

Local

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald August 21, 1970

Phillips Lake and Union Creek Campground is the fastest growing recreational development in Baker County. Plans to highlight the recreation area with Phillips Lake Resort were ushered into action this month when the forest service released an operators prospectus for the development.

The proposed commercial public service development site is located in a timbered setting on the north shore of Phillips Lake approximately one mile west of Mason Dam. The estimated cost of the new facility is \$260,000.

25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald August 21, 1995

Plentiful water means green crops and north winds cool the skin on summer afternoons, but the combination is, unfortunately, also a recipe for large batches of mosquitoes in Baker City.

Relief is coming.

Workers this week plan to kill mosquitoes from the ground inside the city and from the air outside, said Roy Hanan of Eagle Cap Aviation in La Grande.

10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald August 20, 2010

Gun-toting members of foreign drug cartels are endangering Americans and polluting forests and wilderness areas with chemical-intensive marijuana-growing operations, local police officials told Sen. Ron Wyden during a meeting Wednesday in Baker City.

County sheriffs, police chiefs and other law enforcement officials from across Eastern Oregon told Wyden, Oregon's senior senator, that they're worried about the growing threat posed by pot farms in the region's remote forests and rangelands.

ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald August 21, 2019

The harvest is on at Ward Farms in Baker City, and every nostril in the place is scrubbed clean.

You can't see the fields.

But you don't need to see the fields to name the crop.

Your nose will tell you.

And anyway your eyes might be watering, making it hard to focus.

The powerful scent of peppermint has an almost physical presence inside a nondescript metal building beside Chico Road at the north end of town.

Four hulking stainless steel vessels, each with a capacity of 500 gallons, line the west wall, looking rather like small-scale missile silos.

Jutting from the belly of each container is a pipe that issues a steady stream of clear, pungent liquid.

The vessels are condensers, and each is paired with a smaller metal cylinder.

The smaller receptacles are separators, and each is topped with a chimney-like circle about a foot and a half high.

These cylinders hold a bubbling liquid that emits an aroma so intense it seems unlikely that even the nastiest headcold could defy its ability to erode congestion.

"That's 99 percent pure oil," says Mark Ward, whose family has been growing peppermint in Baker Valley, and distilling oil from its leaves, since 1994.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, Aug. 17
3 - 9 - 20 - 21 - 43 - 48
Next jackpot: \$5.5 million

POWERBALL, Aug. 15
5 - 12 - 34 - 45 - 56 PB 3
Next jackpot: \$22 million

MEGA MILLIONS, Aug. 18
4 - 18 - 26 - 27 - 58 Mega 23
Next jackpot: \$49 million

WIN FOR LIFE, Aug. 17
10 - 54 - 55 - 58

PICK 4, Aug. 18

• 1 p.m.: 3 - 2 - 1 - 0

• 4 p.m.: 4 - 5 - 7 - 5

• 7 p.m.: 8 - 7 - 5 - 1

• 10 p.m.: 6 - 5 - 7 - 6

LUCKY LINES, Aug. 18
1-5-9-15-17-23-26-31
Next jackpot: \$43,000

SENIOR MENUS

- **FRIDAY:** Barbecued pork ribs, au gratin potatoes, green beans, roll, coleslaw, lemon bars
- **MONDAY (Aug. 24):** Orange-glazed chicken tenders, fried rice, Asian vegetables, bread, Asian salad, cookies
- **TUESDAY (Aug. 25):** Spaghetti with meat sauce, cauliflower, garlic breadsticks, green salad, cheesecake
- **WEDNESDAY (Aug. 26):** Pork roast, potatoes and gravy, green beans, roll, gelatin with fruit, birthday cake
- **THURSDAY (Aug. 27):** Baked cod, rice pilaf, mixed vegetables, coleslaw, ice cream

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, under 60. Meals must be picked up; there is no dining on site.

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OBITUARIES

'Tena' Willis

Baker City, 1934-2020

Latena "Tena" Faye (Anglin) Willis, 85, of Baker City, and formerly of Terrebonne, died Aug. 8, 2020, at her home surrounded by family.

