

# Local

## TURNING BACK THE PAGES

### 50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald October 31, 1970

HALFWAY — Every time the Pine-Eagle Spartans got their hands on the football in the first quarter they scored against the Prairie City Panthers at Halfway yesterday. Pine-Eagle rolled over Prairie City 55-0.

### 25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald October 31, 1995

Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative is offering a \$5,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or people who damaged power lines near the Grey Eagle Mine Wednesday and cut power to about 450 customers.

The vandal or vandals shot insulators and sparked a fire on a pole on the main power line near the old sand pit at the foot of Flagstaff Hill, according to OTEC.

### 10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald November 1, 2010

Baker City Police officers are asking the public to help identify the vandals who spray-painted graffiti on the Baker High School building and track Thursday night.

School officials discovered the damage Friday morning, Police Chief Wyn Lohnner said today. There was no school for students Friday, which was designated as a grading/prep day for teachers.

“Most of the graffiti and spray paint had to do with La Grande High School and the La Grande Tigers,” Lohnner said.

The Bulldog football team and its fans traveled to La Grande to play the Tigers in their homecoming game Friday night.

### ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald October 30, 2019

Luiz Rosales, his face shaded by the brim of a sombrero, gave a shy smile and shook his head.

But soon the chant of “dance!” filled the gym at South Baker Intermediate School and Rosales relented to the request from his classmates.

Stomping across the floor, his spurs accenting each step, Rosales demonstrated a traditional dance from Mexico — and soon, in a riot of colorful dresses, he was joined by Maripaz Gonzalez, Lupita Macias, Glendi Luna, Maria Guadalupe Rodriguez, and Iriana Rosales.

This is how South Baker celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month.

The sixth-grade classes have studied Hispanic culture and traditions in October for several years. This year, thanks to grants and a partnership with Crossroads Carnegie Art Center, the school district’s ESL family liaison Ma’lena Wirth could expand assemblies and end the study with a community celebration.

That event happens Friday, Nov. 1, to observe Dia de los Muertos, or Day of the Dead. This holiday originated in Mexico and Central America as a time to remember loved ones who had passed away.

The Day of the Dead is marked with food, drink, music and parties. According to National Geographic, “On Dia de los Muertos, the dead are also a part of the community, awakened from their eternal sleep to share celebrations with their loved ones.”

## OREGON LOTTERY

**MEGABUCKS, Oct. 28**  
6 — 8 — 21 — 27 — 42 — 47  
Next jackpot: \$3.8 million

**POWERBALL, Oct. 28**  
11 — 28 — 37 — 40 — 53 PB 13  
Next jackpot: \$127 million

**MEGA MILLIONS, Oct. 27**  
6 — 13 — 34 — 46 — 62 Mega 1  
Next jackpot: \$118 million

**WIN FOR LIFE, Oct. 28**  
4 — 31 — 41 — 72

**PICK 4, Oct. 29**

- 1 p.m.: 9 — 9 — 5 — 1
- 4 p.m.: 6 — 0 — 3 — 0
- 7 p.m.: 2 — 6 — 2 — 7
- 10 p.m.: 7 — 6 — 1 — 4

**LUCKY LINES, Oct. 29**  
3-6-12-14-17-22-26-30  
Next jackpot: \$15,000

## SENIOR MENUS

- **MONDAY:** Chicken broccoli Alfredo over fettuccine, mixed vegetables, biscuit, green salad, cheesecake
- **TUESDAY:** Meat lasagna, cauliflower, breadsticks, carrot-raisin salad, roll, peach crisp
- **WEDNESDAY:** Orange-glazed chicken tender, fried rice, Asian vegetables, bread, Asian salad, cookies
- **THURSDAY:** Sausage gravy over a biscuit, ham, cheese and egg frittata, hash browns, orange slices, cinnamon roll
- **FRIDAY:** Beef pot roast, parslied red potatoes, carrots, roll, fruit ambrosia, cake

Lunches 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

### Gay Laverty

Baker City, 1929-2020

Gay Foley Laverty, 91, died on Oct. 20, 2020, at Settler's Park, a senior lifestyle community in Baker City.

