

Local

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald July 24, 1970

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Edwards, sports parachutists, intend to make an exhibition parachute jump from 7,500 feet Saturday directly over the Old Trail Drive In at approximately 8:45 p.m., weather permitting.

Mrs. Edwards will use a multicolored para-commander parachute, which is the most popular type in the United States.

Edwards will use a 28 foot, black and red parachute.

25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald July 24, 1995

Officials from the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest may allow a second small lightning-sparked fire to burn in the Elkhorn Mountains northwest of Baker City.

The fire is near Peavy Cabin about 20 feet outside the North Fork John Day Wilderness, said Angelica Johnson, information assistant for the Burnt-Powder Fire Zone.

Firefighters with an engine are monitoring the fire, which has burned one-twentieth of an acre.

10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald July 23, 2010

A packed audience urged Baker County commissioners Wednesday to accept Ski Anthony Lakes as a gift from the current owners and to create a nonprofit entity to run the resort.

Commissioners could decide at their next meeting, on July 28, whether to do so.

Connie Kearney, part of the three-family group that owns the ski area about 35 miles northwest of Baker City, said she and her husband, Lee, and the two other couples in the ownership group offered to donate the resort to Baker County because they don't want to either dismantle the business or sell it to private investors and risk seeing it shut down.

ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald July 24, 2019

The Oregon man who was arrested in Baker City on July 8 and is accused of murdering a man in Walla Walla, Washington, remains in the Baker County Jail but he is likely to be extradited soon to Washington.

Colby James Hedman, 23, is being held on \$1.1 million bail — \$1 million on the Washington murder charges and \$100,000 for a variety of charges in Baker County, District Attorney Matt Shirtcliff said.

Both are full bail, Shirtcliff said, meaning Hedman, who police said is a transient whose last known address was in Heppner, would have to post the full amount to be released.

Shirtcliff said the Walla Walla County District Attorney's Office has started the process to extradite Hedman to face first-degree murder charges there.

Hedman is accused of killing Kyle Jordan Martz, 35, of Walla Walla.

Shirtcliff said it's uncertain how long the extradition process will take, although he said he doubts it would require more than a month.

In Baker County, Hedman is charged with unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, attempting to elude, reckless driving, criminal trespassing, criminal mischief and property hit and run.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, July 20
7 — 11 — 19 — 27 — 40 — 48
Next jackpot: \$4.3 million

POWERBALL, July 18
13 — 16 — 32 — 58 — 59 PB 9
Next jackpot: \$106 million

MEGA MILLIONS, July 21
14 — 25 — 26 — 41 — 43 Mega 15
Next jackpot: \$124 million

WIN FOR LIFE, July 20
7 — 45 — 47 — 65

PICK 4, July 21

- 1 p.m.: 2 — 2 — 4 — 8
- 4 p.m.: 9 — 4 — 7 — 6
- 7 p.m.: 4 — 7 — 7 — 7
- 10 p.m.: 0 — 5 — 0 — 6

LUCKY LINES, July 21
2-5-12-13-20-23-26-31
Next jackpot: \$15,000

SENIOR MENUS

- **FRIDAY:** Sloppy Joes on a bun, potato salad, corn, fruit ambrosia, cookies
- **MONDAY (July 27):** Salisbury steak, potatoes and gravy, succotash, bread, three-bean salad, brownie
- **TUESDAY (July 28):** Chicken strips, rice pilaf, mixed vegetables, roll, carrot-raisin salad, cinnamon roll
- **WEDNESDAY (July 29):** Spaghetti with beef sauce, green beans, garlic bread, green salad, birthday cake
- **THURSDAY (July 30):** Reuben casserole, peas, fruit ambrosia, bread pudding

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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Baker County households volunteer for statewide COVID-19 research

■ Residents taking their temperatures daily and submitting results to OHSU

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Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU) in May invited 950 randomly selected Baker County households to participate in an OHSU-led study related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

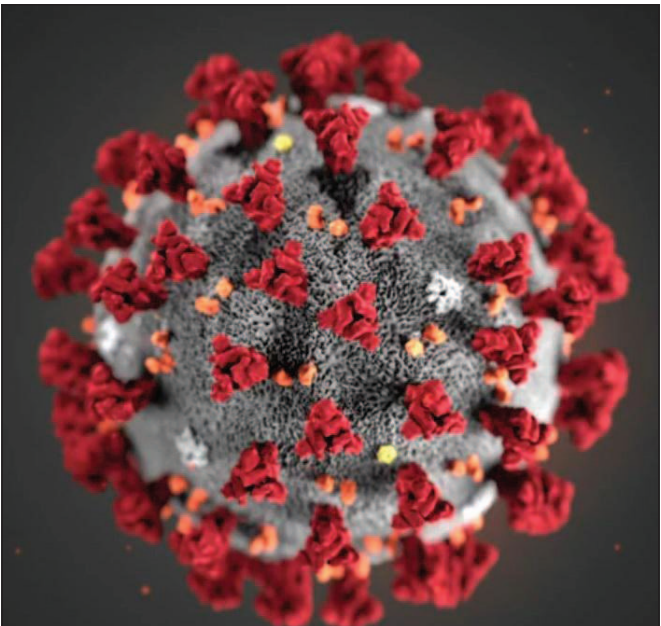
So far, 27 residents have agreed to take their temperature daily and upload the results, along with any potential COVID-19 symptoms, to a secure website.

The study, titled “Key to Oregon,” is designed to estimate the prevalence of the virus throughout the state to give state and local officials more information about the disease.

Invitations were sent to addresses randomly picked from the postal database.

