

Local

BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 27

■ **Baker County Board of Commissioners:** Work session, 9 a.m., to review proposed changes to the Baker County Zoning Ordinance. The meeting will take place in Commission Chambers at the Courthouse, 1995 Third St. Due to attendance limitations, the public is encouraged to attend the meeting via Zoom, at www.bakercounty.org/online/meetings.html

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald January 23, 1971

The District 5J school board and the teacher consultation committee agreed last night to extend next Monday's impasse deadline for at least one more meeting in an attempt to reach agreement on the 1971-72 salary schedule.

25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald January 23, 1996

Workers continue to monitor an apparent diesel spill in a storm sewer ditch east of Interstate 84, but the source of the oil substance appears to have disappeared.

An employee from the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality said Monday that the spill is minor, doesn't appear to have harmed fish or wildlife and probably won't require a clean-up.

10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald January 24, 2011

Nine-hour rehearsals weren't too daunting for three Baker High School musicians, especially if it meant joining several hundred of their peers from across Oregon in the all-state honor band.

"I play pretty much all day anyway," says Ellen Jampolsky, a senior.

She averages six hours a day playing her clarinet; Naomi Smith (a junior) and Sammi Stone (a sophomore) figure they average four hours a day practicing their instruments — French horn for Smith and oboe for Stone.

ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald January 24, 2020

Anna Stafford is talking about keeping a display at the Baker Heritage Museum "current," which might seem a curious adjective when many of the items in questions are millions of years old.

But Stafford is quick to explain this apparent discrepancy.

The Cavin-Warfel Collection, which includes hundreds of samples of rocks, minerals and fossils that Baker City sisters Mamie Cavin and Elizabeth Cavin Warfel amassed over almost half a century, is indeed ancient.

But that doesn't mean the display can't be refreshed occasionally, said Stafford, a founder of the Baker Rock-hounds, a group of local residents who share a deep affection for rocks.

When Stafford talks about keeping the Cavin-Warfel Collection current, her definitions include something as simple as moving particularly colorful samples to the front of the display.

"We want to invite any visitor who has been here in the past to come again — and come back every year," Stafford said.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, Jan. 20

17 - 23 - 36 - 41 - 46 - 48

Next jackpot: \$74 million

POWERBALL, Jan. 20

40 - 53 - 60 - 68 - 69 PB 22

Next jackpot: \$40 million

MEGA MILLIONS, Jan. 19

10 - 19 - 26 - 28 - 50 Mega 16

Next jackpot: \$970 million

WIN FOR LIFE, Jan. 20

19 - 26 - 34 - 47

PICK 4, Jan. 21

• 1 p.m.: 9 - 2 - 7 - 1

• 4 p.m.: 9 - 4 - 0 - 8

• 7 p.m.: 4 - 8 - 5 - 0

• 10 p.m.: 9 - 2 - 2 - 9

LUCKY LINES, Jan. 21

1-5-9-13-18-24-27-31

Next jackpot: \$21,000

SENIOR MENUS

- **MONDAY:** Chicken cordon bleu, rice pilaf, peas and carrots, roll, pasta salad, apple crisp
- **TUESDAY:** Beef Burgundy over fettuccine, corn, roll, coleslaw, pudding
- **WEDNESDAY:** Barbecued ribs, scalloped potatoes, corn, roll, macaroni salad, birthday cake
- **THURSDAY:** Meat lasagna, capri vegetables, garlic breadsticks, fruit cup, cinnamon rolls
- **FRIDAY:** Baked ham, candied yams, green beans, roll, three-bean salad, tapioca salad

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. Meals must be picked up; no dining on site.

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OBITUARIES

Candy Williams

Formerly of Baker County, 1964-2021

Candy Williams, 56, of Elgin, and formerly of Baker County, died Dec. 29, 2020, at her home alongside her granddaughter during a senseless act of violence.

A celebration of her life will be scheduled later, time and place to be announced.

Candy Kay was born on June 30, 1964, at Hermiston to Harold and Donna Harsin. The family moved several times and she attended many different schools during her childhood. Candy later received her GED in La Grande. She lived in Oregon most of her life, spending time in Baker, Wallowa and Union counties.

Candy married Terry Francke in 1982 and raised their children Zane, Rosemary and Vera. They later divorced.

On July 15, 2001, Candy married Charles Williams. A favorite pastime they shared was to sit at the table in the winter and watch the snow fall. They were married 17 years before he passed away in 2018.