A memorial service will take place next summer at the Clarkston United Methodist Church in Washington when it is safe for everyone to be together.



Gay Laverty

Gay was born on June 6, 1929, at Pomeroy, Washington, to Wayne C. and Isabelle (Freeburn) Foley.

Gay earned her high school diploma from Greenleaf Friends Academy in Idaho in 1947, earned a Bachelor of Arts degree at George Fox College in Newberg in 1952, and a Bachelor of Science from Southern Oregon College in Ashland in 1955. She taught second or third grades in Sherwood from 1957 to 1959, and then applied to teach overseas with the Air Force Dependents School on Wheelus Air Base in Tripoli, Libya. It was there she met an airman, Michael Laverty, who proposed marriage on their first date. They were both transferred to Sembach AFB in West Germany, where they married in 1961. Their children were born there, Kevin in 1962 and Maura in 1965. Gay and Mike returned to the U.S. in 1965, where she taught at Klamath Falls and at Rantoul, Illinois, before becoming a substitute teacher at Pope AFB in North Carolina, and at Clarkston, Washington.

Gay was raised in the Friends Church as a Quaker but later became a Methodist in 1974, faithfully serving the Clarkston United Methodist Church as a Sunday School teacher, SS Superintendent, UM Women President, Circle Chair, and on various committees.

Gay loved to travel, taking advantage of teaching overseas to visit all of the countries adjacent to where she taught school, including France and Italy, the Netherlands, and after retiring in Clarkston, traveled to Canada, Ireland, England, Wales, Japan, and especially enjoyed the Alpine Europe trip with George Fox University alumni to see the Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany, in 2010. And of course, she traveled all over the United States.

Gay loved God, setting the example to all how to live as a Christian and telling the other residents at Settler's Park in Memory Care that God loved them, and so did she.

Gay is survived by her son, Kevin (Angela) of Apollo Beach, Florida; her daughter, Maura of Baker City, Oregon; her sister, Jean Aitken of Kamiah, Idaho; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and extended family members.

She was preceded in death by her husband Mike in 2015; her parents; and her brothers, Dean, Michael, and Jack.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the charity of one's choice in Gay's memory through Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814.

Gay left us with this quote: “It's been a wonderful life with opportunities of working and traveling in a variety of areas. Meeting interesting people and making friends from all walks of life has been enriching. God has blessed me with a wonderful family and friends.”

To leave an online condolence, go to [www.grayswestco.com](http://www.grayswestco.com)

### Jim Church

Richland, 1939-2020

Jim Church, 81, of Rich-

land, died on Oct. 20, 2020, at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise, with his family at his side.

James Clifford Church was born on Oct. 7, 1939, at Baudette, Minnesota, to Clark and Zella (Donnelly) Church. He was raised and attended school in Banks, Oregon. Jim joined the Navy and served from 1956 to 1959.

He met Salina Lee Gilbert while the two were working at Vallecito Lake in Colorado. They were married on Aug. 16, 1964, and had four children: Thomas, the twins Linda and Victor, and Angela. During their growing up years, the kids would cringe when they heard their Dad say, “I'm ready to relax.” What that really meant was let's go weed the garden or get a load of wood!

Jim worked as a Honda motorcycle mechanic in Boise for several years. Then for the next 36 years he made his living as a brick mason. His talent in brick work created driveways, homes, fireplaces and hearths.

Jim enjoyed woodworking and he made amazing things. He made all of the furniture in their home, shelves, cupboards, and he made clocks for many. Out of a block of wood he would make candleholders. Jim made a beautiful jewelry box for Salina with her name inlaid on it and not a nail was used. He was a genius when it came to woodworking.

A special time in their lives was when they purchased their home in Richland, next to Eagle Creek. He and Salina enjoyed and had a love of gardening. And according to his boys, after a hard day's work, nothing tasted better than a cold Coors beer.

Jim's favorites included his dog, Princess Maggie, the color blue, and the poem “The Cremation of Sam McGee.” And he loved to say “Keep a wrinkle in it!” or “If your hands are in your pockets you can't accomplish anything.”

