

# Local

## TURNING BACK THE PAGES

### 50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald February 20, 1971

The Baker Bulldogs made up for cold shooting last night with a tenacious defense and squeezed out a 34-32 victory over Redmond to preserve their conference lead.

A sigh went up in the Redmond gym as a desperation Panther shot rolled off the rim with six seconds left. Daryl Ross grabbed the rebound and iced the Baker victory with a last second free throw.

### 25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald February 20, 1996

Bend developer Michael Tennant will submit his request to the Baker City Planning Commission Wednesday for a subdivision in West Baker City that would include residential, commercial and industrial parcels.

Last year planners gave Tennant, president of Columbia Developments Inc., tentative approval for his Settlers Park subdivision. The 74-acre property is just north of Campbell Street and just west of 17th Street.

### 10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald February 21, 2011

Pending improvements to one current park and one fledgling park are on the Baker City Council's agenda Tuesday.

Michelle Owen, the city's public works director, will give councilors an update on work planned this summer at the Central Park.

That's the 2-acre property the city bought a decade ago beside the Powder River between Washington and Valley avenues.

### ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald February 20, 2020

A state wildlife biologist concluded that wolves killed a Baker County rancher's 2-year-old bull and probably also killed a yearling steer last week in the snowbound Wallowa Mountains northeast of Baker City.

Mib Dailey, who lives near Sparta, about 25 miles northeast of Baker City, said the bull and steer, along with two other bulls and one cow from his herd, had been stranded in the Eagle Creek area over the winter.

The animals didn't turn up last fall when he was gathering his herd from summer pasture in the mountains, where he runs 250 cow-calf pairs.

Dailey said he has been looking for the missing animals, and about a week ago he found them on the west side of Eagle Creek near Puzzle Creek. That's between Eagle Forks and Martin Bridge, about 2 miles north of Sparta.

Dailey said a friend had been hauling hay to the cattle using a side-by-side ATV, as the 30 or so inches of snow made it impossible to reach the area in a truck and trailer.

Dailey said he also brought in a bulldozer to plow some of the snow from a road, with the goal of leading the cattle back to a main road where he could load them in a trailer and drive them back to his ranch.

Dailey said his friend delivered hay to the cattle late in the afternoon of Feb. 12. All five animals were together at that time, Dailey said.

When his friend returned with more hay on Saturday, Feb. 15, he found the carcass of the steer and the 2-year-old bull with severe wounds.

## OREGON LOTTERY

### MEGABUCKS, Feb. 17

5 — 8 — 15 — 20 — 30 — 39

Next jackpot: \$2.1 million

### POWERBALL, Feb. 17

1 — 15 — 21 — 32 — 46 PB 1

Next jackpot: \$78 million

### MEGA MILLIONS, Feb. 16

1 — 36 — 44 — 54 — 66 Mega 10

Next jackpot: \$20 million

### WIN FOR LIFE, Feb. 17

9 — 10 — 36 — 45

### PICK 4, Feb. 18

• 1 p.m.: 7 — 5 — 4 — 5

• 4 p.m.: 7 — 2 — 6 — 3

• 7 p.m.: 2 — 2 — 9 — 6

• 10 p.m.: 0 — 5 — 0 — 8

### LUCKY LINES, Feb. 18

4-6-10-16-17-23-25-30

Next jackpot: \$18,000

## SENIOR MENUS

- **MONDAY:** Chicken strips, mashed potatoes with gravy, carrots, roll, ice cream, ambrosia
- **TUESDAY:** Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, peas, roll, cottage cheese/Jell-O salad, pudding
- **WEDNESDAY:** Soup and sandwich: cream of broccoli soup and turkey, Swiss, lettuce and tomato sandwich; pea-and-onion salad, birthday cake
- **THURSDAY:** Ham and beans, Brussels sprouts, cornbread, broccoli-bacon salad, cookies.
- **FRIDAY:** Beef pot roast, red potato, mixed vegetables, roll, fruit cup, apple crisp

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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## CATS

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"There were about 30 cats inside and maybe 50 cats outside," said Farrell Riley-Hassmiller, the volunteer cat coordinator with Best Friends.

Groups working with Best Friends to help the cats and kittens are: New Hope for Eastern Oregon Animals, Blue Mountain Humane Society in La Grande, Pendleton Paws in Pendleton, Fuzzball Rescue and Cat Utopia in Hermiston, Oregon Humane Society in Portland, and Cat Adoption Team in Sherwood Oregon.

"It's amazing," Riley-Hassmiller said.

In addition to providing medical care to the cats that need it, Best Friends is seeking to spay and neuter the animals as quickly as possible to prevent further breeding and an increase in the colony's population.

Baker County is at a disadvantage as there is no shelter for cats locally.

