

Local

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald March 25, 1971

HALFWAY — Pine Valley ski enthusiasts prepare to graduate from paperwork to ski site as they launch their first membership drive for next winter's skiing operation.

A star feature of the new site is the easy access for 'Copia Highway at Carson, leaving only a half mile of county-maintained road to the parking area at the lodge.

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

The Baker City Council on Tuesday will consider a resolution sponsoring the city's application to continue its enterprise zone.

The city's existing enterprise zone designation, which includes almost the entire area inside the urban growth boundary, expires June 30.

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

What do an orthopedic surgeon, a UPS driver, a retired schoolteacher and a high school student have in common? A desire to help people in Costa Rica, for one thing.

On Feb. 24, a Work and Witness team that included 17 Baker County residents and members from Phoenix, Ariz., and Eagle, Idaho, traveled together for a two-week mission trip to Costa Rica.

Leaving Baker City in minus-10 degree temperatures, the group arrived in the valley of San Jose, Costa Rica, where the temperature was 80 degrees.

ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald March 26, 2020

Mairi Nielsen's initial reaction was close to panic.

Nielsen, who has lived in Baker City for about a decade, has been in treatment for Stage 4 breast cancer since she was diagnosed in June 2018.

She takes chemotherapy pills at home.

She travels to Fruitland, Idaho, monthly to see her oncologist.

She has four children, ranging in age from 6 to 11, all students in Baker schools.

And Nielsen had just learned that classes will be canceled at least through April 28.

Suddenly she needed to add to an already hectic schedule a system for keeping her kids educated, and entertained.

During a season when the weather can be less than conducive to outdoor activities.

"I went, 'oh no, what am I going to do with all my kids,'" is how Nielsen, 44, recalls reacting to the extended school closure due to the coronavirus.

The pandemic was already a major concern for Nielsen, who as a cancer patient is more vulnerable to the effects of the virus that has so dramatically affected the country and the world.

"How am I going to do this?" Nielsen thought to herself.

Less than two weeks later, she is still adjusting to this unexpected challenge.

But she's optimistic.

"We've done OK, actually," Nielsen said Tuesday morning in a phone interview from her home, the conversation punctuated by an occasional exclamation from a child in the background.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, March 22

4 — 11 — 16 — 18 — 27 — 46

Next jackpot: \$3.5 million

POWERBALL, March 20

1 — 6 — 22 — 42 — 61 PB 4

Next jackpot: \$220 million

MEGA MILLIONS, March 23

12 — 23 — 35 — 38 — 55 Mega 11

Next jackpot: \$137 million

WIN FOR LIFE, March 22

9 — 17 — 38 — 50

PICK 4, March 23

• 1 p.m.: 0 — 0 — 2 — 3

• 4 p.m.: 4 — 5 — 4 — 3

• 7 p.m.: 1 — 4 — 1 — 6

• 10 p.m.: 7 — 6 — 7 — 2

LUCKY LINES, March 23

1-8-12-15-17-22-25-32

Next jackpot: \$51,000

SENIOR MENUS

- **FRIDAY:** Boneless chicken breast, baked potato, winter blend vegetables, fruit cup, cinnamon roll
- **MONDAY (March 29):** Barbecued pork ribs, au gratin potatoes, corn, biscuit, coleslaw, cookies
- **TUESDAY (March 30):** Hot beef sandwich, mashed potatoes with gravy, mixed vegetables, ambrosia, cheesecake
- **WEDNESDAY (March 31):** Sweet and sour chicken, rice, Oriental vegetables, Jell-O with fruit, 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.

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Walter Dillman

Halfway, 1944-2021

Walter Lee Dillman, 76, of Halfway, died March 10, 2021, at his home from complications of sepsis.

There will be a double inurnment for Walt and his beloved wife, Ronda, at the Pine Valley Cemetery in Halfway, on Saturday, May 29, at 11 a.m. There will be a celebration of life for both following at the Pine Valley Fairgrounds in Halfway.



Walter Dillman

Walt was born on Sept. 22, 1944, at Sunnyside Washington, to Walter and Luana Dillman. He was the oldest of four children, with a sister, Nancy (Sammy), and brothers, Lonnie and Dock Dillman.

Walt and his family moved to Halfway in 1960 where he attended Pine Valley High School. In 1961, Ronda, (Walt's future bride) went with her friend Carol Ann to a rodeo in John Day for the weekend. Ronda and Walt were acquainted through high school but were not dating at the time. Saturday evening at the rodeo dance, Walt, Earl and Walt's uncle Bill flipped a coin to see who would dance with Ronda. Walt lost the toss and at first Walt didn't want to dance with Ronda, but by the end of the evening they danced and danced. As the story goes, the rest is history. Through the years they were admired for their loving country two-step waltz.

