

Local

BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

TUESDAY, MARCH 16

■ **Baker City Council:** Work session, 5:30 p.m. at City Hall, 1655 First St.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17

■ **Baker County Board of Commissioners:** 9 a.m. at the Courthouse, 1995 Third St. Due to COVID-19 occupancy limitations, the public is encouraged to attend by using the Zoom link on the County's website, <https://www.bakercounty.org/online/meetings.html>.

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald March 15, 1971

The Bend Lava Bears put together two brief hot streaks and some high dividend free throw shooting Saturday to hand the Baker Bulldogs their second league loss, 45-38 in Bend.

But the Bulldogs won a flip of the coin after the game to gain a number one seeding as the two squads move into the state tournament next week.

25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald March 15, 1996

David Wheeler's friends and colleagues are glad the two teenagers responsible for his death will be punished, and relieved that there will be no trial.

"I'm happy for Kristi and Melissa and Jace that they don't have to go through that," said Pastor Karen Slotta of the Baker United Methodist Church, referring to Wheeler's wife, daughter and son.

Another of Wheeler's close friends, Baker City Mayor Larry Griffith, said he was concerned that if the case went to trial, defense lawyers might have had the charges dismissed because of a technicality.

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

The man for whom Baker County and Baker City are named is the subject of Senate Bill 809.

It calls for Feb. 24 to be known as Edward Dickinson Baker Day in Oregon.

State Sen. Ted Ferrioli, R-John Day, introduced the bill. Members of the Senate's Veterans and Military Affairs Committee were scheduled to hold a public hearing about the matter today.

ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald March 17, 2020

Cody Miller is holding a 16-ounce can of Rockstar energy drink at 8:30 on Sunday morning, which explains perhaps as explicitly as any words what it's been like to run a grocery store at the dawn of the age of coronavirus.

The spread of the respiratory illness, besides leading to the closure of schools and the suspension of many public events, has prompted residents to pack their pantries as a precaution in case of shortages.

The result was a weekend unlike any other since Miller opened the Grocery Outlet store in Baker City in November 2018.

In common with retailers across the state and in many parts of the country, Miller's biggest challenge wasn't keeping the food shelves stocked.

The trouble is toilet paper.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, March 13

10 — 14 — 31 — 33 — 34 — 38
Next jackpot: \$3.1 million

POWERBALL, March 13

5 — 11 — 51 — 56 — 61 PB 2
Next jackpot: \$184 million

MEGA MILLIONS, March 12

2 — 24 — 25 — 31 — 65 Mega 18
Next jackpot: \$93 million

WIN FOR LIFE, March 13

16 — 29 — 42 — 71

PICK 4, March 14

• 1 p.m.: 9 — 4 — 2 — 6

• 4 p.m.: 9 — 6 — 0 — 4

• 7 p.m.: 0 — 8 — 0 — 4

• 10 p.m.: 6 — 6 — 1 — 8

LUCKY LINES, March 14

2-5-9-15-18-22-27-30
Next jackpot: \$42,000

SENIOR MENUS

- **WEDNESDAY:** Corned beef and cabbage, red potatoes, carrots, roll, pea-and-onion salad, tapioca
- **THURSDAY:** Liver and onions, red potatoes, peas and carrots, three-bean salad, roll, berry cheesecake
- **FRIDAY:** Baked ham, scalloped potatoes, mixed vegetables, roll, broccoli-bacon salad, lemon squares
- **MONDAY (March 22):** Chicken and gravy over egg noodles, biscuit, Jell-O with fruit, bread pudding
- **TUESDAY (March 23):** Soup and sandwich, turkey sandwich, vegetable beef soup, fruit cup, cookies

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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Frederick LeWando

Baker City, 1949-2021

Frederick "Freddie" LeWando Jr., 72, of Baker City, died Feb. 26, 2021, in Baker City.

A visitation with military honors took place on March 3, 2021, at Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel; he was interred in the Haines Cemetery on Friday, March 5, 2021.

In 1949 in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, Fred was born to Frederick George LeWando Sr. and Joyce LeWando (Moyer). He graduated from college in 1994 with a Master's in Social Work (MSW). Fred married Gail Lemberger in Portland, Oregon.

He dedicated his life to helping people with mental illness; after completing his master's degree, he specialized in helping traumatized children; he was a kind and thoughtful therapist.

Freddie was a capable outdoorsman who was born in Pennsylvania but moved west to explore Oregon and its wild places. His best friend, Stanley Vilius, moved west before Freddie, and Fred followed him shortly after.

