

Local

BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 17

■ **Baker County Board of Commissioners:** 9 a.m. at the Courthouse, 1995 Third St. To comply with the Governor's order for social distancing during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Baker County Commissioner meetings will be streamed live. Due to occupancy limitations, the public is encouraged to attend the meetings by using the Zoom link provided on the County's website <https://www.bakercounty.org/online/meetings.html>.

THURSDAY, FEB. 18

■ **Baker School Board:** 6 p.m., District Office; meeting will be via the Zoom computer app. For information about how to join, call the District Office, 541-524-2260, or visit the District website at baker5j.org and scroll down to the calendar section in about the middle of the page.

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald February 16, 1971

FRESNO, Calif. (UPI) — Intermountain West Airlines, Fresno, informed five Eastern Oregon communities today it would end air passenger service to them Monday. The notices went to Baker, John Day, Burns, La Grande and Pendleton.

25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald February 16, 1996

The Baker County Museum Commission is asking the city for a conditional-use permit to open Leo Adler's home as a public museum.

The house is at 2301 Main St.

The Baker City Planning Commission during its Wednesday meeting will consider the museum commission's request for the permit.

Adler, who died Nov. 2, 1993, at age 97, bequeathed the house to the museum commission.

10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald February 16, 2011

The Baker School Board took the first step Tuesday night to moving the 5J District to a four-day week and placing a local option tax on the May ballot in an effort to preserve jobs and maintain programs that otherwise would have to be cut to balance the 2011-12 budget.

ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald February 15, 2020

A member of the Baker County committee that reviews ranchers' requests for compensation for livestock killed by wolves told county commissioners Thursday that he believes the system is broken.

Martin Arritola, one of seven members of the Wolf Depredation Compensation Committee, said he believes the system, administered through the Oregon Department of Agriculture, is failing.

Some other committee members agreed with Arritola, who told commissioners "the process of the wolf compensation committee has always frustrated me since the beginning."

Since 2012 the state has distributed \$155,000 to Baker County ranchers through the program.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, Feb. 13

4 — 25 — 26 — 38 — 40 — 44

Next jackpot: \$1.9 million

POWERBALL, Feb. 13

20 — 28 — 33 — 63 — 68 PB 20

Next jackpot: \$66 million

MEGA MILLIONS, Feb. 12

5 — 14 — 24 — 25 — 27 Mega 14

Next jackpot: \$96 million

WIN FOR LIFE, Feb. 13

15 — 43 — 46 — 75

PICK 4, Feb. 14

• 1 p.m.: 8 — 1 — 0 — 9

• 4 p.m.: 2 — 8 — 7 — 2

• 7 p.m.: 3 — 5 — 5 — 1

• 10 p.m.: 7 — 2 — 5 — 1

LUCKY LINES, Feb. 14

3-6-10-16-18-22-26-29

Next jackpot: \$14,000

SENIOR MENUS

- **WEDNESDAY:** Pulled pork with bun, potato wedges, mixed vegetables, garlic bread, macaroni salad, pudding
- **THURSDAY:** Hot beef sandwich, mashed potatoes, baby carrots, Jell-O with fruit, peach crisp
- **FRIDAY:** Pork roast, stuffing, peas, roll, green salad, brownie
- **MONDAY (Feb. 22):** Chicken strips, mashed potatoes with gravy, carrots, roll, ice cream, ambrosia
- **TUESDAY (Feb. 23):** Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, peas, roll, cottage cheese/Jell-O salad, 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. Meals must be picked up; no dining on site.

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Coy Riggs

Baker City, 1935-2021

Coy Riggs, 85, of Baker City, died Feb. 4, 2021.

A graveside service with military honors will take place this spring at Mount Hope Cemetery, the date and time to be announced.

Coy Glenn was born on Oct. 6, 1935, at Baker to Clarence and Mary Riggs. He was raised in Eagle Valley and graduated in from St. Francis Academy in Baker City in 1953.