Walt and Ronda were married on Feb. 27, 1965, at Halfway, where they remained, and raised their children, Josi and Corey. Walt worked for Morrison Knudson during the dam construction at Hells Canyon early in his career. Following that, Walt was employed by the U.S. Forest Service as a surveyor from 1968 to 1986 before retiring and purchasing Halfway Garage and Towing. After retirement as a business owner, Walt worked summers as a contract driver for the Forest Service during fire season.

Always involved with the community of Halfway, he was a volunteer firefighter for Pine Valley Rural Fire Department. Walt and Ronda supported the Hells Canyon Junior Rodeo and Baker County Fair through the years as well as numerous other community activities.

Walt and his family and friends enjoyed packing into the wilderness areas to camp and hunt. Walt and Ronda were well known for numerous "hilarious" lip sync presentations at Wild Bill's in Halfway and were Uncle Walt and Aunt Ronda to many of the kids in Halfway. His wife, Ronda, passed away in 2013.

Walt married Eileen Vollertsen on May 27, 2017, and the two shared horseback excursions, and enjoyed outings with the children and grandchildren.

Walt was preceded in death by his wife, Ronda Ann Dillman; his parents, Walt and Luana Dillman; his nephew, Jeff Dillman; his grandparents; and various aunts and uncles.

Walt is survived by his wife, Eileen Vollertsen; his daughter and son-in-law, Josi and Larry Mack; his son and daughter-in-law, Corey and Cathy Dillman; his brothers and sisters-in-law, Lonnie and Marie Dillman, and Dock and Cynthia Dillman; his sister and brother-in-law, Nancy (Sammy) and Kenny Marleene; his sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Roger and Dawn Coles; his brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Doug and Beth Payton; his aunt and uncles, Cheryl and Earl Robinette, and Rolland and Floyd Baze; nine grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and numerous, nieces, nephews and cousins.

People wishing to honor Walt's lifelong commitment to the community of Halfway may do so through donations to the Pine Valley Fire Department, Pine Valley Fair Association or Pine Valley Ambulance. This may be done through Coles Tribute Center, 1950 Place St., Baker City, OR 97814.

Lois Garrison

Formerly of Huntington, 1925-2021

Lois Mary Garrison, 95, of Ontario, and formerly of Baker City, died peacefully on March 7, 2021, with her family by her side.

Lois will be interred at Mount Hope Cemetery under the direction of Gray's West and Co., Baker City. The family will schedule a celebration in honor of Lois's life at a future date due to current restrictions on travel and gatherings.

Lois was born on May 20, 1925, to Rose (McConnell) and Virgil McKinney at the home of her paternal grandparents in Baker City. When she was 4 years old, the family moved to the sawmill town of Pondosa, near Medical Springs, where everyone lived in tent homes until houses could be built. Lois attended eight years of grade school as a member of a graduating class of seven students. While in Pondosa, Lois made lifelong friendships that she cherished throughout her life. She looked forward to visiting these friends at the annual Pondosa Picnic, which she attended for well over 50 years.

In the fall of 1939, Lois began high school in Union. She loved the excitement that the community of Union had to offer — school bus rides, pep rallies, and seeing her very first football and basketball games. She truly treasured her four years at Union High School, where she was involved in many activities, including glee club and basketball, for which she was selected for the all-star team during her senior year. In 1941, she represented the small

community of Medical Springs as a princess for the Baker Mining Jubilee on the Fourth of July. She was selected for this role because of her horseback riding abilities and rode her horse, Patches, during the rodeo and parade. The only cloud during those wonderful years in high school was seeing so many of her classmates leave school to serve in World War II.

Soon after graduating from Union High School in 1943, Lois enrolled at Baker Business College where she attended classes while simultaneously performing secretarial duties at a local business. After completing her business course, she worked briefly at the Baker radio station before her employment with the Selective Service Board, where she worked with soldiers who were shipping out and later returning from World War II. Just before Christmas in 1945, a tall young soldier from Huntington came into the office to reconcile his discharge papers. It was Lois's break time, and the soldier, Elvin Garrison, asked her to join him for a Coke. They soon began seeing each other, and after a brief courtship, Elvin and Lois were married on April 1, 1946, at the Lutheran Parsonage at Baker. As Lois's name was on his official discharge papers, Elvin often joked that he just got out of one hitch and signed up for another as they signed their marriage license.

Lois and Elvin made their home in Huntington, where they raised their four children, Gary, David, Shawn and Bob. Lois's husband, Elvin, passed away on Feb. 29, 1996, just a month before the couple's golden wedding anniversary. Lois continued to live in the family home at Huntington until 2004, when she moved to Ontario. It was very difficult for her to leave Huntington, as it was a wonderful community for raising a family, and it was a place where everyone looked out for each other. She was honored to have been selected as the Grand Marshal in Huntington's Fourth of July Parade.