Freddie is survived by his wife, Gail Lemberger of Baker City; his mother, Joyce LeWando of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania; brothers, Peter LeWando of North Carolina, and Joe Tornbom of Baker City; and a nephew, Andrew Vilius of Troutdale.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital through Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814.

'Bill' Davis

Formerly of North Powder, 1939-2021

William Fred "Bill" Davis, 82, of Nampa, Idaho, and formerly of North Powder and La Grande, died on Feb. 26, 2021, at home with his wife, Marilee, by his side.

Bill, the youngest of five children, was born on Feb. 6, 1939, at Baker to William Ernest and Vivian Clare McGrath Davis. He grew up in North Powder on the family ranch that was purchased by his father and grandfather, John William Davis, in 1937.

Bill is the descendant of three early pioneer families in Union and Baker counties: his great-grandparents, John Samuel and Susan Dealy Davis, who homesteaded the family ranch in North Powder in 1872; Patrick and Mary McGrath of Union; and Alfred and Ida Sisley Gardner of Sumpter and Baker. His grandfather, Walter McGrath, a coal dealer, served as mayor in North Powder for more than 35 years.

Bill attended Powder Valley High School where he was active in basketball, football, 4-H, FFA, and orchestra, where he played the trombone. After graduating in 1957, Bill began his college education at Oregon State College. He had a very close relationship with his grandparents, Walter and Leila McGrath, and visited them in their home often. Walter also played the trombone and offered to give Bill the trombone he played at dances throughout Union and Baker counties if he made the Oregon State marching band, which Bill accomplished.

In 1958 Bill transferred to Eastern Oregon College in La Grande, and in the fall of 1959, he transferred to Oregon Technical Institute in Klamath Falls. There he met his first wife, Sandra Lare, at the new student dance at the Student Union, and their first

date was a drive-in movie and spilled coffee.

The summer of 1960, Bill returned to North Powder to help his parents run the family ranch. He loved working on the ranch and had a special talent in knowing everything about individual cows. Bill and Sandra were married Aug. 6, 1960, at Baker and had two children, son, Jeff, and daughter, Debbie.

Bill was a hands-on dad who assisted with feeding, changing diapers, and bath time and loved his children very much. After the death of his father, Bill and his mother, Vivian, continued to run the ranch and shared the daily duties.

Bill was active in his community. In 1960 he joined the Elks Lodge in Baker, where he remained a member until transferring to the Elks Lodge in Nampa, Idaho. He was also a member of the North Powder Order of Masonic Lodge from 1967 to 1988. He attained the E. A. Degree, the Fellow Craft degree, and became Master of Lodge in 1971. He was a past member of the Oregon Cattlemen's Association in Baker and later joined the Scottish Rite and Shriners.

Bill moved with his family to La Grande in May of 1980 after the sale of the North Powder ranch. He joined Corbett Real Estate in La Grande as a sales associate in 1981.

Here he met his future wife, Marilee Clara Bradley, and they married on Feb. 18, 1984, at Boise. Together they worked on a dairy farm in Marsing, Idaho, for a short time and eventually made their home in Nampa. Bill began working for the University of Idaho Caine Veterinarian Teaching Facility in Caldwell, Idaho, in 1984.

He enjoyed working with the animals until his retirement in June 2002. Bill and Marilee enjoyed woodworking crafts and attending craft shows to sell their products. They also enjoyed spending time with friends at the Elks Lodge and were known to kick up their heels on the dance floor. They shared a love for the outdoors, camping, traveling, and visiting family, and they made many trips to visit their children, granddaughter, Breanna, and great-grandson, Ayden.

In 2018 Bill was diagnosed with kidney failure and their traveling slowed down, but never his love for his family. Marilee was by his side every step of the way, and she stated he was a great patient. He never complained about anything and always tried to stay upbeat and positive, even during hospitalizations and trying times. He will be missed by his family, friends and others who had the pleasure of knowing him.

Survivors include his wife of 37 years, Marilee of Nampa; his son, Jeffrey Davis of La Grande; his granddaughter and great-grandson, Breanna and Ayden William Davis, both of Island City; his former wife and friend, Sandra Davis of La Grande; his sister, Jessie Lou Cox of Spokane; and his nieces and nephews and their spouses, Carol and Roger Hildebrandt, Scott and Tamara Myers, Michelle and Bruce Vinson, Kimber and Michael Haley, and Kelly and Andrew Beavor.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Debra Kay Davis; his parents, William and Vivian Davis; his infant brother, Walter John Davis; his sisters and their spouses, Betty and Kenneth Myers and Jeannette and Robert Kellar; his brother-in-law, Edward Lee Cox; his nieces, Cathy Peplinski and Lucinda Higley; and his nephew, Martin Davis Myers.