Candy spent her working career doing in-home care. She worked for New Day Enterprises. She had a genuine love and dedication for the people she took care of.

Candy was family oriented and used any reason she could to have a get-together. She especially loved Christmas and everything that went with it — the lights, the laughter, the food, and spending time with her family. She also enjoyed crocheting and painting on her cellphone. Candy is forever loved and will be greatly missed.

Candy's 14-year-old granddaughter, Mary-Jane Elizabeth Faria, was taken with her. She was just starting life. May you both rest in peace, their family said.

Survivors include her parents, Donna Hallgarth and her stepdad, Jim Trump; her son, Zane (Sarah) Francke; her daughters, Rosemary (Jay) Issacson and Vera (Dennis Faria) Francke; her brothers, Kyle (Hally) Harsin, and James (Marielle) Harsin; her sister, Danette (Allen) Varble; 12 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren; furbabies Buster and Smokey; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Candy was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Williams; and her father, Harold Harsin.

For those who would like to make a donation in memory of Candy, the family suggests the Crime Victim and Survivors Services (CVSS) through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services, P.O. Box 543, Halfway, OR 97834. Online condolences can be made at www.tamis-pinevalleyfuneralhome.com

Mary-Jane Faria

Pendleton, 2006-2021

Mary-Jane Elizabeth Faria, 14, of Pendleton, died Dec. 29, 2020, at Elgin alongside her grandmother during a senseless act of violence.

A celebration of her life will be scheduled later, time and place to be announced.

Mary-Jane, "MJ," was born on Oct. 30, 2006, at 9:36 p.m. to Vera Francke and Dennis Faria in La Grande.

She was raised throughout Eastern Oregon and spent time living in Milton-Freewater, Hermiston, Pilot Rock, Pendleton and Elgin. Her last year of school she attended Elgin High School. MJ was a 21st Century Scholar participating in the Oregon GEAR UP program.

MJ's hobbies included coloring, Legos, ice skating, sledging, swimming and singing. Her favorite color was pink, she loved daisies, and was a Raiders fan all the way! She

was a unique soul and wasn't afraid to learn or try something new. MJ was always caring and concerned and was always doing anything and everything to make her mom smile.

An evening tradition MJ and her mom shared when finishing a phone conversation was to end it in a competition of saying "Love you to the black and back, no returns; good night sweet dreams don't let the bed bugs bite." Then she would reply, "and if they do chew them like the monkeys do," to where her mom responded, "mmm protein" and MJ would finish with "eeww gross ... goodnight, mom."

MJ's favorite poem was: "What's Mickey without Minnie, what's Piglet without Pooh, What's Donald without Daisy, that's me without you, When Ariel doesn't sing and Pooh Bear hates honey, where Tigger stops bouncing and Goofy isn't funny, when Peter Pan can't fly and Simba never roars, when Alice in Wonderland can't fit through small doors, when Dumbo's ears are small and happily ever after isn't true, that's when I'll stop loving you."

MJ is survived by her mother, Vera Francke, and

her father, Dennis Faria, both of Pendleton; her grandparent, Terry Francke; her great-grandmothers, Donna Hallgarth and Karen Faria; numerous aunts, uncles and cousins; and furbaby, Smokey.

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Lloyd Bigler

Union, 1926-2021

Lloyd Harry Bigler, 94, of Union, died Jan. 14, 2021.

A military honors ceremony will take place at 2 p.m. on Feb. 20, 2021, at Union Park. Attendees must wear a mask and practice social distancing.

Lloyd, affectionately known as "Harry," was born on July 21, 1926, at Kalispell, Montana, to Lloyd and Lois (James) Bigler. He graduated from Jefferson High School in Portland. He married his one true love, Lenore Rose Lewis. He served our country while in the United States Army Air

Corps and Navy.

Harry worked for the railroad, in insurance sales, and as a school bus driver, farm truck driver, and golf course maintenance worker. He enjoyed playing golf, fishing and hunting. He received an award from the North Powder Schools for his announcing of the athletic events. Harry was a member of the Elks, honorary VFW member, American Legion, Buffalo Peak Golf Course and North Powder council-person and mayor.

Harry is survived by his son, Lloyd, and his wife, Beverly of North Powder; his sister, Ginger, of Montana; six grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren; and a very special friend, Glenna Sharp.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lenore; his son, Wayne; his daughters, Susan and Kathy; and his parents, Lloyd and Lois.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Union VFW Post, 518 N. Main St., Union OR 97883.

