

# Local

## BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

■ **Baker County Commission:** 9 am. to noon; for details about how to access the meeting, go to bakercounty.org

### TUESDAY, MAY 12

■ **Baker City Council:** 7 p.m., Zoom video meeting; more information is available by contacting klafavor@cityhall.

## TURNING BACK THE PAGES

### 50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald May 5, 1970

The 5J school board passed a resolution Wednesday morning to put the question of a new tax base before the 5J public in the May 26 primary election.

### 25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald May 5, 1995

(EDITORIAL) — If Baker City had its own “Green Grocer,” it was Francis Chaves, who died May 1, 1995, after a lifetime of service to his community. A Baker City native, Mr. Chaves is remembered by old-timers as a grocer. He was at first co-owner, and eventually the sole owner of Chaves Food Land, which is where Coast-to-Coast is today.

The building housed a flower shop on the Second Street side and when Mr. Chaves was in his early 40s he became the owner of The Flower Box, which he operated in various locations until his death.

### 10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald May 5, 2010

Driving to Thief Valley Reservoir Dam to fish is now almost as easy as flipping over a spinning reel.

The 1.3-mile road to the dam, once often tougher to drive than reeling in a steelhead with light tackle, is dramatically better this spring.

### ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald May 6, 2019

SUMPTER — Jim Delgado has visited the wreck of the Titanic, so you might expect that he would scarcely bother even to ponder the significance of the Sumpter Dredge, which has never been within 200 miles of an ocean and most probably will never be the subject of an Oscar-winning film.

This is patently not so.

As Delgado stood inside the hulking gold-mining machine Thursday morning he spoke with emotion and eloquence about why he believes this contraption is truly a treasure.

He rapped his knuckle on a steel rivet and marveled at the workmanship.

He drew a finger along a Douglas-fir beam on which a worker scrawled words more than half a century ago.

He paused occasionally, as if to search for the words to express why this vessel — and indeed it is a boat, albeit a most unusual one — affects him so deeply, a man who in his 47-year career has traveled the globe and inspected the remnants of some of the world’s most famous ships.

Delgado, who is one of America’s more renowned maritime archaeologists, answers the question in multiple ways, but they can be distilled to a single word.

“People.”

## OREGON LOTTERY

### MEGABUCKS, May 2

20 — 23 — 30 — 42 — 44 — 46

Next jackpot: \$3.9 million

### POWERBALL, May 2

13 — 16 — 33 — 58 — 68 PB 24

Next jackpot: \$59 million

### MEGA MILLIONS, May 1

28 — 30 — 31 — 35 — 66 Mega 14

Next jackpot: \$215 million

### WIN FOR LIFE, May 2

11 — 18 — 43 — 55

### PICK 4, May 3

• 1 p.m.: 8 — 3 — 5 — 5

• 4 p.m.: 2 — 6 — 8 — 2

• 7 p.m.: 2 — 5 — 8 — 6

• 10 p.m.: 4 — 7 — 5 — 1

### LUCKY LINES, May 3

3-8-11-15-17-23-28-32

Next jackpot: \$47,000

## SENIOR MENUS

- **WEDNESDAY:** Chicken-fried chicken, potatoes and gravy, corn, bread, green salad, cake
- **THURSDAY:** Pork roast, parslid red potatoes, carrots, roll, pea-and-onion salad, ice cream
- **FRIDAY:** Baked cod, cup of clam chowder, roll, coleslaw, lemon bar
- **MONDAY (MAY 11):** Baked ham, sweet potatoes, peas, biscuit, carrot-raisin salad, apple crisp
- **TUESDAY (MAY 12):** Chicken Kiev with hollandaise, broccoli-blend vegetables, roll, gelatin with fruit, tapioca

Public luncheon at the Senior Center, 2810 Cedar St., 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; \$4.50 donation (60 and older), \$6.75 for those under 60. Due to the coronavirus crisis, meals must be picked up; there is no dining on site.

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### Evelyn Ryan

Baker City, 1950-2020

H. Evelyn (Witham) Ryan, 74, a former Baker City resident, died April 15, 2020, in Pennsylvania.

Evelyn was born on Aug. 27, 1945, at Baker City to Harvey and Hertha Witham and was a fifth-generation Bakerite. She graduated from Baker High School in 1963 and attended Eastern Oregon College. In 1964 she married Robert Ryan, and they had three children.

For many years they lived at Great Falls, Montana, and in 2000 they moved to Scranton, Pennsylvania, to be near their children. She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother and nothing made her happier than to have her family around her dining room table. She was also a devoted church member and helped to build many churches in communities.