Memorial contributions can be made to DaVita Nampa Dialysis Center, 846 Park Centre, Nampa, ID 83651.

Eleanor Sullivan

Baker City, 1932-2021

Eleanor Clare Sullivan, 89, of Baker City, died on March 6, 2021, with her beloved family by her side.

A private funeral mass will take place at St. Joseph's Mission in Unity. A celebration of Eleanor's life and disposition of her ashes will take place this summer at her home on the family ranch in Hereford.

Eleanor was born on Jan. 3, 1932, at La Grande to Oris Mehlhorn and Jean Malone. She spent her early years in Pine Valley as well as many subsequent summers there with her grandparents, Ethel and Albert Mehlhorn, most often on horseback. Pine Valley always held a special place in her heart.

Eleanor graduated from Hereford Union High in 1950 and married Duwayne Sullivan that same year; they had four children together. She remained involved in the family ranch her entire life. Ranching was often challenging, but she loved it dearly and counted it as one of her true blessings in life. She was dedicated to her children and her church, St. Joseph's Mission, both of which helped her through tough times and brought her immense joy. She always found the best in others, and all who had the privilege of knowing Eleanor know what an amazing woman she truly was.

She is survived by her brother, Walt Ebell and his wife, Dianna; her son, Dan "Boone" Sullivan and Molly McCoy; her daughters, Teresa Sullivan, Kathleen Sullivan and Mary Ann "Cookie" Wise and her husband Wayne; six grandchildren, Jason Wise and his wife, Robyn, Daniel Sullivan and his wife, Melissa, Tara Phillips and her husband, Bill, Andrea Wilson, Justus Wise and Collin Jones; great-grandchildren Taytum, Morgan and Ethan Wise, Mirra and Sylvia Sullivan, Sawyer Jones, and soon-to-be Marshall Phillips; there are numerous cousins, nieces and nephews who always held a special place in her heart as well.

Eleanor was preceded in death by her parents, Oris and Jean; her husband, Duwayne; and her sister, Lois Moody.

Memorial contributions may be made to Heart 'N Home Hospice, who the family greatly appreciated, the Hereford Community Hall, and

St. Joseph's Mission, where Eleanor devoted much of her time and love. Contributions can be made through Gray's West and Co., P.O. Box 726, Baker City, OR 97814.

To offer online condolences to Eleanor's family, go to www.grayswestco.com

Barbara Wendt

Haines, 1930-2021

Barbara Wendt, 90, of Haines, died on March 12, 2021, at her home, surrounded by her family.

To celebrate Barbara's life, an open house will take place on Saturday, March 20 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Wendt Ranch in Haines. Anyone wishing to stop by to pay respects or share memories with her family is welcome.

Barbara was born on Dec. 6, 1930, at Tempe, Arizona, to F. G. (Glenn) and Doris Macomber. She spent her childhood moving around the country with her family following her father in the Army. She completed her schooling with a master's degree in education from Miami University in Ohio.

In 1955 Barbara met and married Carl Wendt. Together they raised a family of eight children. She was the devoted family matriarch. Carl and Barbara were married nearly 56 years.

Barbara was a lifelong teacher and an avid reader. She was also active with many youth groups including 4-H and Girl Scouts. Her hobbies included a large variety of arts and crafts.

Barbara is survived by her children, Carla Aichele of Haines, Holly and her husband, Ron Coleman of North Powder, Beth Wendt of Haines, Donald and his wife, Charlene Wendt of Ontario, Clint Wendt of Haines, Penny Wendt of Haines, Melissa and her husband, Max Garner of Haines, Joel Wendt of Haines; her brother, Keith and his wife, Carolyn Macomber of Cedar Falls, Iowa; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Barbara was preceded in death by her husband, Carl; her parents; her sister, JoAnn Vaughn; and her grandson, Casey Wendt.

Donations in Barbara's memory can be made to Heart n' Home Hospice who were invaluable to the family with care of both Barbara and Carl, through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home P.O. Box 543 Halfway, Oregon 97834. Online condolences can be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com



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