Lead researcher Jackie Shannon said the study organizers purposely emphasized rural areas for the random invitations to better understand how the virus might be affecting places where testing has been less prevalent.

“This study would give us data we could provide to policy makers so that places



Centers for Disease Control and Prevention image

A COVID-19 particle.

that haven't been hit by COVID-19 could reopen faster,” Shannon said.

The study asks residents to spend less than 10 minutes a day to report their temperature and other symptoms on a secure website. OHSU will mail Bluetooth thermometers to people on request.

If during the study respondents have symptoms that

they report and that meet the threshold of symptoms for COVID-19, they will also be able to request a free testing kit.

Statewide, 150,000 Oregonians were invited to enroll, and nearly 9,000 have, putting the response rate at just under 6%. In Baker County, the response rate is under 3%, and researchers are hoping more people sign

up to help better understand COVID-19 in rural areas.

Shannon also said that researchers are working with community organizations and partners to help get the word out about the importance of volunteering. OHSU sent a second round of mail invitations to households that didn't respond to the first mailing.

If you lost your invitation but are interested in enrolling, researchers ask that you send an email to Key-Study@ohsu.edu. Those who are interested in following the study's progress can also learn more at <https://www.ohsu.edu/key-to-oregon>.

“We are deeply grateful to those willing to volunteer their time to this important work,” Shannon said. “Each person who spends less than 10 minutes a day on this study will help us better understand how the virus is affecting Oregonians. If you were randomly selected, please consider taking part to help your community stay open.”

OBITUARIES

Allen Phillips

Formerly of Baker City, 1942-2020

On Thursday, July 9, 2020, with hurting hearts we lost our very well loved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, Allen Phillips, in Ontario. He lost his life to cancer.

There will be a virtual service at the Haren-Wood Funeral Home website obituary page. It will be available on July 30. It can be viewed at Haren-Wood.com.



Allen Phillips

Allen was born on Oct. 15, 1942, at Baker City to Harry Alton Phillips (Hap) and Ethelda Phillips (Buddy). He was one of four children born to Hap and Buddy. They lived on a ranch on the foothills of the Elkhorn Range of the Blue Mountains, a beautiful property that Allen deeply loved.

Allen was many things to many people but mostly he was loved by all. He was a loving husband, a great father, an excellent listener, a mentor, a best friend. Allen was one of the hardest working people we have ever known, his family said. He was honest, loving, and overall just a genuine great person who loved life and cracked silly jokes. He had

many passions in life — working his farm, fishing, being with family and friends, and he had a voracious love of seafood.

Allen was a jack-of-all-trades and mastered them all. He was a horse farrier, horse trainer, bought and sold cattle, rancher, fireman, real estate agent, and retired as the Baker County assessor of many years.

Allen's first love and wife was Marilee Phillips, who sadly lost her life to a long battle with breast cancer. He adored her and cherished the memories and great times he had with her and their children, Corrina and Damon Phillips. There were vacations, rodeos, camping, boating, hunting, 4-H and so much more. He was a kind man but taught his children that if you do nothing at all, work hard, be proud and always treat people the way you would like to be treated.

Allen, after losing his wife Marilee, was blessed with a new love, Marjorie Spratt. They married June 21, 1991. As two separate families they so effortlessly became one. It's not surprising Allen would find love again and another amazing woman, Marjorie, who he also adored, and they created wonderful new memories. His heart was so big and full of love it had to be shared.

They had a full life full of love and adventures. That brought their families new memories of holidays, trips, kids and numerous summers with a house full of love and grandkids.

I, Corrina Phillips, Allen's daughter, was asked to write this. I asked my siblings for their input and all of our thoughts were the same, a great man, a best friend, with this quirky sense of humor. We can all say that he is in our hearts and souls and will be missed forever. We are thankful to blessed with the man we call Dad, Allen Phillips.

Allen is survived by his wife, Marjorie Phillips; their five children: daughters, Corrina Phillips (Brett Pierce), Michelle McClure (Rick McClure), Marilyn Spratt, (Trent Fortney); and sons, Michael Spratt and Damon Phillips; his sisters, Joyce Williams (Woody Williams) and Helen Hopkins; his grandchildren, James Fillion, Marilee Fillion (Brenden Clerget), John Phillips (Sharee Phillips), Nisha Phillips-Wade (Jeremiah Wade), Michael McClure (Jennifer McClure) and Brock Foster; 10 great-grandchildren; and his cousins.

Allen was preceded in death by his father and mother, Hap and Buddy Phillips; his wife, Marilee Phillips; and his brother, George Phillips.

As we say goodbye for now you are missed and we have big holes in our hearts, but time will heal us and the memories we cherish will help to fill the void, his family said. We know you are looking down on us and will guide us through this difficult time and the memory of one of your jokes will make us smile.

NEWS OF RECORD

FUNERALS PENDING

George Braughton: Celebration of life, Saturday, July 25, 11 a.m. at 2845 Hughes Lane, No. 12, in Baker City. JB Matthiesen will officiate with military honors. An outdoor potluck will follow. Please join the family in sharing stories and remembering a life lived to the fullest.

Raelene Florene Maddox: Memorial service will take place Sept. 5 at 11 a.m. at Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., with

Pastor Lennie Spooner of the Baker City Nazarene Church officiating. To light a candle for Raelene, or to leave a condolence for her family, go to www.grayswestco.com

BIRTH

Allen: Kiana and Levi, Haines, a girl, Tatum Ray June Allen, 6 pounds, 13.2 ounces, 11:23 p.m., July 7, 2020, at Grande Ronde Hospital in La Grande. Grandparents are Brad and June Allen and Gary and Lena Wight.

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