Lois was a beloved mother, wife, and grandmother. Her family was everything to her. Nothing made her happier than hosting or attending large gatherings with her family. She believed that birthdays and holidays called for special celebrations. She loved being active in the lives of her children and grandchildren and treasured the time that she spent attending all of their ball games, band competitions, dance recitals, school plays, and graduations.

Lois is survived by her brother, Bill McKinney (Dorothy); her daughter, Shawn Garrison; her daughter-in-law, Susan Warren; her grandchildren, David Garrison (Angie), Donald Garrison (Tara), Diana Closson (Bill), Daniel Garrison (Dee), Dustie Maxa (Coby), Ted Calouri (Laura), Kristin Johnson, Erin Garrison

(Andrew) and Katie Garrison (Brian); 28 great-grandchildren; 33 great-great-grandchildren and four very special nieces and nephews and their families.

Lois was preceded in death by her parents, Rose and Virgil McKinney; her husband, Elvin; and her sons, Gary, David, and Robert Garrison.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to your local scholarship or sports booster funds in honor of Lois's love and desire to support young people. You may do this by making your check out to the scholarship or booster fund and sending it to Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814.

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

Louise Shreffler

Baker City, 1943-2021

Louise Shreffler, 77, of Baker City, died March 10, 2021, at her home, surrounded by her loving family.

There will be a graveside service for Louise on Friday, March 26, at 2 p.m. at Mount Hope Cemetery, with Pastor Tracy Bussard officiating.

Louise was born on Nov. 14, 1943, at Bristol, Virginia, to Charles Wayne and Margaret Alice (Holt) Pippen. She attended high school in Santa Rosa, California, at Montgomery High, graduating in 1962. Louise married Dale Shreffler in Mill Valley, California.

She worked as a supervisor for Oregon Trail Spring Water and as a graphic designer later in life. Louise was self-taught at the age of 62 to develop and build websites and create graphic designs used in marketing and various merchandise.

Louise loved all Cadillacs, posies (flowers), graphic design, making people laugh, Great Pyrenees dogs, and most of all, her family.

Louise is survived by her children, Tony (Mary) Bussard of Gahanna, Ohio, Shellie Mooney (Jimm) of Baker City, and Tracy (Leah) Bussard of Idaho City, Idaho; her sisters, Annette Wyrsch of Spokane, Washington, and Claudette Cathcart of Glenrock, Wyoming; eight grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Louise was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Margaret Pippen; her husband, Dale Shreffler; and her grandson, Christopher Bussard.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Heart N Home Hospice through Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814.

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

NEWS OF RECORD

DEATHS

Robert J. 'Bob' Hendriksen: 87, of Baker City, died March 18, 2021, at his home. Services are under the direction of Coles Tribute Center, 1950 Place St., Baker City, OR 97814. To light a candle in Bob's memory, go to www.colestributecenter.com

Sharon L. Wulk: 78, of Baker City, died March 22, 2021, at Boise. Services are under the direction of Coles Tribute Center, 1950 Place St., Baker City, OR 97814. To light a candle in Sharon's memory, go to www.colestributecenter.com

FUNERALS PENDING

James Dwight 'Jimmy' Hebert: There will be a celebration of Jimmy's life, Saturday, April 3, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Bonita's home in North Powder. Donations in his memory can be made to Doernbecher Children's Hospital in Portland or to the Wolf Creek Grange No. 596 in North Powder in care of Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814. To leave an online condolence for Jimmy's family, go to www.grayswestco.com.

Arlene Mae Schoorl: A cele-

bration of her life, with a potluck, will take place on Saturday, April 24, from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Unity Community Hall. To offer online condolences, go to www.grayswestco.com

POLICE LOG

Baker City Police
UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF A FIREARM: Jamie Joseph Weiss, 55, of Baker City, 7:55 a.m. Tuesday, March 23 in the 2900 block of Broadway Street; cited and released; police said Weiss was unlawfully carrying a .22-caliber handgun on Union Pacific Railroad property. Railroad employees called police to request that Weiss be trespassed from the property.

Baker County Sheriff's Office

WARRANTS (Baker Justice Court, Union County Circuit Court): Kyle Ryan Bork, 21, 6:03 a.m. Monday, March 22 on Magpie Peak Road; cited and

released.

Oregon State Police
UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE and ELUDING POLICE (Multnomah County

warrant): Trevor Brendan Oboyle, 35, of Seattle, 7:37 a.m. Tuesday, on Interstate 84, about 5 miles north of Baker City; cited and released per the warrant.

Are you Missing?

Young black lab mix captured March 20, west Baker City. First observed February 14.

Seeking owner or info leading to owner. Call 541-403-0724

Contact info is
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New Hope for Eastern Oregon Animals
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