

# Obituary

## Bruce Barker

May 30, 1950 – August 2020

Bruce Barker, 70, of Sisters, passed away at his home, August 16, with his family by his side.

Bruce was born May 30, 1950 in Eugene, to Walter and Effie Barker. He attended Elmira High School, as well as Lane Community College. He proudly served in the United States Army.

He later married the love of his life, Marilyn, on July 25, 1998. Together they shared a family of four chil-



dren: Brandon (Jamie) of Junction City, Craig (Julie) of Billings, Montana, Jeff (Lana) of Springfield, and Christi of Beaverton.

He is also survived by his four siblings, Phyllis Burge of Prineville; Dale Barker of Lynnwood, Washington; Patty Liles of Sherwood; and Ellen Engholm of Elmira. He has nine grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Bruce was a dedicated employee at Springfield Utility Board, serving the community for 39 years. He retired in 2013 as a water general foreman in a supervisory position.

He had numerous outdoor passions including hunting with his mules and horses in the wilderness, raising cattle, being an avid sportsman, and enjoying the rodeos.

After moving to Sisters, Bruce quickly made friends within his community, as he always did. He joined the Sisters Rodeo Association and immediately fit right in.

In 2018, he was honored with the "Volunteer of The

Year Award" for his time and dedication to making the 2018 Sisters Rodeo a huge success. He was also honored at the Klamath Falls Mule Packing Clinic for his many years of service, prior to moving to Sisters.

To many he was adored for his infectious smile, his kindness, his hard work, going that extra mile and being a true friend and neighbor. He will never be forgotten. Heaven has truly received a special cowboy. He shall be missed by all.

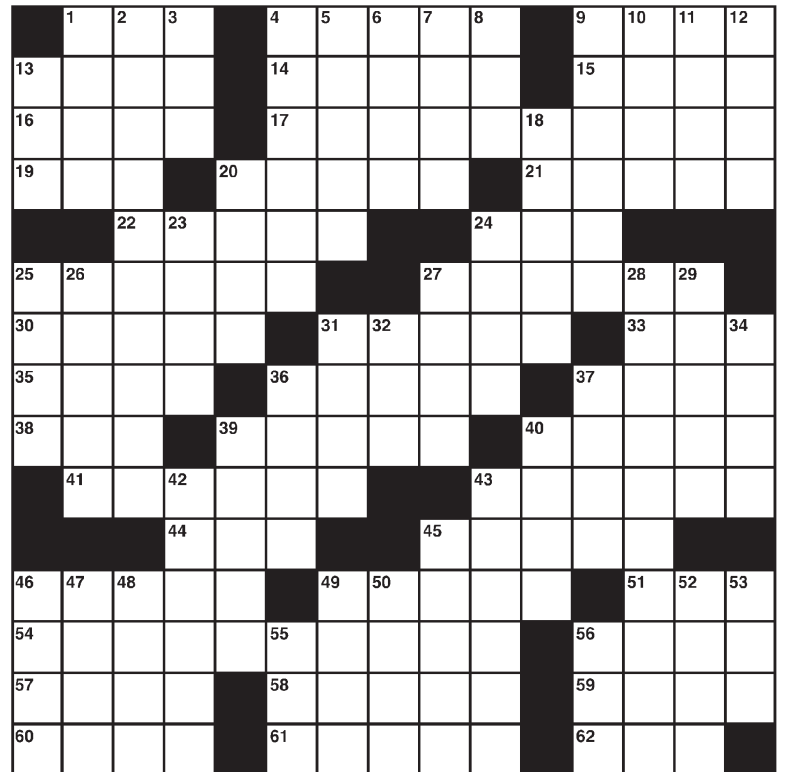
In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you donate to the Oregon U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management, Wild Horse and Burro Program located in Hines, or a wild horse refuge of your choice, in Bruce's honor.