He was proudest of his home and family, and for always working hard. Jim was known for his famous fried potatoes and onions, and while cooking would say “Don't touch my food.”

Jim is survived by his wife of 56 years, Salina; his sons, Thomas Church and his wife, Kenna, of Boise, and Victor Church and his wife, Rhonda, of Cascade, Idaho; seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; and Princess Maggie.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his children, James Clifford Church Jr., Linda Garret and Angela Church; his brother, Jack Church; and his sister Betty McCormick.

For those who would like to make a donation in memory of Jim, the family suggests the Hilary Bonn Benevolence Fund through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services, P.O. Box 543, Halfway, OR 97834. Online condolences may be made at [www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com)

### Tom Eaton

Baker City, 1954-2020

Tom Eaton, 66, of Baker City, died Sept. 14, 2020, at his home.

A family service with a scattering of ashes will take place at a future date in Richland.

Tom was born to Bud and Juanita Eaton on May 3, 1954, at Susanville, California.



Jim Church

He grew up in Eugene, graduating from Sheldon High School. He moved to Baker City in 1999.

He was a heavy equipment operator until his retirement in 2016. During his life, he enjoyed spending time with family and friends, competitive pool, and refurbishing old furniture.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his sister, Maureen Sinniger; his brother, Steve (Judy) Eaton; nephew, Jason (Deonna) Sinniger; and niece, Rachel Sinniger.

### Marie Kowalski

Huntington, 1935-2020

Marie Carol Kowalski, 85, of Huntington, died peacefully Oct. 24, 2020, at the home of her granddaughter in Haines, surrounded by family who loved her dearly.

There will be a celebration of life service for Marie's family later this year.

Marie was born on March 24,

1935, at Hitchcock, South Dakota, to Eric Anderson and Elsie (Nammanny) Anderson.

She married Joe Kowalski on Dec. 17, 1951, at San Diego while he was stationed in the Navy. They raised four children on a farm in Boring, Oregon, where she became a 4-H horse club leader and a member of the Elks Lodge.

They retired to Huntington, and summered in nearby Durkee, where they operated a small gold mine. Their growing extended family and friends often visited them in both places to enjoy time together fishing, hunting, and enjoying Marie's cooking including her “Famous Homemade Buttermilk Pancakes.” Marie and Joe were married for 64 years, until his death in 2016.



Marie Kowalski

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### Eila Joanne Allen

May 20, 1941 - August 12, 2020



Eila Joanne Allen, 79, of Baker City, passed away on August 12, 2020, in Baker City. A memorial service is scheduled for May 22, 2021, the location and time will be announced at a later date.



Joanne was born on May 20, 1941, in Caldwell, Idaho, to Orange and Eila Hopkins; she was the oldest of seven children. She attended Franklin High School, graduating in 1959. Joanne had a full life in many places and made friends wherever she was. She loved to talk to people. Joanne worked as a dental assistant learning what to do from many dentists over several years, later taking the state exam.

Joanne had been married three times; for the last 13 years, Jim Chenowith was her companion; they lived happily together in Baker City. She tried to find joy in life through music, gardening, yard sales, fishing, and looking for wildlife. Joanne also enjoyed square-dancing with her club, the Tualatin Twirlers.

She was very determined when she put her mind to something. Joanne loved her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren very much. Her family loved her with all their hearts, and they will miss her very much. May she be at peace.

Joanne is survived by her sons, James Allen of Gaston, Oregon, and Eric Berg; daughter Tammy Hilger of Buxton, Oregon, sisters Donna Coble (Jerry) of Baker City, Oregon, Rosanne Van Patten (Gary) of Baker City, Oregon, Kaye Flemming (Walt) Naples, Florida; brother Chet Hopkins (Jeannette) of Post Falls, Idaho. She is also survived by eleven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her father, Orange Hopkins, mother Eila Lewis, brother, Richard Hopkins, and sister Linda Peters.

In lieu of flowers, you may honor Joanne by planting a tree or flowers in the spring.

To light a candle in memory of Joanne or offer condolences for the family, please visit [www.graywestco.com](http://www.graywestco.com).



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