

Local

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald July 11, 1970

The Blue Mountain Chapter of the Oregon Pilots Association will hold a fly-in picnic, Saturday, July 12, at the Homer Clark International Flight strip, according to Forrest L. Epley, publicity chairman for the chapter.

The strip is located about 7.5 miles northwest of Baker and about 8 miles west of the Baker airport. Those who do not wish to land at the Clark strip may land at the Baker Airport. Those landing at Baker should contact Jon Croghan so pickup arrangements can be made.

This meeting will be open to all pilots whether they belong to the OPA or not.

25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald July 12, 1995

If you want the Baker City Council to know what you think about a local group's efforts to have the state build a secure juvenile prison in or near Baker City, grab a pencil or turn on your typewriter or computer.

Councilors want your written comments about the prison proposal.

They'll accept comments any time, but your opinions will have more impact if you get them to the council by July 20.

10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald July 12, 2010

The City Council's relatively meager agenda Tuesday includes one major task: deciding how to go about hiring a city manager.

Manager Steve Bogart announced last month that he will resign Sept. 23.

Bogart, who was hired in late January for a one-year contract, recommends councilors use a different search strategy than the one they employed last summer after City Manager Steve Brocato was fired by a 4-3 vote.

Last year the city conducted the search, accepted applications for about six weeks and then had the Council review the list of about 75 applicants and pare the roster to a group of finalists.

ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald July 12, 2019

Bob Borders isn't sure who's voice woke him up Monday night at his home on Taggart Lane north of Baker City.

Was it the voice of someone who wanted to do him harm, or was it the voice of his protector?

The way everything turned out, the 65-year-old Borders is more inclined to believe he was protected when 23-year-old Colby James Hedman arrived at his door and entered his home about 10:30 Monday night.

Borders told the story in a telephone interview while working at his part-time job at Thatcher's Ace Hardware Thursday afternoon. He retired from his job as a hospital administrator about eight years ago.

Borders said he was home alone asleep in his chair in the living room when Hedman happened along Taggart Lane Monday night.

Police believe Hedman stole a Toyota pickup truck from the man he is accused of murdering in Walla Walla, Washington, just a few hours before he arrived on the Borders' property just north of Baker City.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, July 8
27 — 32 — 36 — 37 — 38 — 45
Next jackpot: \$3.8 million

POWERBALL, July 8
3 — 10 — 34 — 36 — 62 PB 5
Next jackpot: \$79 million

MEGA MILLIONS, July 7
16 — 20 — 25 — 30 — 43 Mega 18
Next jackpot: \$83 million

WIN FOR LIFE, July 8
14 — 25 — 33 — 71
PICK 4, July 9
• 1 p.m.: 6 — 2 — 4 — 9
• 4 p.m.: 6 — 1 — 4 — 4
• 7 p.m.: 2 — 0 — 3 — 2
• 10 p.m.: 9 — 8 — 2 — 9
LUCKY LINES, July 9
4-7-11-14-20-22-26-29
Next jackpot: \$30,000

SENIOR MENUS

- **MONDAY:** Chicken-fried chicken, potatoes and gravy, peas, biscuit, cottage cheese with fruit, brownie
- **TUESDAY:** Barbecue meatballs, rice pilaf, mixed vegetables, bread, carrot-raisin salad, ice cream
- **WEDNESDAY:** Breaded pork loin, baked potato, green beans, roll, fruit cup, cheesecake
- **THURSDAY:** Chef's salad, breadsticks, pea-and-onion salad, apple crisp
- **FRIDAY:** Beef pot roast, parslied red potatoes, carrots, roll, brocoli-bacon salad, 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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Party set Sunday to honor graduates

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High school seniors missed out on multiple traditions this spring due to the coronavirus, so the Baker City Church of the Nazarene wants to start a new one for graduates.

This Sunday the church will host the inaugural All Church

Graduation Party.

"We're just disappointed senior year got canceled and wanted to do something for the seniors," said Kaylee Tilford, the church's youth pastor.

The party will be split into two separate events, both at the Family Life Center on

the church property at 1250 Hughes Lane.

A community celebration for seniors, with family members and church members welcome to join, will take place from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A youth group party for grades 7-12 will follow from

6 p.m. to 8 p.m., with grad-themed games.

Organizers will be asking attendees to wear face masks and follow social distancing guidelines.

"We really want our seniors to know that they're not alone, and that we're here for them," Tilford said.

County's Census response lagging

By Sam Anthony
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Baker County residents have been relatively sluggish in responding to the U.S. Census Bureau, but the agency responsible for the once-per-decade population count is giving residents an extra 3 months due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The Census results don't just affect the numbers printed on highway signs or maps.

According to Counting for Dollars 2020, a project run by George Washington University, Oregon receives \$2,492 in federal funding for every person counted in the Census. That's money that was paid in federal taxes that returns to local programs and the economy.