Tena was born on Nov. 24, 1934, at Mangum, Oklahoma, to Robert Lee and Vera Anglin. She was the second of four children.



'Tena' Willis

Her family moved to the Willamette Valley in 1947, when she was 13 years old, settling in Harrisburg. She graduated from Harrisburg High School in 1952.

The summer Tena moved to Harrisburg, she met Leon Willis at church, and they began "holding hands under the hymnal." They dated for the next seven years, until their marriage on Jan. 10, 1954.

In 1955 their first child, Richard (Rick), was born; and in 1959 their daughter, Carla, completed their family.

Tena worked in several different medical offices, including Sacred Heart Hospital in Eugene. She also worked in the offices of Georgia Pacific. Later in life, she worked at Walmart and Curves for Women in Redmond. She also attended Linn-Benton Community College to pursue medical interests.

One of her greatest accomplishments was to walk side by side, traveling and teaching with her husband as a pastor's wife and missionary. The two of them traveled all over the States and other places, including the Philippines, Africa, and the northern part of Canada to Indian villages. This endeavor of their lives lasted close to 40 years. Tena was reminiscing the fact that most of their wedding anniversaries found them in church, speaking and teaching to people.

Her hobbies included making jewelry, reading, writing and singing. She also loved spending time at their "winter home" in Arizona.

Tena loved any time she could have all of her family together in one place. Her entire life was devoted to God and her family. We were blessed to have her all these years, her family said.

Tena is survived by her loving husband of 66 years, Leon of Baker City; her son, Rick (Vickie) of Baker City; her daughter, Carla (Mark) Guyett of Baker City; her brother, Perry (Denny) Anglin of Moses Lake, Washington; her sister, Doneta (Dave) Skovbo of Eugene; her grandson, Michael Holt of Eugene; her granddaughter, Lindsay Holt of Harrisburg; four great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father and mother; her brother, Roy; and her great-granddaughter, Violet.

Tena was a longtime member of the Full Gospel Fellowship of Churches & Ministers. For those who would like to make a donation in memory of Tena, the family suggests donations to Full Gospel Fellowship through Gray's West & Co., Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814.

To light a candle in memory of Tena or to leave a condolence for her family, go to www.grayswestco.com

'Joe' Grant

Baker City, 1947-2020

On Aug. 14, 2020, Joseph "Joe" Grant, 73, of Baker City, peacefully slipped the surly bonds of earth on his own terms following a brief hospitalization for injuries sustained in a fall at home while reaching for a Journey album.

Holy rosary was recited Wednesday at St. Patrick

Catholic Church in Lakeview.

Funeral Mass was this morning. A Committal by Father Suresh Telagani at the graveside will take place at Eagle Valley Cemetery in Richland on Saturday, Aug. 22, at noon. Please bring your own chair, mask and remember social distancing.

Joe was born on Jan. 23, 1947, at Baker and grew up on his family's ranch along the Powder River. The valedictorian of Eagle Valley High School near Richland, he was always quick to point out it was from a class of nine students. He then graduated summa cum laude with a degree in philosophy from Mount Angel Seminary. In the years that followed, Joe filled many shoes — aspiring monk, conscientious objector, hippie, houseboat inhabitant, and pianist. He maintained a lifelong commitment to peace and service to others and had a varied career in the field of social services. He was motivated by his deep compassion, sympathy, and curiosity about the world and the people who live in it.

While living in Portland, Joe met his beloved wife of 41 years, Jeanette. Together, they shared many years in the city and Grants Pass before moving on a whim to the high desert of Lakeview, where they reared their brood of five feral, sturdy children who, to this day, still clean up quite nicely. Their intelligence, sense of humor, accomplishments, and love brought him immeasurable joy and pride over the years.

Joe's friends and family will cherish memories of his quick wit and his love of roses, animals, his Irish roots, music and poetry. He was kind, thoughtful, generous, and understanding; his great love of life was reflected in the range and depth of his knowledge and opinions. He was always willing to lend a sympathetic ear and offered excellent advice about everything from culinary adventures to major life decisions. Joe never lost the capacity to be moved, amused, and interested in life — and the people around him never lost the capacity to be delighted and surprised by him. Joe's Catholic faith was a guiding light throughout his entire life, and he was active in his parish and the Knights of Columbus.