Online condolences can be made to the family at www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com

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Donald Byron Thompson

March 15, 1932 - November 28, 2020

Donald Byron Thompson, 88, of Pendleton, passed away on November 28, 2020. He was born in Halfway, Oregon, on March 15, 1932, to Robert Dolliver Thompson and Thelma Elmer Thompson. Don was proud of his Pine Valley roots, and spoke often of boyhood events and experiences. He introduced his five children to adventures on family property at Summit Creek, above Halfway, complete with cabin stays, Jeep rides, exploring, fishing, huckleberries, Granddad stories, and beautiful mountain setting.

Don attended grade schools in Pine Valley, Baker, and LaGrande, with two years at Halfway High School, the variety mostly dictated by the work schedules of his father, a Union Pacific Railroad engineer. His junior and senior years were spent at Baker High School. There he played varsity basketball and set records in track for high jump, pole vault, and hurdles that remained unbroken for a number of years. He was awarded the Outstanding Athlete of the Year trophy at the close of his senior year, in 1950. Here, also, he met his geometry classmate and future wife, Carol Weaver.

Don earned a track scholarship to Oregon State College, where he also competed in basketball. He was a member of Sigma Nu fraternity. After his sophomore year, he entered the Air Force's aviation cadet program and learned to fly, a skill that had been a dream since his boyhood. This launched his 21-year military career as a pilot, first with the Strategic Air Command on the KC135 jet tanker, and later, the Washington Air National Guard, flying F102 and F101 aircraft.

In January, 1958, he and Carol were married in Boise, Idaho. Loring AFB, Maine, was their home until 1961, when Don left active service and they returned to Oregon. He operated a flying service in Halfway for several years, gaining mountain and back-country experience, including remote short landing strips. This proved useful when he next accepted a position as company pilot for Sunshine Mining Company, with its silver properties in challenging locations. The family became Spokane residents for the next 15 years.

Don discovered the Washington Air National Guard in 1965, and embarked upon a 14-year career with the 116th Fighter/Interceptor Squadron. It was a great fit for his skill set and personality. On the occasion of Carol's birthday in 1969, he was forced to bail out of a crippled F102, with debris and pilot landing in a field west of Spokane. His injuries grounded him for seven months. Time, therapy and determination returned him to the cockpit and the air for another ten Air Guard years. He never again forgot Carol's birthdate! During his Guard years, he was able to attend classes and earn licenses in aircraft maintenance, and served a stint as Squadron Maintenance Officer.

Don retired from the Guard as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1979, and the family moved back to Oregon, settling in Milton-Freewater. Don

served as Cascade Airways' Director of Aircraft Maintenance in Walla Walla for a time, and later in that capacity for several other regional airlines. In 1985, he joined Federal Express, returning to his coveted role as pilot. Early on, he covered various routes, and also served as check pilot, hiring agent, and liaison to Corporate for several years. Eventually his route evolved into a Pendleton-LaGrande-Spokane run of many years' duration. He retired in June, 2006, with 21 years and many hours of FedEx flying to his credit. Company pilots continued to call upon him for advice on aircraft and engine matters. He felt blessed to have lived his aviation dreams.

His early fondness for horses developed into a major interest in "natural horsemanship." He was an avid student of its techniques, and conducted classes and demonstrations in Eastern Oregon venues over a number of years. In retirement, Don was able to devote many happy hours to the further care and training of his four favored-breed Morgan horses.

As his health declined, visits with friends and family were increasingly treasured. In the recent past, it was also one of his great pleasures to watch his youngest grandson, Lane Maher, compete for Pendleton High School in basketball and track events, the sports that had figured prominently in Don's history.

Don is survived by Carol, his wife of nearly 63 years; four children: Kristin Thompson, Boise, ID; Dr. Erik (Lilinda) Thompson, Meridian, ID; Julie Maher, Walla Walla, WA; and Sonia (Mark) Eggert, Bend; nine grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; brother and sister-in-law, Carroll and Benita Thompson, Halfway, OR; sisters-in-law Connie Weaver and Shirley Weaver, both of Boise; brother-in-law Jim Smith, Anchorage, AK; several cousins, nephews and nieces. He was predeceased by a daughter, Karin Thompson, in July, 2020; sister-in-law, Karen Smith; brother-in-law, Wendell Weaver.

A memorial gathering for Don and Karin will be held at a later date. Online condolences may be sent to www.pioneerchapel.com.



Mary-Jane Faria



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