Jeanie Dexter, finance director for Baker City, said that when residents return their Census form it brings money to the city through liquor and cigarette taxes.

The state distributes that revenue based on population.

Although responses usually are due on July 31, the application deadline has been moved to Oct. 31 due to COVID-19. Citizens who don't respond to the self-response survey should expect a visit from Census Bureau workers who will be visiting people at their homes, said Misty Slater, a public information officer for the Bureau.

As of Wednesday, Baker County had a 53.6% response rate to the self-survey, while Baker City had a

response rate of 66.1%. The average self-response rate for Oregon is 64.3%.

"Every person is important to be counted," said Slater, referring specifically to rural areas where she said workers will also be visiting if self-surveys aren't returned.

The head count could have potential ramifications for Baker City in particular, as its population could potentially reach the 10,000 mark for the first time. The city's official population at the 2010 Census was 9,828. The city's highest population in a Census was 9,986, in 1960.

If Baker City hits the 10,000 mark, it could be required to do additional testing of its water and wastewater, said Michelle Owen, the city's public works director.

BURGERS

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Garn Brady moved his family to Baker City in 1960 to open the first Arctic Circle restaurant in Oregon. The drive-in opened on July 16, 1960. Bob Brady was 3.

This was before Interstate 84 was built, and 10th Street was part of Highway 30, the main route through Baker City.

But when the freeway opened in the early 1970s most through traffic bypassed 10th Street.

In 1981 Garn Brady decided not to renew his contract with Arctic Circle. He changed the restaurant's name to Happy Burger.

The drive-in's current name — Burger Bob's — dates to 2003. Brady said Burger Bob has been his nickname since high school.

Brady had the first anniversary celebration in 1994, the drive-in's 34th year. He sold 1,200 hamburgers for 34 cents each.

Brady celebrated the anniversary every year for many years but it got to the point

where the griddle wasn't big enough to handle the hordes of hungry customers.

"It requires some sharp help and fast thinking to take care of several hundred customers and to make four or five or six hundred milkshakes in one day," Brady said.

Although the coronavirus pandemic has harmed many restaurants, especially those that depend on their dining rooms, Burger Bob's has done well because it's a to-go operation.

"One thing that's important

is that most of our orders go through the drive-thru so we don't have any problems with the restrictions we have on us," Brady said.

He said his family and some former employees will chip in to handle the expected crowds on July 18. And he'll put up a banner celebrating the milestone.

"The main thing is, a big thank you to our customers for all their service, their patronage, and supporting our business over the years, especially the last few months," Brady said.

OBITUARY

'Annie' Tomat

Formerly of Baker City

Annette C. "Annie" Tomat, 82, formerly of Baker City, died June 26, 2020, at her home in Medford.

Interment of her cremains will take place Aug. 1 at

4 p.m. at the Eagle Valley Cemetery in Richland.

Annie was born at Richland in her grandparents' (Carders) home to Charles E. "Joe" and Vada C. (Carder) Harrison. Her parents later divorced and Vada married Earl "Pete" Garrett when Annie was 8. She spent her childhood years on the family farm in New Bridge.

Annie met and fell in love with Richard Kivett, and they were married on July 7, 1957. They were blessed with three children: Jewele R., Jeanine A. and Jason L. Kivett.



Annie Tomat

Annie was a lifetime member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and attended high school at Gem State Academy in Caldwell, Idaho, where she graduated in 1955. Annie had a deep, abiding love for the Lord and she used her God-given musical talent as a pianist and vocalist all her life. She was well-known as the best accompanist that a singer, or group of singers, could ever hope to have. She shared her love of music freely with all her siblings, children, grandchildren and friends.

Annie loved to prepare a fabulous meal and she hosted many guests at her home. She always made family celebrations extra special and she loved those special gatherings the most. Her family, and the Lord, were the most important things in her life and she showered everyone with her love.

Annie loved camping, picnics, wildflowers, gardening, canning and sewing. She never missed sending a card and letter for holidays and birthdays. Those remembrances will be greatly missed.

Annie is survived by her daughters, Jewele Turner of Medford and Jeanine Aquilar (Robert) of Medford; her son, Jason Kivett (Lanee) of Medford; seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; her sisters, Arleen Thomason of Baker City, and Rosalynn

Gorham of La Grande; her brother, Earlynn (Rhonda) Garrett of Ione; and nieces, nephews and friends too numerous to mention.

Annie was preceded in death by her grandparents; her parents, Joe and Vada; her stepfather, "Pete"; and a baby sister, Arleen Jane Harrison.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Student Aid Fund of Baker Adventist Christian School, 42171 Chico Road, Baker City, OR 97814.

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Due to circumstances out of our control we are unable to offer an open service for Norman. To those who expressed their sympathy in so many beautiful and practical ways during our recent loss, we extend our heartfelt thanks. We also offer a special thanks to Gray's West & Company for their service and the Grove Team for their kindness.

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