

Local

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald July 8, 1971

Ashton Park, a local group, and The Last Day, an eight-member Christian rock group from Wenatchee, Wash., will provide music for a street dance on Court Street between Main and Resort streets Friday night.

25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald July 8, 1996

The National Park Service and Baker City volunteers are looking for residents with stories about the Powder River and its significance in Baker City's history.

The park service has awarded a \$7,704 grant for the Leo Adler Memorial Parkway project, a pedestrian path planned to run beside the Powder River from Wade Williams Field to Hughes Lane.

10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald July 8, 2011

Baker County officials are attempting to ease a dispute between a few area miners and the U.S. Forest Service.

The federal agency has closed a road near the Orion Mine, in the Amelia Creek area about seven miles southwest of Unity, to impound equipment left there by the miners.

ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald July 9, 2020

Three more Baker County residents have contracted COVID-19, county officials announced Tuesday, bringing the county's total to 10.

Five of the nine cases confirmed over the past eight days are employees of the U.S. Forest Service, said Kendall Cikanek, ranger for the agency's Whitman Ranger District. Cikanek said two of the employees shared a residence, and three others are friends who visited the home often. He declined to give the location.

He said 13 of their co-workers have been self-isolating for the past 13 days, and there is no evidence that the virus spread beyond the group of workers who lived together.

Cikanek said four of the employees tested positive, but none had severe symptoms and none has been hospitalized.

He said the fifth employee had symptoms but tested negative. Cikanek said a doctor made a clinical diagnosis of COVID-19 of that employee. That would be a presumptive case under Oregon Health Authority standards.

Cikanek said after learning about the employees' symptoms he contacted the Baker County Health Department. He said the department's contact tracers did an excellent job in overseeing the investigation.

Cikanek said all the affected employees are eager to be cleared to return to work.

A weekly report from the Oregon Health Authority issued Wednesday, which has data as of Sunday, did not list Saint Alphonsus Medical Center in Baker City among the hospitals that have COVID-19 patients.

As of Wednesday, a total of 573 Baker County residents have been tested and had a negative result, according to the Oregon Health Authority (OHA). That's about 3.4% of the county's 16,800 residents.

From the start of the pandemic in early March through June 29, during which Baker County had only the one confirmed case, about 475 residents had negative tests.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, July 5

1 - 2 - 3 - 23 - 28 - 43
Next jackpot: \$5 million

POWERBALL, July 3

26 - 40 - 41 - 55 - 65 PB 24
Next jackpot: \$113 million

MEGA MILLIONS, July 6

18 - 47 - 63 - 68 - 69 Mega 14
Next jackpot: \$94 million

WIN FOR LIFE, July 5

16 - 22 - 48 - 71

PICK 4, July 6

• 1 p.m.: 3 - 9 - 1 - 1

• 4 p.m.: 0 - 2 - 1 - 1

• 7 p.m.: 6 - 5 - 0 - 0

• 10 p.m.: 8 - 4 - 0 - 6

LUCKY LINES, July 6

1-8-10-16-19-21-28-32
Next jackpot: \$20,000

SENIOR MENUS

- **FRIDAY:** Baked cod, clam chowder, spring vegetables, rolls, coleslaw, ice cream
- **MONDAY (July 12):** Chicken cordon bleu, rice pilaf, mixed vegetables, rolls, beet and onion salad, cookies
- **TUESDAY (July 13):** Fettuccine Bolognaise, garlic bread rolls, Italian vegetables, green salad, brownies
- **WEDNESDAY (July 14):** Ham and cheese sandwich, beef vegetable soup, Jell-O with fruit, bread pudding
- **THURSDAY (July 15):** Chicken enchilada casserole, Spanish rice, corn, rolls, carrot-raisin 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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Wayne Morin

Hereford, 1933-2021

Wayne Eugene Morin, 88, of Hereford, died July 2, 2021, at his residence.

A memorial service with military honors will take place Friday, July 9 at 2 p.m. at Coles Tribute Center, 1950 Place St. in Baker City, with Pastor Ryan Fite officiating the service. A reception will immediately follow the service at Coles Tribute Center.

Wayne was born on Feb. 15, 1933, at a ranch in Baker Valley to Vernell and Velma (Boyer) Morin.

He attended the Big Flat School up to the fifth grade; he then moved to Hereford Union High School in Hereford, where he graduated in 1951. He was active in football, basketball, track and 4-H. With an eye on a future of ranching, he attended Oregon Technical Institute in Klamath Falls, where he took a variety of classes in mechanics, welding and carpentry.

In 1954 he was drafted into the Army. He did his basic training at Fort Ord, California, as a member of the 63rd Infantry Regiment and at El Paso, Texas, where he trained on anti-aircraft. He then spent 21 months at Manheim, Germany, as a private in anti-aircraft artillery.

In 1956 Wayne returned home to Hereford to work the ranch that he had been raised on.