"That's why most of these cats are going elsewhere," Riley-Hassmiller said. "We're

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— Farrell Riley-Hassmiller, Best Friends of Baker

very fortunate to have that network and to be able to help."

Riley-Hassmiller said Best Friends is using vouchers from the Mollie Atwater Spay and Neuter Fund to help Dawn.

"We are providing vouchers, helping her (Dawn) with the trap effort," Riley-Hassmiller said.

New Hope had made a donation to an account in Dawn's name at the Animal Clinic of Baker.

Blue Mountain Humane Society was willing to take on all indoor cats at their facility as a holding space before sending them to the other rescue homes. The Humane Society will process the cats, check them for ringworm and pneumonia, and assess how

social the cats are.

From there, a majority of the kittens were sent to Fuzzball Rescue. Several cats and kittens with ringworm were sent to Pendleton Paws and Cat Utopia.

The Cat Adoption Team in Sherwood, south of Portland, had agreed to take the cats and kittens who were positive for Feline Leukemia Virus (FeLV) and immunodeficiency (FIV), Riley-Hassmiller said.

The Oregon Humane Society agreed to take in the senior cats who are social, and the organization sent a truckload of donations including food, kennels, supplies and other items. The Oregon Humane Society plans to send another load of supplies.

"It's still a work in progress," Riley-Hassmiller said. "As cats are going to the vet and going home, they're staying indoors. The caregiver's still attempting to socialize them more."

Although the effort has raised \$1,600, Riley-Hassmiller said another \$1,200 is needed to deal with the entire Richland cat colony.

She said people who want

## Help needed for cats abandoned near Keating

According to a post on the Best Friend of Baker website, 10 cats were abandoned near Keating. Best Friends will provide food to anyone willing to put out food and water for the cats daily until they can be assessed and adopted. Anyone who can help can call or text Farrell Riley-Hassmiller at 541-792-9163.

to help by making donations can do so on the Best Friends of Baker website and through their Facebook page for the Mollie Atwater Fund.

"The Mollie Atwater Fund is a program that's been around quite a while and it's also designed to help other Baker County residents. Everyone is welcome to use it who has a financial need," Riley-Hassmiller said.

## OBITUARIES

### Thor Edvalson

Baker City, 1961-2021

Thor Edvalson, 59, of Baker City, died on Feb. 2, 2021, at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise.

A memorial and celebration of Thor's life will take place on Friday, Feb. 26, at 11 a.m. at Harvest Church, 3720 Birch St. in Baker City. This service will be livestreamed. Go to [www.bakercityharvest.org](http://www.bakercityharvest.org), scroll to the bottom and click Youtube.com.



Thor Edvalson

Thor was born on July 13, 1961, at the Grande Ronde Hospital in La Grande to Terry and Myrna (Rees) Edvalson. Thor attended grade school in Micronesian Islands and Junior High Preparatory Academy on the Big Island of Hawaii and graduated from La Grande High School in 1980.

He and Johanna were married on Jan. 19, 2016. Barb Borello, a good friend of theirs, introduced them in 2014.

Thor began his career with the Department of Corrections at Snake River Correctional Institution as a correctional officer in 1995 and transferred to Powder River Correctional Facility in 2003. He had just celebrated 26 years with the department and was anxiously planning for retirement with his wife, Johanna.

Thor was well liked and respected by staff and adults in custody alike. His perpetual smile, sense of humor and no-nonsense attitude were just a few traits that served him well on and off the job. Thor spent many of his years at PRCF as a work crew supervisor and took great pride in the work that was done around Baker, Grant and Union counties. He used to say, "Every day is a good day when you get to be outside." He then moved to receiving and discharge so that he could be close by and take days off.

When his wife got cancer, then wrecked her motorcycle, other than that, no matter what the task, if it was assigned to Thor, it got done. He would simply say, "I'll take care of it," and you knew he would. Thor had a genuine interest in people and took every opportunity to make people laugh.

Thor enjoyed sailing, swimming and scuba diving in the Islands. He loved cave exploring and camping on his

favorite island, Palau. He loved camping, fishing and kayaking with his wife and grandkids. His favorite football teams were the Oregon Ducks and the Steelers.

His favorite saying, was "No one listens to Edvalson." Thor made friends with everyone, he had a great smile, and he was always willing to lend a hand.

Thor is survived by his wife, Johanna; his daughters, Maggie Guthrie and Ryan Edvalson; his stepdaughter, Kailyn McQuisten; his stepson, Andrew Davis; his father, Terry and Pat Edvalson; his brothers, Barry Edvalson and Kelly Edvalson; six grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Myrna (Rees) Edvalson.

For those who would like to make a donation in memory of Thor, the family suggests the Cancer Support Group 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](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com).

### Forrest Green

North Powder, 1944-2021

Forrest Leo Green, 76, of North Powder, died on Feb. 3, 2021, at Life Care Center of Treasure Valley in Boise.