After high school, Coy enlisted in the Army. He was discharged in the fall of 1957. He returned to Richland and worked many odd jobs. In 1960 he went to work for Jones Trucking where he met Geri Cox. They were married on June 3, 1961, at Boise.

Coy spent most of his career as a heavy equipment mechanic in most of the western states. He and Geri traveled from job to job enjoying the new areas together. Coy retired from Granite Construction Company in 1998 and he and Geri settled down in Baker City. One of their favorite things to do was going to Halfway to mushroom in the spring and elk hunt in the fall. He had a love for fast cars and would often drive his yellow Corvette out to Halfway to have lunch with family.

Coy leaves behind his brother, Fred; his nephew, Frank Riggs; his niece, Merrilyn Seal; his nephew, Mark Pellissier; and many great-nieces and great-nephews. Coy's sense of humor and colorful use of words will be missed by everyone who knew him.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Geri; his brothers, Paul and Bob; his sister, Hazel; and his nephews, Marlyn Riggs and Greg Pellissier.

For those who would like to make a donation in memory of Coy, the family suggests Heart 'N Home Hospice 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

Lucile Lopez

Baker City, 1923-2021

Lucile Mildred Holt Wurster (Lopez), 97, of Baker City, died Feb. 13, 2021, at her residence.

Her funeral will take place today at 2 p.m. at Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., with Pastor Jesse Whitford of the Baker City Christian Church officiating the service.

Lucile was born in 1923 at Taft, California. She was a beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and great-great-grandmother, and an aunt, cousin, sister and friend.

She was an avid reader, stamp collector, family historian, published author, and songwriter. She worked in both the telephone and hospital industries, but her greatest achievement and joy of her life was her family.

Lucile is survived by her daughter, Marge Murphey of Baker City; her son and daughter-in-law, Cliff and Irene Wurster of California;

and her sister, Juanita Hall of Oklahoma.

Lucile leaves a legacy of four granddaughters: Cyndi Huff of Kentucky, Shelly Scott of Oregon, Janice Sorenson of Wyoming, and Christy Klang of California; two grandsons, Glen and Keith Wurster of California; great-granddaughters, Jennifer Taylor, Jessica Hohenshelt, Tiffanie Better, August Dewey, Melissa Sorenson, Stephanie, Heather and Elizabeth Wurster and Katherine Wurster; a great-grandson, Riley Wurster; her great-great-granddaughters, Karina Ambrose, Kayleigh Browning, Chloe Hohenshelt, Hazel and Harper Better, Gwen and Natalie Dewey, and Sophia Zierlein; and her great-great-grandson, Cieran Sorenson; and nieces and nephews that she held so dear and loved like they were her own children.

She is preceded in death by her parents, John and Fleter Holt; her sisters, Hazel, Marie, Flosie, Ruby, Sue and Mabel; her brothers, John, James and Bob; her husband, Glen Wurster; and her son-in-law, Russ Murphey.

The family sincerely appreciates all of the wonderful help from Heart 'N Home Hospice.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Angel Rose Counseling Center through Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814.

"Memories give us strength," Lucile said.

To leave an online condolence for Lucile's family, go to www.grayswestco.com

Cristi Crum

Formerly of Baker City, 1962-2021

Cristi (Ahrens) Crum, 58, of Alpine, Oregon, and a former longtime Baker City resident, died Jan. 27, 2021, after suffering a brain bleed.

In accordance with Cristi's wishes, there will not be a formal funeral, instead a memorial gathering will take place on June 12, 2021. There will be a no-host potluck barbecue in her honor at Phillips Lake and an evening at the Wunder Mine Estate, 1105 Place St., Baker City. Please RSVP by June 6.

Cris was born on April 14, 1962, at Caldwell, Idaho, to Rick and Connie (Heeb) Ahrens. The family moved to Baker, where she spent most of her life.

She married her best friend and soulmate, Tracy Crum, in Bend in 1980. After several moves they settled back in her hometown of Baker, where they lived and raised their two sons. She was an amazing mother and grandmother who loved spending her time enjoying

her six grandchildren.

