

Local

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald June 3, 1971

The budget board reviewed the proposed city budget last night, which called for total budget requirements of \$1,994,131 compared to \$2,051,339 last year. This smaller budget reflects a \$57,208 decrease in expected revenue.

25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald June 3, 1996

Baker High School graduated 121 young men and women in the Class of 1996 Saturday under warm, sunny skies in Bulldog Memorial Stadium.

Bobb McKittrick, a 1954 BHS graduate and current offensive line coach for the San Francisco 49ers, delivered the commencement address. He asked the graduates to reflect on some of the changes that have taken place in Baker City since he was in school.

10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald June 3, 2011

Don't expect to see the message "flood warning" for the Powder River in Baker City scrolling across the bottom of your TV screen or appearing on your computer monitor as often as you've been accustomed to this spring.

The National Weather Service has raised the threshold for when it issues flood watches or warnings for the river. The reason is that the previous benchmark didn't accurately reflect actual conditions along the river through town, said Jay Breidenbach, warning coordination meteorologist at the Weather Service's Boise office.

ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald June 4, 2020

Carol Kitch stands outside Memory Lane Homes, peering into the window of the residential care facility to speak with her mother, Mary Lou Lake.

Kitch, 64, visits Memory Lane in Baker City almost every day to see her 92-year-old mother, who has Alzheimer's disease.

"I just figure even if it's outside the window, if she can see me every day or almost every day, it just keeps the connection," Kitch said.

In common with people across the state and nation, Kitch has had to adjust to restrictions on visits to care facilities during the coronavirus pandemic.

The mandate is intended to protect residents in those facilities, several of which have been the location of outbreaks.

Kitch said it is difficult not being able to hug or touch her mom. Touching, she said, is an integral part of family and love.

"And so to not be able to touch or hug is hard. Really hard," Kitch said.

Despite the difficulties, Kitch said she rests easy knowing Nicole Howerton, administrator at Memory Lane Homes, and her staff are caring for her mother.

"They really do an excellent job," Kitch said.

Mary Lou Lake has lived at Memory Lane since 2019, having moving here from Seattle.

Kitch said she wasn't satisfied with the level of care at a facility in Seattle where her mom had been living.

"We needed to find a place that had a different attitude and so we came here and I found this place and we are just so thrilled," Kitch said.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, May 31

5 — 32 — 34 — 36 — 41 — 45

Next jackpot: \$3.5 million

POWERBALL, May 29

11 — 13 — 22 — 27 — 46 PB 20

Next jackpot: \$268 million

MEGA MILLIONS, June 1

7 — 11 — 33 — 58 — 63 Mega 23

Next jackpot: \$45 million

WIN FOR LIFE, May 31

12 — 27 — 59 — 69

PICK 4, June 1

• 1 p.m.: 4 — 5 — 3 — 7

• 4 p.m.: 5 — 5 — 7 — 0

• 7 p.m.: 0 — 1 — 1 — 4

• 10 p.m.: 5 — 2 — 8 — 0

LUCKY LINES, June 1

4-79-13-20-24-28-31

Next jackpot: \$49,000

SENIOR MENUS

- **FRIDAY:** Pot roast, red potatoes, broccoli, rolls, Jell-O with fruit, apple crisp
- **MONDAY (June 7):** Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn, biscuits, fruit cup, ice cream
- **TUESDAY (June 8):** Meatloaf, mashed potatoes with gravy, mixed vegetables, rolls, pea-and-onion salad, tapioca
- **WEDNESDAY (June 9):** Turkey and cheese sandwich, cream of chicken with vegetables soup, macaroni salad, bread pudding
- **THURSDAY (June 10):** Spaghetti, Italian vegetables, garlic breadsticks, cottage cheese and Jell-O salad, peach crisp

Public luncheon at the Senior Center, 2810 Cedar St., from 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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OBITUARIES

Dan Douglas

Halfway, 1943-2021

Dan Douglas, 78, a longtime Halfway resident, died May 19, 2021, at his home, surrounded by love.

A graveside service with military honors will take place on Sunday, June 6 at 2 p.m. at Pine Haven Cemetery in Halfway.

Daniel Edward Douglas, "Little Dude," was born on April 18, 1943, in Pine Valley to Marion "Dude" and Helen Douglas. He was their third child and first son. Dan attended Pine Town School for his elementary schooling, then Halfway High School, graduating in 1961.

After high school he attended a tech school in Klamath Falls before entering the Army. He served at many bases including one in Germany.

He worked at several different jobs following his stint in the service. The one he enjoyed best was working for Washington State, a job from which he retired.

He enjoyed rodeoing, hunting, fishing, and having a beer with family and friends. He built many close friendships and he never met a stranger.

In his younger days he loved working cattle with the Del Curtos. Sometimes if the Del Curtos were loading horses when Dan was on his way to school, he would just leave his school books at the end of the lane and skip school and go with them.

There were so many loving memories of his life that they can't all be written down. He loved spending time with the Crow family and so many more that again, the list of names is long. He was a loving, caring, helpful person. He was the peacemaker of his family.

Dan is survived by his sisters, Barbara Carey of New Mexico, Sharon Hubbart of California, Donna Coyle of Idaho, Phyllis Gubser of Washington, Beverly Chadwick of Baker City, and Bessie Iverson of Halfway; his brother, Allen Douglas of Halfway; two special nieces, Terrie Simons and Rusti Lattin; and many other extended family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He was loved by all and we are grateful to have loved and known him, his family said. Rest in peace.

