

Local

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald February 26, 1971

A general alarm fire this morning destroyed the restaurant at Jones Truck Stop, located north of Baker on Highway 30.

25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald February 26, 1996

Surfing the net, browsing the web, web page, home page, firewalls, hyperlink, cruising, home server. If you aren't into computers you just learned the terms of a different language. Internet language. And the Internet is here.

Ron Fritz of Computer Friendly said Baker City is now connected to a web site in Portland through Source Internet Services.

10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald February 25, 2011

Would you believe that Baker County was a more bustling place 100 years ago?

The notion sounds farfetched.

There was no interstate freeway bisecting the county in 1911, after all.

The place was in fact bereft of paved roads of any sort. (And it's not easy to bustle in the mud.)

What there was more of around here, a century ago, is people.

Almost 2,000 more, actually.

ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald February 25, 2020

The La Grande-Baker basketball rivalry was heating up on Peacock Court at Baker High School Saturday night, but earlier in the day classmates of both teams were using their words to fight it out in a courtroom in La Grande.

The Baker team emerged victorious in a two-team Regional Mock Trial Competition against the La Grande team Saturday at the Union County Courthouse.

As the first-place finishers, the Baker team, led by adviser Kris Pepera, a BHS social studies teacher, will advance to the state contest scheduled March 6-7 at the Hatfield U.S. Courthouse in Portland.

The Baker and La Grande teams were judged through three rounds of competition in Saturday's matchup, said Jessica Gallagher, in a telephone interview from her office in Portland Monday. She is the senior program manager for the Classroom Law Project and state coordinator of the Oregon High School Mock Trial Program.

Scoring is based on how well students perform as a team, as attorneys and as witnesses, Gallagher said. The judging is tallied from the three rounds to determine the winner. The scores are shared only with the teams for use in improving future performances, she said.

Judges are community volunteers who include attorneys, educators and others recruited by organizers.

The Eastern Region contest was one of seven that took place Saturday, Gallagher said. Other competitions were scheduled in Multnomah, Washington, Clackamas, Lane, Jackson and Deschutes counties.

This year, students were given a criminal case on which to base their presentations. Each year they rotate between criminal and civil court cases, Gallagher said.

The outcome of the contest is not based on winning in court, but rather on performing well along the way.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, Feb. 22

10 - 16 - 24 - 30 - 35 - 46
Next jackpot: \$2.3 million

POWERBALL, Feb. 20

4 - 8 - 22 - 32 - 58 PB 4
Next jackpot: \$90 million

MEGA MILLIONS, Feb. 23

5 - 7 - 9 - 20 - 57 Mega 15
Next jackpot: \$30 million

WIN FOR LIFE, Feb. 22

26 - 30 - 50 - 61

PICK 4, Feb. 23

• 1 p.m.: 6 - 0 - 8 - 3

• 4 p.m.: 0 - 0 - 8 - 3

• 7 p.m.: 2 - 7 - 5 - 4

• 10 p.m.: 2 - 5 - 7 - 7

LUCKY LINES, Feb. 23

2-5-11-15-20-21-25-32
Next jackpot: \$23,000

SENIOR MENUS

■ **FRIDAY:** Beef pot roast, red potato, mixed vegetables, roll, fruit cup, apple crisp

■ **MONDAY (March 1):** Chicken-fried steak, mashed potatoes with country gravy, green beans, biscuit, coleslaw, cheesecake

■ **TUESDAY (March 2):** Beef stroganoff over fettuccine noodles, peas, roll, sauerkraut salad, cookies

■ **WEDNESDAY (March 3):** Baked ziti, zucchini and tomatoes, garlic bread, pasta salad, pudding

■ **THURSDAY (March 4):** Breaded pork loin, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, roll, broccoli-bacon salad, brownie

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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COVID-19

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The rise in daily cases coincides with the first three days of the current 14-day measuring period — Feb. 21 through March 6 — that will determine the county's risk level from March 12-25.

To remain in the lowest risk category, which has the least-severe restrictions on businesses and other activities, the county must have fewer than 30 new virus cases during the two-week measuring period.

With 16 new cases in the first three days, that means the county could have no more than 13 cases over the final 11 days of the measuring period.

Bennett said he has asked state health officials — to no avail thus far — to consider the details of virus cases, rather than raw numbers alone, in setting the county's risk level.

He said he shares the sentiments of Matt Scarfo, a Union County commissioner, who has made similar requests to the state.

The issue, Bennett said, is that not all COVID-19 cases represent the same level of risk for spreading the virus.