She is survived by her husband, Bob, of Allentown, Pennsylvania; three children, Mike Ryan and Mollie Peiren, both of Wallkill, New York, and Mitch Ryan of Factoryville, New Jersey; two grandchildren, Brady and Jake; three sisters, Jeanne Schumacher of Baker City, Reba Sharp of Beaverton and Anna Baum of La Grande.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Harvey and Hertha, and a much-loved grandmother, Maudie, who always referred to her as “Sissy.”

### Richard Rudolph

Baker City, 1951-2020

Richard J. Rudolph, 69, of Baker City, died at his home in the wee hours of the morning on April 29, 2020, with his brother, Tony, and his feline companion, Roc, by his side after a valiant battle with mesothelioma.

Per his request there will be no funeral and his ashes will be placed at his favorite fishing spot.

Richard was born on Feb. 6, 1951, at Albany to Betty and Kenneth Rudolph. He was the fourth-oldest of 11 children. Raised in Albany, Richard attended elementary school at St. Mary’s Catholic School, then went on to Albany Union High School and graduated in 1969. Later, he studied wastewater treatment at Linn Benton Community College for two years. When he was 48, he attended Clackamas Community College where he studied Liberal Arts for two years.

He married Beth Vongchanglor on Dec. 9, 1978, at Vancouver, Washington. They divorced in February of 1985. Even though he never remarried or had any children, he loved all of his many nieces and nephews.

Richard lived in various places during his life, including Calita, California, Appleton, Wisconsin, Flagstaff, Arizona, Vancouver, Washington, and Portland, Tigard, Aurora and Canby in Oregon before settling in Baker City in 2001. One particular accomplishment that he was the most proud of was designing and building his own house here in Baker City, with a little help from his friends.

His work history includes being a production manager

for Timjoist Inc. in Tualatin for about five years and working for the Coca-Cola Company in Wilsonville, where he was the production manager for 10 years. After he moved to Baker City he was hired on as a handyman in 2002 for Nelson Real Estate. He enjoyed that job for six years and the management and staff loved him.

He was an avid sports fan and cheered on the Portland Trail Blazers, Seattle Seahawks, Seattle Mariners and the Oregon State Beavers. He loved the outdoors, especially in the fall, and enjoyed fishing, family gatherings, drawing, painting, gardening, writing and music.

Richard lived by the Golden Rule and enjoyed helping people. After being diagnosed with Parkinson’s disease in 2000, Richard later found out that he was a good candidate for Deep Brain Stimulation therapy or DBS. He had the procedure and it helped him so much that he volunteered to be an advocate for those with Parkinson’s who had questions about his experience. He called his endeavor Movers & Shakers. He also enjoyed Tai Chi classes at Community Connection where he greeted everyone with a smile and loved reaching out to new members and helping them learn the moves.

Richard is survived by his sister, Barbara Sanders, and her husband, Mike, of Green Valley, Arizona; his brothers Lindsay Rudolph of Vancouver, Washington, John Rudolph and his wife, Susan, of Portland, David Rudolph and his wife, Libby, of Baker City, and Tony Rudolph and his wife, Sherry, of Baker City; his nieces, Amy, Ashley, Alexia, Jordan, Sarah, Erika, Leslie, Lisa, Nicole and Shelly; his nephews, Thomas, Lindsay, Joe, Brian, Lee, Koby, J.C., Robby, Tee, Jack, Patrick, Shane and Phillip.

Richard was preceded in death by his parents; his brothers, Tom Fulcer, and Mick and Gerry Rudolph; and his sisters, Patricia “Trish” Stoelting and LaVonna “Vonnie” McPherson.

For those who would like to make a donation in memory of Richard, the family suggests Community Connection (provides Meals on Wheels, food bank) or Best Friends (animal care and rescue) 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)

### Charles Chinn

Baker City, 1927-2020

Charles M. Chinn Jr., 93, of Baker City, died April 26, 2020.

Interment was Saturday, May 2, with a private graveside service at Mount Hope Cemetery. Pastor Ian Wolfe officiated. Honorary pallbearers were Duane Schaefer, Michael Chinn, Rory Noble, Keith Chinn, Craig Chinn, C.J. Chinn and Jacob Chinn. Although quarantine measures limited attendees, friends attended the service remotely from their cars on the adjacent street while accessing the service though video provided by Gray’s West & Co. Pioneer Chapel.

### Charlie “Chick” Chinn

was born on March 4, 1927, at Portland. The son of Charles M. Chinn Sr. and Violet Lucy Roberts Chinn, he grew up at Wingville and graduated from Baker High School in 1945.