Cris loved to cook, sew, garden, fish and camp. Some of her happiest times were spent in the out of doors picnicking with family and friends and plying them with her wonderful cooking. She was famous for her fried chicken and baked beans, which were served at nearly every holiday and family gathering.

She was an artist in her own right, creating beautiful and innovative quilts and faux stained glass window pieces. She took her canning seriously, creating family favorites such as her habanero jelly, hot and spicy veggie pickles, spicy tomato juice and salsas of all kinds.

Surviving relatives include her husband of 40 years, Tracy; her sons, Casey (April) and Michael Crum, both of Baker City; her father, Rick Ahrens; her sisters, Jodi (Randy) Culley, and Cyndi Mendez; her brother, Jeff Ahrens; six grandchildren, and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Connie (Heeb) Watson; and her stepfather, Gary Watson.

For those wishing to send condolence cards, please send them in care of Casey Crum, 1370 Baker St., Baker City OR 97814.

Diane Carlisle

Baker City, 1941-2021

Diane Carlisle, 79, of Baker City, died Feb. 11, 2021.

A celebration of Diane's life and memorial service will take place at a later date, the time and place to be announced.

Diane Rae Carrithers Carlisle was born on June 23, 1941, at Bakersfield, California, to Frances Bartlett and Ray Carlton Carrithers. She spent most of her childhood at Robinette, Oregon, an isolated community in the Snake River Canyon, on the Oregon-Idaho border, east of Baker City. Her family operated the Robinette grocery store and post office, while raising cattle and alfalfa seed on their Jackson Bar Idaho ranch. Diane attended the one-room Robinette Grade School, and then boarded with Judge John and Cornelia Sass at Richland during her years at Eagle Valley High School. Following the flooding of the Snake River Canyon by the Brownlee Dam in 1958, the Carrithers family moved to Santa Cruz, California, and Diane graduated from high school there.

She attended Reed College in Portland before marrying Eagle Valley High School sweetheart, Warren Whitnah, in 1960. After their graduation from Eastern

Oregon College (now, Eastern Oregon University), Diane worked for the state of Oregon as a public welfare case manager during the four years Warren attended the University of Oregon Dental School in Portland and during the early years of his dental practice in Baker City.

Following their divorce in 1975, Diane completed the MSW (Masters in Social Work) program in clinical social work at the University of Washington, specializing in mental health (psychotherapy) and substance abuse treatment. She practiced for a number of years in Southwest Washington, returning to Eastern Oregon in 2006. Since her return to Baker City, she worked with adolescents affected by substance abuse, hospice patients and their families, and outpatient mental health services; all work she always considered a privilege.

Diane is survived by her children, Tymmera Rae Whitnah of New Bridge, and her son, Robert Warren Whitnah of Baker City; her granddaughters, Nicholle Rae, Madalyn Lee and Abigayle Jane Whitnah of Corvallis, and her grandsons, Marshall Theron, Wyatt Warren and Emmett Robert Whitnah of Richland; her brother, Richard Carlton Carrithers (Kathryn) of Bellevue, Washington; her nephew, Matthew Carlton Carrithers (Amy) of Olympia, Washington; her sister-of-the-heart, Nancy Dice Richards of Port Townsend, Washington; her former daughters-in-law, Kari Whitacre of Corvallis, and Krischele Whitnah of Richland; and her "second son," Shigeru Oshima of Tokyo, Japan. Among the many other people important to her are former colleagues, Mary Lee Nichols of West Linn, Gary Braden of Gresham, and Russ Freeland of Vancouver, Washington.

Diane was preceded in death by her parents, Ray and Frances Carrithers; stepmother, Lois Carrithers Schum; her niece, Nina Rae Carrithers Wesson; her former brother and sister-in-law, Calvin Whitnah and Emma Koch Whitnah; and her former husbands, Dr. Richard Galt and Dr. Steven Carlisle.

For those who wish, Diane suggested memorial contributions to The Nature Conservancy or Planned Parenthood, organizations honoring the earth and the dignity of human life, 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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