He married Donna Beth Jenkins in 1960 at Mount Hood. They had two children, Waynette and Ralph.

Wayne bought the family ranch from his dad in 1966. In 1971 he began utilizing artificial insemination on his cow herd with Simmental bulls, which developed a nice purebred and commercial herd.

The Morin Family Ranch was founded in 1901 and received Century Ranch certification in 2006.

Wayne and Donna liked traveling and were able to enjoy a trip to Alaska and a trip to Europe, where they spent time in Paris, Germany, and Switzerland. They got to spend some time on a few farms looking at cattle and enjoyed the sound of the cowbells echoing off the Alps.

Wayne served his community by being on the Burnt River and Baker County Weed Boards. And he spent several years as a member of the Burnt River School Board.

Wayne is survived by his brothers, John (Roberta) Morin and Arnold Morin; his sister, Darlene (Jerry) Jenkins; his daughter, Waynette Morin; his son-in-law, John Belveal; his son Ralph (Corina) Morin; his grandchildren, Cody and Tyler Belveal, Ellie Morin, and Jessie, Jared and Hailey Ocacio; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Vernell and Velma Morin; his wife, Donna Morin; and his sisters, Mildred Winward and Elaine Dalglish.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Wounded Warrior Project or the Shriner's Children's Hospital through Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814.

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

Ann Anderson

Baker City, 1933-2021

Ann Anderson, 87, of Baker City, died June 27, 2021, at her residence.

Ann was born on Dec. 9, 1933, at Summit, New Jersey, to Elizabeth (Riesinger) and Frank Simon. For most of her career, she was self-employed and was an accomplished multimedia artist; she was kind and generous with her knowledge. Ann loved teaching classes and workshops to people of all ages.



Wayne Morin

Ann enjoyed quilting, spinning wool, taking care of her sheep, and riding her horse, named King, in her free time. She also loved gardening.

She is survived by her two daughters, Susan Jambard and Leigh Metz, both of Brookline, New Hampshire; her granddaughters, Blake Jambard of Hollis, New Hampshire, Lindsey Jambard of North Exeter, New Hampshire, and Hannah Metz of Baker City; her grandson, Lucas Metz of Baker City; and three great-grandchildren.

Ann was preceded in death by her parents and her daughter, Karen Anderson.

Memorial contributions may be made to Best Friends of Baker through Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel by sending a check to 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814.

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

Marilyn Suarez

Formerly of Baker City, 1944-2021

Marilyn Davis Suarez, 76, died the morning of June 1, 2021.

It was a beautiful morning in Wallowa County. The skies were clear and bright blue. The sun had reached Marilyn's snowcapped mountains, providing the perfect backdrop for her to finalize her great race. She had proven herself worthy and the angels were singing as our love left us for her reward. She is greatly missed but she now has a larger audience and a great host for harmonizing.

A celebration of Marilyn's extraordinary life will take place Saturday, July 24 at 11 a.m. at the Enterprise Christian Church, 85035 Joseph Highway in Enterprise. The music starts a bit earlier.

Known as MEPS to those who loved her, Marilyn Evonne Davis was born on Sept. 26, 1944, in Baker City to Carl M. Davis and Illa Lorraine Hunt Davis.

As a kid, Marilyn rode her horse to Muddy Creek School and didn't come home till dark. "Those were the days," she often said. "Times were much simpler then. Marilyn's life, however, cannot be summed up in simple words. She was a force, the embodiment of strength, resilience, and faith. Her penchant for living and adventure was obvious from the start. She excelled throughout school and had particularly fond memories of her friends in Baker City and her time as a "Bakerette" performing across Oregon with the Baker Elks Drum and Bugle Corps.

Marilyn married young, twice — to Cuyler Lighthall, Jr. and Charles Dick Preston. Her marriage to Cuyler produced her only child, Cuyler Lighthall III, with whom she shared many of life's adventures — horseback riding, packing into the Wallowa Mountains for elk hunts, rafting the Snake River in Hells Canyon, and raucous "capers" across the Northwest with her closest friends and family. Marilyn really loved a road trip. When asked if she had any photos of these happenings, Joann Wheeler said, "Oh noooo, we didn't want to document anything more than we had to." Shenanigans were plenty, family was strong and Marilyn's willing, funny, clever presence was at the center of it all.

Marilyn spent some time in Portland as a young woman, where she worked as a legal secretary, but Wallowa County is what fed her aspirations and filled her heart. She visited often and kept her eyes open for opportunities to move back. During one of those visits, her dream came true when the Ricker family sold her Wallowa Title Company and her legacy was born. She soon opened shop in Enterprise, where the company carries on today.

As you'd suspect, Marilyn was very active in her community serving as a longtime board member at Com-

munity Bank and sitting as Chair for many years. Under her watch they attracted the current group which took over ownership and management, an accomplishment of which she was very proud. She was a member of Rotary International and got to know many of her fellow business associates through the Chamber of Commerce.

