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Baker's Own Rosie the Riveter

By Gina Perkins

"Every one of her grandchildren were convinced they were her favorites. I knew for sure I was!" said Carrie Folkman about her grandmother, Rose "Fuzz" Leigh Morrison, who passed away at the age of 89 on Oct. 24.

Morrison, along with her husband, Ernie established Mt. View Mobile Manor and RV Park located on Hughes Lane in 1959.

"Four generations of our family have been living on the property for the last several years," said Folkman. Mt. View RV just celebrated their 55th year of business this summer.

Submitted photo
Ernie and Rose

Worried about the growing presence of gangs in southern California in the 1950s, Rose and her husband, Ernie, sold their established business in California and went on a road trip to find the right opportunity. Like many people who have made the Baker Valley their home, the couple fell in love with the beautiful Elkhorn. They purchased 13 acres which had formerly been home to [illegible] as the site of their new business.

Rose and Ernie were mobile home court business owners.

"Erhardt always said he wondered why in the world Ernie chose to build his mobile home park so far from town," mused Folkman. At the time, nothing much was located past the Shady Park Court, which was another travel park located just south of the present DMV and across from Sid Johnson's contracting office on Tenth Street.

Virginia Buckfink said, "I remember Erhardt thinking that being so far from town would make it difficult. But it worked, and they did a beautiful job of starting and operating the business. Of course, now it's not at all out of town, but at the time it was."

Long before marrying Ernie and moving to Baker City, Morrison and her sister, Pauline worked for Douglas Aircraft in Long Beach, Calif. Her job was to climb into the nose of B-17s and secure the plexi-glass nose piece to the frame. The real-life Rosie had joined the ranks of the cultural icon, "Rosie the Riveter" during World War II. This phrase, of course, referred to American women who began working in the factories, often times producing munitions and war supplies during war time.

In Aug. of 2007, the "Sentimental Journey" B-17 came to Baker City and Morrison got the opportunity to reminisce and share the history of her significant contributions to the aircraft and the war effort with three generations of family, [illegible] granddaughters Austin and Taylor [illegible]

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Don Daggett, Senior VP of Banner Bank unveils plaque.

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Local Woman Inducted into Bicycling Hall of Fame

By Emily Braswell

Candid, strong-willed, athletic, passionate, amusing, motivated and caring are just a few words which seem to only scratch the surface when describing one of the US Bicycling Hall of Fame's 2014 inductees, Inga Thompson of Halfway, Ore.

Located in Davis, Calif., the US Bicycling Hall of Fame inducts four people each year; one for each category of recognition. It recently held its 28th Annual Induction Ceremony to honor this year's new inductees who are recognized for their contributions to the sport based on their tremendous success in racing and/or enriching the sport of cycling through their lifelong endeavors. Thompson received the recognition for "Modern Road – Present Generation."

"I've been trying to keep this quiet, actually. But it seems that I have some spies who keep pretty good tabs on me!" Thompson joked.

Her humorously candid interview gave a great sense of her overall perspective on life. She's still not really sure why she was chosen to be inducted [illegible] Hall of Fame, but [illegible] her story and [illegible] list of [illegible] sight in [illegible]

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Practices will be Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday Feb. 3-5 at the BHS Commons from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

The performance will be Friday, Feb. 6; meet at the BHS Commons at 7:30 p.m.

Registration is $30 per athlete, to be received by Jan. 20. Additional $5 per athlete will be assessed for late registration. Fee includes tuition, one camp t-shirt, pom-poms, and participant's entry into game for the performance. Adult tickets are $5 each and are not included.

Checks should be made payable to BHS Cheerleading and sent along with the registration form below to: BHS Cheer Camp, 2500 "E" Street, Baker City, OR 97814. Questions? Please contact Coach Hope Perkins at 541-450-1376 or by email at bhscheerleading@hotmail.com.

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Wild Turkey:

It's not your American Bald Eagle

...but it is a heck of a bird

By Sheryl Blossom

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