If multiple members of one household are infected, but the entire household then quarantines, those people aren't

likely to spread the virus in the community, Bennett said, citing one example.

Yet the state counts all of those cases in determining the county's risk level.

With contact tracing, Bennett said, the county can "get a handle pretty quickly" on situations when multiple members of the same household are infected.

In the meantime, Bennett urges residents to take the same precautions that have been recommended for almost a year, including social distancing, wearing a mask when required and when distancing isn't possible, and frequent hand-washing.

If Baker County were to move from the lowest risk to moderate starting March 12, the capacity limits for restaurants, bars, gyms and other businesses would change.

If the county has between 30 and 44 new cases for the Feb. 21 through March 6 period, it would move to the moderate-risk category on March 12.

Differences in restrictions between the low and moderate categories include:

Restaurants and bars

- Lowest risk: Indoor dining up to 50% of capacity; up to eight diners per table; midnight closing time

- Moderate risk: Indoor dining up to 50% of capacity or 100 total people, in-

cluding staff, whichever is fewer; up to six diners per table; 11 p.m. closing time

Gyms, fitness centers, indoor pools, indoor school sports

- Lowest risk: Maximum of 50% of capacity

- Moderate risk: Maximum of 50% of capacity or 100 people, whichever is fewer

Theaters, museums, other indoor entertainment

- Lowest risk: Maximum of 50% of capacity; midnight closing time

- Moderate risk: Maximum of 50% of capacity or 100 people, whichever is fewer; 11 p.m. closing time

Churches, funeral homes and mortuaries

- Lowest risk: Indoors, up to 75% of capacity; outdoors up to 300 people

- Moderate risk: Indoors, up to 50% of capacity or 150 people, whichever is fewer; outdoors up to 250 people

Outdoor recreation, including high school and middle school sports

- Lowest risk: Maximum of 300 people

- Moderate risk: Maximum of 150 people

OBITUARIES

Ruth Bowman

Formerly of Baker City, 1942-2021

Ruth A. Bowman, 78, a former Baker County resident, died Jan. 11, 2021, at her longtime home in Milton-Freewater.

A memorial service will take place at a later date when family can gather safely and celebrate her life very well-lived.

Ruth was born on Sept. 14, 1942, at Weiser, Idaho, to Frank G. Bowman and Helen M. (Jean) Marlow Bowman, the second of four siblings. She grew up in Baker County near Richland, helping her family on the ranch where she learned extensive homemaking skills; gardening, preserving, sewing and crocheting.

In 1958, Ruth married Herbert P. Anderson. They lived in Baker City, where they had three children together, Barbara Davis, Debra (Rod) MacLean and Douglas Anderson. They later divorced in 1970.

Ruth moved with her children first to La Grande and then to Pendleton where she attended college at Blue Mountain Community College and studied accounting. She began working at Harvest Chevrolet where she met the love of her life, Everett Barlow, and his three children, David (Rebecca) Barlow, Julia Armstrong (Sean Moore) and Tamara (Robert) Pahl. Everett shared her love of the mountains — fishing, mushroom picking and looking for wild animals at every opportunity. Ruth and Everett moved to Milton-Freewater in 1987 when Ruth assumed the position of office manager at Dayl Graves in Walla Walla, Washington. She became well-known for her smile and excellent customer service.



Ruth Bowman and Everett Barlow

She retired from Dayl Graves in 2013.

Ruth was a lifelong learner, determined in her efforts to acquire new skills and pursue creative interests. She became an accomplished painter. Later Ruth learned to machine knit and even operated a small business, Ruth's Knits, where she provided lessons and other services to the machine knitting community.

Ruth was an extraordinary mother, grandmother, sibling and friend. Ruth's home and property were the gathering place where you were well fed and stories told. Her strength of character, resilience, generous spirit, kindness and loving guidance will continue to inspire her family now and for generations to come. A life well-lived in every aspect. She will be sorely missed by all who knew and loved her.

Ruth is survived by her six children and their significant others, and 11 grandchildren: Robyn, Kyle, Conner, Cameron, Travis, Tori, Blythe, Trever, Sara, Paisley and Katie; 12 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild on the way.

Ruth was preceded in death by her longtime love, Everett; her parents; her brother, Garry; her son, Doug; and her grandson, Colin.

Those wishing to make a memorial donation in Ruth's name can make it to St. Mary's Cancer Center through Herring Groseclose Funeral Home, 315 W. Alder

St., Walla Walla, WA 99362.