Back then it seemed like Marilyn knew nearly everyone in the county. And although Marilyn had a fierce business sense, she always had a smile, a laugh, and a quick wit that helped build strong relationships across the county and a thriving business. If you knew Marilyn, you likely succumbed to her side-splitting humor more than once. There was never a time, even in the very end, that she wasn't wise-cracking and making people laugh.

Marilyn adored and loved all of her "girls" at Wallowa Title Company, looking after them over the last 30-plus years as if they were her own children. She often said she practically raised them all. If you're ever fortunate enough to do business with Wallowa Title, you'll see her thumbprint on the continuing professionalism, character, integrity and work ethic in them all.

She was proud of her accomplishments at Wallowa Title but her work provided another incidental reason to be ever grateful and appreciative. One lucky day in the mid 1990s, she met a handsome stranger across her table at a real estate closing. She smiled that gorgeous smile of hers and he kindly returned the sentiment thinking she was flirting with him. Little did Tom know then, that she flirted with all the old guys. That simple gesture sparked a strong friendship with Tom Suarez, which culminated in marriage on her birthday in 1998.

As if she wasn't busy enough, Marilyn often enjoyed another passion — singing and playing bass guitar in two bands, Soul Renovations, a Christian band, and No Boundaries, known for their golden oldies. Singing lifted her soul and in her last days she remarked how much she missed those days.

In recent years, Marilyn and Tom became cross-country trekkers in their Classic 1978 GMC motor home, aptly named "the Phoenix" as it spent a lot of time in repair shops "rising from the ashes." It seemed as if the mischief of her younger years was back! Did we mention that Marilyn really loved a road trip? Together they traveled through many states, met many new friends, and made many memories — most of them involving a wide array of interesting characters they encountered while the Phoenix was broken down or at gatherings with other owners of these classic GMCs. Marilyn, in her witty brand, documented these adventures for their friends to enjoy.

MEPS loved the Lord and her work here on Earth in His name is now complete. Her new mission takes her to a wonderful place where she will be free of pain, dancing, singing, watching old movies, reading, mowing Heaven's lawns on a brand-new John Deere and of course, making those in heaven laugh!

Marilyn is survived by her loving and devoted husband, Tom Suarez; her son, Cuyler Lighthall III and daughter-in-law, Kate Lighthall; and her two grandchildren, Tate Lighthall and Parker-Jane Lighthall. She also leaves behind her brothers and their wives, Ron and Joyce Davis, Dick and Melissa Davis, and Jan Davis, wife of brother Mike Davis who preceded Marilyn in death. Marilyn enjoyed a posse of sweet, funny and engaging nieces and nephews including Layne and Paris Davis, Nick Davis, Ryan Davis, Justin and Cindra Davis, Aaron and Sara Davis, and Emma Davis.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, Carl and Illa Davis.

Donations can be made in her honor to a charity of your choice and/or Enterprise Christian Church.

NEWS OF RECORD

FUNERALS PENDING

Diane Carlisle: Celebration of Diane's life and memorial service, Saturday, July 10 at 10 a.m. at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Baker City. Online condolences can be made at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

Don Phillips: A celebration of his life will take place Saturday, July 17 at 1 p.m. in the Family Life Center at the Nazarene Church, 1250 Hughes Lane in Baker City. The family asks that if you have any special memories you'd like to share, please mail them to Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services, P.O. Box 543, Halfway, OR 97834. Online condolences can be made at [\[leyfuneralhome.com\]\(http://www.leyfuneralhome.com\).](http://www.tamispineval-</p>
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Keldon Gross: Memorial service and celebration of Keldon's life will take place Saturday, July 17 at 11 a.m. at the Halfway Lions Hall. Online condolences can be made at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

Robert Kent Nelson: Memorial service, Aug. 14 at 11 a.m. at the Baker City Church of the Nazarene, 1250 Hughes Lane. A reception will follow the service at the Nazarene Church's Family Life Center. Memorial contribu-

tions can be made to the Burnt River Community Church or the Northeast Oregon Compassion Center through Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814. To leave an online condolence for Kent's family, go to www.grayswestco.com.

POLICE LOG

Baker City Police
THIRD-DEGREE THEFT: Joshua Mark Kelly Fulfer, 18, Baker City, 12:15 a.m. Wednesday, July 7

in the 1500 block of Campbell Street; cited and released.

FOURTH-DEGREE ASSAULT (domestic): Jason Richard Harris, 48, Baker City, 7:05 p.m. Tuesday, July 6 in the 1200 block of Campbell Street; jailed.

FIRST-DEGREE CRIMINAL TRESPASSING, CONTEMPT OF COURT (Baker County Justice Court warrants): John Marsik Guthrie, 49, Baker City, 8:04 a.m. Tuesday, July 6 in the 2300 block of Chestnut Street; cited and released.

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