After graduation he was drafted into the U.S. Army, serving from 1945 to 1947. He was honorably discharged with the rank of surgical tech 4 after serving on the USNS hospital ship, the Comfort. He worked for 36 years as a Farm Services Technician for Farmterials, retiring in 1988.

Charlie loved hunting: from elk on the Minam, to chukars on the Snake River; to pheasants, ducks, geese and grouse in the Baker Valley. His knowledge of animals and the number of years he was able to spend hunting allowed him to harvest 42 elk. The pinnacle of his hunting career was drawing a bighorn sheep tag and successfully bringing home a “dandy” from the Jordan Valley — all of this despite the limitation of his vision loss due to macular degeneration.

He loved being out in the mountains: harvesting firewood for winter fuel, exploring old mines, and scouting good fishing spots — his favorite spot was just north of “No Tellum Creek.”

Charlie’s parents established their farm in Wingville in the early 1930s and it was his lifelong home except for his two-year stint in the U.S. Army. In 1954 he married his sweetheart, Judy Fales, and built her a home on the farm where they raised their two children, Mike and Sharon.

Charlie enjoyed farming both crops and livestock. After retirement in 1988, Charlie had more time to devote to his livestock, tending flocks of pigeons, chickens and sheep. Wild birds flocked to the Chinn farm as Charlie fed quail, finches and doves, while he fought off the varmints that plagued his flocks. Each spring, neighbors saw Charlie going to feed his bummer lambs with milk bottles sticking out of all four of his shirt pockets.

He enjoyed gardening, growing vegetables, gladiolas and iris, and maintaining a beautiful yard despite his ongoing battle with the gophers.

When he wasn’t working outdoors, he spent many enjoyable hours listening to audio books through the Oregon Talking Books Library.

Charlie conducted his life according to the “code of the west” and raised his family accordingly: A person’s word is their bond, promises are always kept, provide for widows and orphans, eat what you kill, watch where you point your gun, leave the gate as you find it, be a member of the clean plate club and don’t squat on your spurs.

He relished eating lunch every week with the ROMEOs (Retired Old Men Eating Out) also known as the Gray Beards — swapping stories and eventually entertaining everyone in the whole restaurant as members became more dependent on their hearing aids.

Charlie and Judy enjoyed



Charles Chinn

traveling: touring through all of the states west of the Mississippi River and all Canadian provinces adjoining the United States, camping inside the Arctic Circle, and attending reunions of the post-World War II crew of the USNS Comfort.

An accredited Master Hunter, Charlie also was proud to have taught Hunter Safety classes to more than 300 kids, ushering them into the world of firearm safety and responsible hunting.

At First Lutheran Church Charlie taught Sunday School and participated in the after-school Kids Club, often acting in the skits illustrating the lesson of the day. Though no longer able to serve as the church’s egg merchant, he remained a regular attendee at services, sitting in the third pew back on the left hand side wearing the bright red quilted vest tailored by his wife Judy.

Charlie was a man of Baker Valley. His dedication to community and family was a lifelong constant. He loved Judy, his family, his buddy, Duane, and the First Lutheran Church. With his passing we know that he is now looking for new hunting pastures as well as trying to eradicate whitetop wherever he might find it growing in heaven.

Hopefully, we can all emulate Charlie’s care for the Baker Valley and all who live here. He will be missed, but as long as we try to “tail up” anyone we see who needs help, we will be acting as he would have done — just as Charlie’s friends did for him and Judy during the last months of his life. There could be no better tribute to a life well lived.

The family would like to thank Heart ’N Home Hospice for the love and care they gave Charlie.

He is survived by his wife, Judith Chinn, of Wingville; his son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Nancy Chinn of Boise; his daughter and son-in-law, Sharon and Rory Noble of Baker City; his brother-in-law, David Fales, and his wife, Patty, of Payette, Idaho; his sister-in-law, Arcella Hall, and her husband, Ken, of Orangevale, California; his grandsons, Keith Chinn and his wife, Ginger, of Kaysville, Utah, Craig Chinn and his wife, Kristy, of Irvine, California, C.J. Chinn and his wife, Jannie, of Huntington Beach, California, Jacob Chinn and his wife, Tiffany, of Concord, California; his granddaughter, DeeDee Osborn and her husband, Ryan, of Portland; and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First Lutheran Church Memorial Fund, Oregon Talking Books and Braille Library, or American Macular Degeneration Foundation through Gray’s West & Co., 1500 Dewey Avenue, Baker City, OR 97814.

To light a candle in memory of Charlie, or to leave a condolence for his family, go to [www.grayswestco.com](http://www.grayswestco.com)

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