A memorial service was held at Sisters Rodeo Grounds, Saturday, August 22. The family would like to thank the Sisters Rodeo Association & the entire community for their love and support.

# The Nugget Newspaper Crossword

By Jacqueline E. Mathews, Tribune News Service

- ACROSS**
- 1 Baseball's Gehrig
  - 4 Goes before others
  - 9 Part of aka
  - 13 Moist
  - 14 Second most populous nation
  - 15 "\_\_\_ on Me"; hit song in 1972
  - 16 \_\_\_ up; admits guilt
  - 17 At a \_\_\_; not moving
  - 19 TV crime drama series
  - 20 Rose thorn locations
  - 21 Bothersome
  - 22 \_\_\_ money; bills
  - 24 Knight's title
  - 25 Japanese dictator of old
  - 27 Company
  - 30 "\_\_\_ Piper picked a peck..."
  - 31 Attracts
  - 33 Wheel center
  - 35 Log choppers
  - 36 Lukewarm
  - 37 Tiny skin opening
  - 38 Part of a royal flush
  - 39 Lucifer
  - 40 Baton \_\_\_, LA
  - 41 Word before symbol or quo
  - 43 Take-out food
  - 44 Butcher's trimming
  - 45 Canines
  - 46 Charisma
  - 49 Dog tormentors
  - 51 Corn site
  - 54 Wedding galas
  - 56 Alien spaceships
  - 57 Raw minerals
  - 58 Gold bar
  - 59 Dines
  - 60 Ritzy; elegant
  - 61 One's equals
  - 62 Ernie with a club
- DOWN**
- 1 Mandates
  - 2 Almighty
  - 3 Higher-\_\_\_; superiors
  - 4 Hear
  - 5 Go in
  - 6 Actor West
  - 7 Rackets
  - 8 Down in the dumps
  - 9 Modifies
  - 10 Luau keepsakes
  - 11 Polio vaccine developer
  - 12 "\_\_\_ the Lonely"; Roy Orbison hit
  - 13 Holliday or Severinsen
  - 18 Undercover agents
  - 20 Cowboy boot spike
  - 23 "Rock of \_\_\_"; Protestant hymn
  - 24 Brought charges against
  - 25 Quarrel
  - 26 Witch's spells
  - 27 Big smile
  - 28 Considerate
  - 29 Increase suddenly
  - 31 Allows
  - 32 Put \_\_\_ fight; resist
  - 34 Lager
  - 36 Opposite of slack
  - 37 After-dinner wine
  - 39 \_\_\_ out; eradicate
  - 40 McClanahan & others
  - 42 Make \_\_\_ start; begin again
  - 43 Wild animals
  - 45 Pavarotti or Caruso
  - 46 Cut short
  - 47 Bronze Star recipient
  - 48 Expert combat pilots
  - 49 Traffic ticket penalty
  - 50 Part of a theater
  - 52 "Boy, am I clumsy!"
  - 53 Feminine ending
  - 55 Uber driver's bonus
  - 56 Take advantage of



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## PROPERTY: Downtown Sisters lot has been empty since 2005

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remained undeveloped since the Chevron station that occupied it for years was removed in 2005. It has been used for some events like a Wild West Show and craft fairs, though those uses proved controversial among some local business owners.

Veroske told *The Nugget* that he has considered a project that would build commercial space on the property with 19 condominium spaces above. However, he said, costs of construction, and constraints related to building height and parking essentially make the property undevelopable.

"The rents will not support

the cost of construction," he said. "There is just not enough year-round business in Sisters to support new construction. It would be very surprising if this property could be developed at all in the quite immediate future. In my mind, it's just not economically feasible to develop on it."

He said it is not financially viable for him to donate the property to the City for public space.

Misley pointed out that the City of Sisters is entering into its comprehensive plan update — which is where changes to building height restrictions and parking requirements could be originated.

"We are updating our comprehensive plan, and if that's how you feel, you should make your voice known," he said.