups, and her handiwork was requested, distributed and is admired by many, far and wide.

When not crocheting or singing in front of local audiences, Sherry enjoyed going for walks with her loyal companion dog and buddy, Mac, wrestling yarn away from her cat, Cheese (and then untangling the mess left in the wake), sharing time with her loving family and friends, engaging in engrossing and meandering conversations with her lovely daughter-in-law, and of course, being a mother to her children, and a Nana to her beautiful granddaughter.

Sherry's survivors include the love of her life and ever devoted husband, Michael; her brothers, Larry and Richard Howe; her children, Charmagne, Landis and Kelley; her daughter-in-law, Briana, and her beautiful baby granddaughter, Lily.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Louise Hopkins and Robert A. Marshall Howe; her mother, Emily Howe; her father, Frank Howe; her stepmother, Peggy Howe; and her sister, Marsha Howe.

Sherry was the type of mother, mother-in-law, Nana, sibling, wife, and friend that Tolkien-esque tales are made of. The world may be a bit darker for those of us without her on this plane of existence, but ... the life she led, the tears she cried, the belly laughs she couldn't contain, as well as the amazing love for life she reminds us of, will continue to shine down upon us all ... and always be remembered.

Exceptionally kind. Eternally graceful. Forever loved.

In lieu of flowers the family requests contributions be made to Sherry's granddaughter Lily Jurd's GoFundMe page for her recovery and healing expenses, at <https://www.gofundme.com/lilyanne-jurd>, or checks made to Landis Jurd (monies to go into Lily's account) through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home, P.O. Box 543, Halfway, OR 97834. Online condolences can be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

'Tory' Carnahan

Formerly of Baker City, 1952-2021

Victoria Ann "Tory" Carnahan, 69, formerly of Baker City, died Nov. 17,

2021, with her family by her side.

Memorial services will take place at a later date in Baker County.

Born on Jan.

9, 1952, in French Camp, California, to George and Kathryn Purcell, Tory grew up in Sonoma County, graduating from El Molino High School in 1970. She later earned an

associate of arts degree from Blue Mountain Community College in 2009.

Tory was married to the late Duane Carnahan in 1980 and they lived in Richland until his passing, then relocated to nearby Baker City.

Tory was a strong, loving, and generous woman, serving as a wife, mother, grandmother, and nurse to everyone in her life. She always put herself last on the list, taking care of others first, including her beloved animals. Tending as a dedicated nurse since 1973, she devoted her heart and time to the compassionate care of her patients all the way from California to Oregon.

She endured so many challenges throughout her life, combating serious health issues over the last several years. Her boys, family, and sense of humor kept her going through it all.

Tory loved nature in all its wonder and beauty, exploring and visiting new places as often as possible. She also found her passion for the arts including drawing, sketching, painting, and some of the most beautiful stained-glass creations.

"It makes me smile thinking of how much Tory loved her sons and the pure unselfish love her sons gave her," said her sister, Teresa.

Tory is loved and missed by all who knew her. Tory is survived by three of her sons: Jason Hoecker of Baker City, Eric Carnahan of San Antonio, and Caleb Carnahan and his wife of Baker City. She is also survived by grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband in 1988; and her first-born son, Michael Hoecker, in 2015.

The family insists the greatest honor to Tory would be a donation to the Humane Society, in lieu of flowers.

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

ENCANTO (PG)
Disney Animation. Mirabel must save her family's magic, although she has no special gift of her own.
Friday 4:10, 7:10
Sat & Sun 1:10, 4:10, 7:10
Mon - Thurs 7:10

GHOSTBUSTERS AFTERLIFE (PG-13)
A family discovers they have a connection to the original Ghostbusters and the legacy their grandfather left behind.
Friday 4:00, 7:00
Sat & Sun 1:00, 4:00, 7:00
Mon-Thurs 7:00

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