For those who would like to make a donation in memory of Dan, he suggested the Pine Valley Fair Association 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.

Joane Martell

Baker City, 1927-2021

Joane Marie (Peterson) Martell, 94, of Baker City, died May 24, 2021.

At her request, there will be no funeral services.

Joane was born on March 27, 1927, at the family homestead, located near the towns of Nibbe and Pompeys Pillar, Montana, a daughter of Carl and Orpha (Miller) Peterson. She grew up on the family farm during the Great Depression. As a young woman, she did hotel work and briefly lived in Billings, Montana, Seattle, and Anchorage, before returning home and marrying Fred Martell, who was leasing a neighboring farm, in 1952. She was a farm wife for seven years, then they moved to Billings, where Fred got a job with Great Western Sugar Company. They raised five children in Billings, and when not taking care of small children, she did housekeeping and janitorial work. She continued with the janitor business in Battle Mountain, Nevada, and later lived in Burns before moving to Baker City in 2002. She spent most of her years in Baker City living at Elkhorn Village, then Settler's Park for the past six years.

She was a very skillful gardener, and her container gardening at Elkhorn Village produced impressive crops. She grew awesome strawberries in her final year there. Joane had a sharp mind and was a lifelong learner. She was always well-informed about world news, history, politics, and humane treatment of animals. When she observed suffering and cruelty, whether with people or animals, she did what she could to stop it. The Vietnam War was a major event in her life because she cared about other people and the tragedy they were suffering.

Survivors include a daughter, Shelley Thurmond of Huntley, Montana; two sons, Craig Martell of Baker City and Chad Martell of West Linn; two grandsons, Carl and Benny Martell of Baker City, and one granddaughter, Adelene Martel of Hugo,

Oklahoma; and two great-grandsons in Oklahoma. She is also survived by her dear niece, Monica Holliday of Billings, who was with her in her final days.

She was preceded in death by her sisters, Selma and Arliss; her brothers, Dale and Carl; her husband, Fred; and her sons, Lance and Clark.

Memorial contributions may be made to Oregon Public Broadcasting through Coles Tribute Center, 1950 Place St., Baker City, OR 97814.

To light a candle in memory of Joane, go to www.colestributecenter.com.

Gary Hubler

Formerly of Baker City, 1949-2020

Gary Lee Hubler, 71, of Baker City, died Dec. 19, 2020, with his wife and children by his side after a yearlong battle with cancer.

As he was on his way, he handled the illness with dignity and grace, never losing his wonderful sense of humor. Our hearts are broken but our love and memories will last forever, his family said.

Gary Lee Hubler was born on June 4, 1949, at Baker to Lloyd L. Hubler and Anna Hillmon Hubler. He spent his first 21 years in Baker, attending St. Francis Academy for grade school before transferring to Baker public schools. He graduated from Baker High School in the Class of 1967.

Soon thereafter he met the girl who would later become his wife, Colleen Keithley. They both like to say it was love at first sight. Gary and Colleen were married on Dec. 21, 1968, and spent the next 52 years loving each other, raising their family, enjoying their lives and counting their many blessings. They welcomed a daughter, Jami, and a son, Jeffrey, into their lives with open arms and loving hearts. Gary's pride for his children was unsurpassed. He considered being a good husband and father his greatest gift.

In July 1970 Gary and Colleen left Baker in the pursuit of furthering his education. Gary received his bachelor of science degree from the School of Pharmacy at Oregon State University in 1975. Never one to shy away from adventure and education, the young couple packed their belongings, including their Volkswagen Bug, into the back of a Ryder truck and headed east for Ohio, sight unseen. Five days and 11 states later, they arrived in

Columbus, Ohio, with their five-year-old daughter, thinking they were true pioneers.

Gary spent the next two years completing his master of science degree and hospital residency at The Ohio State University. In 1977 the real world called and he began his pharmacy career at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago. He served as assistant director in the department of pharmacy, specializing in drug information. He remained in that position for the next 16 years. During that time their son was welcomed into the family.

During his time in Chicago, Gary became an avid sailor, spending his summer weekends sailing on a racing boat with a crew of eight. Every July the Chicago-to-Mackinac Island race is held. The boat was always a top contender and was the overall winner on two occasions, the last one being his final sail in 1991. After moving to California, Gary would be the proud owner of his own sailboat, which the family named Freedom. Many memories of family, friends and fun are a lasting part of his legacy.

Gary and his family moved to Moorpark, California, in August 1991 for him to take a job at a young biopharmaceutical company, Amgen. He held many positions within the company before retiring in 2008. While working at Amgen he also furthered his education, receiving his doctor of pharmacy degree from Shenandoah University in 2001.

After retirement, Gary and Colleen were able to travel the United States and took several trips to Europe. The family are passionate Chicago Cubs fans and were known to travel wherever the Cubs were playing.

Gary was a lifelong learner and teacher. His collection of books is large and diverse. He loved math at all levels and was often teased for doing calculus just for fun.

After 26 years of California living, it was time to move back to the area they always considered home. In 2017 they had their first new home built in Eagle, Idaho, one that Gary painstakingly thought out with his usual eye for detail and precision.

Gary is survived by his wife, Colleen; his daughter, Jami (Tony); his son, Jeffrey (Christine); and three granddaughters, Berkley, Addilyn and Olivia Hubler.

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