No service will take place at this time. Forrest was born on July 1, 1944, at

Granby, Missouri, to Opal (Lamb) and Earl Green. They moved to North Powder where Forrest attended school and graduated from high school in 1962. Following graduation, Forrest joined the Navy and went to Vietnam. He flew on reconnaissance flights and fought on night patrols.

After four years of service and many awards, he returned home and took on a variety of jobs. He eventually went to work for Fleetwood Travel Trailers Inc., where he became an assistant manager. Years later, he was promoted to manager of a plant at San Bernardino, California. California did not appeal to Forrest, however, so he ultimately moved back to Oregon. There, he reconnected with Ron Nash who was owner and CEO of Nash Travel Trailers.

Forrest was a pilot who could fly just about any plane. He owned and flew

multiple ultralight airplanes, as well as a gyrocopter and experienced flying a glider at a sponsored event at the Madras airport.

Forrest also loved motorcycles. He rode dirt bikes, road bikes (Honda Gold Wing), and a sport bike (Honda Magna). He also taught his sons how to ride, who went on to teach their children, granddaughters included.

Another of Forrest's hobbies was building planes either from kits or from scratch out of balsa wood and covering the frame with Mylar. Once an engine was installed, he flew them by radio control.

Forrest had four children whom he adored, Tanya, Ashelee, Galen and Levi. Forrest was an avid reader and writer. He wrote an epic book of his life by hand, specifically for his children, giving each one a copy. This book is about 1,800+ pages and details his Vietnam experience, as well as his life and family. He also had folders of original poems that he had written over the years, which he shared with his friends and oldest granddaughter. Forrest was an accomplished writer, and has a book of stories and poems that are currently being published in La Grande.

Forrest cherished his grandchildren. Before he became disabled, his favorite hobby was to enter every local parade from Baker City to Pendleton and beyond, driving a painted lawn mower pulling 10 large decorated lawn carts full of his grandchildren and local children, pets and stuffed animals. He won first place one year in Pendleton, and has had his picture in the paper many times.

Forrest is survived by his children, Tanya Galiszewski, Ashelee Cochran, Galen Green and Levi Cochran; his sisters, Ivalee Rodda of Pendleton and Jamie Norvall of La Grande; and 12 grandchildren.

Forrest was preceded in death by his parents, Opal and Earl Green; his brother-in-law, Bill Rodda (Ivalee); his niece, Cami Baird (Marvin); and his beloved dog, Tucker.

For those who would like to make a donation in memory of Forrest, the family suggests Best Friends of Baker (animal care and rescue) 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](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com)

### POLICE LOG

#### Baker City Police

#### Arrests, citations

VIOLATION OF RELEASE AGREEMENT: Brandon Douglas Culbertson, 32, of Baker City, 3:37 p.m. Wednesday, in the 3200 block of Court Avenue; jailed.

#### Baker County Sheriff's Office

#### Arrests, citations

FAILURE TO APPEAR (Baker County Circuit Court warrant): Kenzie Renae Sherman, 20, of Baker City, 9:29 a.m. Wednesday, at the Baker County Jail where she is being held on other charges.

SECOND-DEGREE DISORDERLY CONDUCT, SECOND-DEGREE CRIMINAL MISCHIEF and (Baker County Circuit Court warrant charging) IDENTITY THEFT, FRAUDULENT USE OF A CREDIT CARD and SECOND-DEGREE THEFT: Jessica Marie Gonzales, 31, of Halfway, 10:33 a.m. Wednesday, at Halfway; cited and released.

#### Oregon State Police

#### Arrests, citations

#### PROBATION VIOLATION

(Sherman County warrant): Kaitlyn Nichole Cutler, 26, of Baker City, 1:44 p.m. Tuesday, on Highway 7 at Indiana Avenue; cited and released. Trooper Dakota Keys wrote in his daily media log that Cutler also was cited on charges of driving while her license was suspended (violation) and failing to install an ignition interlock device on her vehicle as required by the court.

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF INTOXICANTS: Destinee Ross-Mann, 23, of The Dalles, 7:42 p.m. Wednesday, on the highway between Halfway and Cornucopia northeast of Baker City; cited and released due to COVID-19 restrictions at

the jail. Sr. Trooper Edward Mercado wrote in his daily media log that Ross-Mann was taken into custody after a single-vehicle crash in which she slid off the road. The driver was taken to the Baker County Sheriff's Office

where she consented to a breath sample that exceeded the legal state blood-alcohol content level of 0.08%, with a BAC of 0.17%, Mercado stated. Her vehicle remained at the scene.

The most sincere thanks from the

## Alex Sackos

family  
for everyone's thoughtfulness.  
Such a comfort. Bless you all.

Mary Lou, Tony & Maggie, Terese, Trin & Rachael

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