He is survived by his wife, Jeanette; his children, Liz (Jeff Siler) and family, Nicholas (Brandi) and family, Joey (Nancy) and family, Anna (Cory Callaghan), and Mary; his brother, Bob Grant, and his sister, Mary Elizabeth Pirone, and their families; and countless nieces, nephews, cousins,

and friends.

Joe especially adored his six grandchildren, with whom he loved to play piano and watch "Jeopardy!"

Joe was preceded in death by his mother, Mary; his father, Kenneth; and his brothers, James (Jim) and Michael (Mike).

Memorial contributions can be made to the Lake County Library Endowment Fund, the Lakeview Disaster Unit, the Ann Duval Church Flower Fund, or a charity of one's choice 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

Jack Miller

Baker City, 1931-2020

Jack Miller, 88, of Baker City, died Aug. 12, 2020, at his home, surrounded by his family.

A memorial service with military honors will take place

on Saturday, Sept. 12, at 11 a.m. at Eagle Valley Cemetery in Richland. A reception will take place at Jack's home in Baker City following the

service.

Jack was born on Oct. 2, 1931, and raised at Mitchell, Oregon. He graduated from Mitchell High School in 1949.

Soon after high school, Jack joined the United States Air Force and proudly served his country from 1950 to 1954. He was a true patriot and a proud American.

Jack began working as a truck driver for various companies beginning in 1954. One of those trucking jobs included driving for Safeway from 1963 through 1979. From 1979 to 1984 Jack was the owner/operator of the Longbranch Restaurant in Richland. Following that venture he drove a log truck for Frank Felco from 1984 to 1987. For the next 17

years, he stayed busy doing property management. Jack then retired in 2004.

Jack loved to travel. Not surprisingly he lived many places in many states including Oregon, California, Nevada and Arizona.

Jack met Viki in early 1979 when they both worked at Safeway. They were married on Jan. 12, 1983.

He was a member of the Elks Club from 1972-2006.

Jack loved the outdoors and hunting with his friends, Ron Lay and Tork Ballard, and many others. He enjoyed watching old western and war movies and was a dedicated Raiders and Cowboys football fan. Jack was a mischievous prankster and joker who could tell jokes all day long. His grandkids giggled when he would teach them to spell, but with a twist, which meant that he was teaching them to spell wrong. Jack's specialty was bringing laughter to everyone.

Jack is survived by his wife of 37 years, Viki Miller of Baker City; his sons, Ricky (Kay) Miller of Fulton, South Dakota, Jeffrey (Kim) Miller of Round Rock, Texas; his bonus daughter, Michelle (Dan) Dix of Baker City; 18 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and his loyal furry companion, Cheyenne.

Jack was preceded in death by his parents, Glen and Ethel Miller; his bonus sons, Kevin and Larry Grady; and his brother, Glen Miller Jr.

The family suggests memorial contributions to Heart 'N Home Hospice, Best Friends of Baker, Community Connection, or the Shop with a Hero Program 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

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SEEKING VOLUNTEERS



New Hope for Eastern Oregon Animals is seeking volunteers to assist with its Baker City feral cat Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) Program. Working in partnership with the City Police Department for a number of years, the TNR Program is a humane alternative to limiting the proliferation of litters of feral kittens, as well as keeping overall populations in check. TNR does this by trapping kittens and adult cats in a specific area of the City, spaying or neutering them, and then returning them to occupy that same site, which reduces the likelihood of other cats moving in as the territory is occupied. This has led to a desired decrease in complaints concerning feral and stray cat numbers for the City. This year has been marked with an above average number of litters observed or reported thus far, making it important to all within our means to "keep the lid on" populations. Volunteers make this program work. Along with funding the veterinary aspect of spay and neuter surgery. Retirement of our seasoned volunteers over the past 2 years has reduced our ability to carry out this work effectively.

New Hope is seeking volunteers to assist with trapping, fostering litters too small to undergo surgery, and feeding. No experience is necessary. Compassion and patience are good traits in a volunteer. Those interested in volunteering should call New Hope at 541-403-2710 or 541-403-0724.

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