Everett Barlow

Milton-Freewater, 1945-2020

Everett C. (Pete) Barlow, 75, of Milton-Freewater, died Dec. 21, 2020, at Providence St. Mary Medical Center in Walla Walla, Washington.

A memorial will take place at a later date.

Everett was born on Jan. 17, 1945, at Heppner to Everett and Alberta (Hoffman) Barlow. He spent his childhood years working the harvest for his uncles and the Peterson ranches in Heppner. After graduating from Pendleton High School in 1963 he was drafted by the U.S. Army, working in the motor pool section in South Korea. He was honorably discharged in 1972.

After returning to Pendleton, in 1968, he married Linda Mansker. They had three children together, David (Rebecca) Barlow, Julia Armstrong (Sean Moore) and Tamara (Robert) Pahl. Linda and Everett later divorced.

Everett worked for 18 years at Pendleton Grain Growers. After leaving PGG, Everett went to work at Harvest Chevrolet as an outside parts salesman where he met the love of his life, Ruth Bowman, and her three children, Barb Davis, Debbie (Rod) MacLean and Doug Anderson from a prior marriage. Ruth and Everett moved to Milton-Freewater in 1987 and spent the remainder of their 35 years together fishing, hunting and just being in the mountains.

Everett worked as a sales manager at Platt Electric for many years, traveling to regional stores for delivery. Everett later became an active member of the Walla Walla Gun Club, Fort Walla Walla Muzzleloaders Club and the East End Rod and Gun Club,

helping out wherever he could. Everett especially enjoyed teaching hunting and gun safety for the youth and women's programs. He loved going to the trap shoots with his good buddies. He passed on many hunting tips and stories to his children and grandchildren that will live on through the many generations to come. In his retirement he enjoyed doing dealer trades for Dayl Graves Inc.

He especially enjoyed his six children, their significant others, and 11 grandchildren: Trever, Sara, Paisley, Katie, Robyn, Kyle, Cameron, Blythe, Travis, Tori and Conner; and 12 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister, Mary (Allen) Earley; and his stepsister, Cindy (Harley) Wheeler.

Everett was a very loving mate, father and grandfather, who was loved by all who knew him. He will be greatly missed.

Everett was preceded in death by his infant sister; and his father and his mother.

Those wishing to make a memorial donation in his name can make it to the American Heart Association or the Walla Walla Gun Club through Herring Groseclose Funeral Home, 315 W. Alder St. Walla Walla, WA 99362.

Patrick Yankey

Formerly of Baker City, 1951-2021

Patrick Yankey, 69, a longtime Portland resident and former Baker City resident, died Feb. 16, 2021, at his home in Portland.

At Patrick's request, there will be no services. Interment will be at the Haines Cemetery at a later date.

Patrick is survived by his sister, Lisa Kirsof of Auburn-dale, Florida; his brothers, John Kim Yankey of Oregon City, Greg Yankey of Milwaukie, Oregon, and Ron Yankey of LaPine.

NEWS OF RECORD

DEATHS

Marilyn J. Perkins: 89, of Eagle, Idaho, and a former Baker County resident, died on Feb. 21, 2021. Alden-Waggoner Funeral Chapel of Boise is in charge of arrangements.

Leo Poe: 77, of Baker City, died peacefully on Feb. 23, 2021, with his family by his side. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Online condolences can be made at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com

FUNERALS PENDING

Thor Edvalson: A celebration of Thor's life and memorial service will take place Friday, Feb. 26, at 11 a.m. at the Harvest Church, 3720 Birch St. in Baker City. His family suggests memorial contributions to the Cancer Support Group through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Online condolences can be made at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com

POLICE LOG

Baker City Police
Arrests, citations

FELON IN POSSESSION OF FIREARMS (two counts): Kyle Ryan Bork, 21, of Baker City, 8 p.m. Tuesday, in the 42000 block of N. Cedar Street; jailed.

VIOLATION OF RELEASE AGREEMENT: Jamie Joseph Weiss, 55, of Baker City, 10:28 a.m. Tuesday, at Church and Second streets; cited and released.

SECOND-DEGREE FAILURE TO APPEAR (Baker County warrant): Justin Lee Harding, 37, of Baker City, 3:47 p.m. Monday in the 1800 block of Seventh Street; jailed.

Baker County Sheriff's Office

Arrests, citations
UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE (Union County Circuit Court warrant): Christopher John Fulfer, 35, 3:12 p.m. Tuesday, at the Parole and Probation office, 3425 13th St.; cited and released.

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