

## HEAT WAVE

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Two years share the all-time record for persistent heat at the airport, where records date to 1943.

In both 1994 and 2017, there were 16 consecutive days with a high temperature above 90.

In each case the heat wave started in late July and extended into August.

This year's sizzling spell is notable not only for its duration but also because it happened earlier in the summer — starting June 26 — than all but one of the longer heat waves.

Besides 1994 and 2017, there were three years with high temperatures of 90 or higher on 13 straight days.

One of those, as with 2021, happened in early summer — June 26 to July 8 of 2015.

The two other heat waves were later in summer:

- July 28 to Aug. 9, 2000
- Aug. 5-17, 2001

If not for that single degree on Wednesday, this summer's heat wave likely would have eclipsed the 16-day record set in 1994 and matched in 2017.

A new 90-degree-plus streak started Thursday, July 8, when the high at the airport was 92. And the National Weather

Service is forecasting highs above 90 every day through July 15.

If that proves accurate, this summer's heat wave — had July 7 been one degree hotter — would have extended to at least 20 days.

The current heat wave — notwithstanding the brief dip

below 90 — has set multiple records.

Daily high temperature records were set on June 28, 29 and 30, and on July 1 and 3. The daily record was tied on July 2 and 6. The high of 103 degrees on June 29 was the hottest recorded at the airport on any June day.

## TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO  
from the Democrat-Herald  
July 10, 1971

The county budget public hearing yesterday evolved into considerable controversy as to the actual purpose of the hearing.

Members of the juvenile advisory board came with the idea that the budget public hearing was called so that it could be overhauled and adjusted.

25 YEARS AGO  
from the Baker City Herald  
July 10, 1996

The Baker City Council won't exempt any neighborhoods from the ordinance that requires residents to cut weeds and grass taller than 10 inches.

The council will, however, change the ordinance later this summer.

Although councilors didn't decide on any specific amendments Tuesday, they indicated that they want the city to enforce the ordinance during the spring and summer rather than year-round.

10 YEARS AGO  
from the Baker City Herald  
July 11, 2011

More than 50 people crowded into Baker City Council chambers for a town hall meeting with U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden on Friday morning.

The event featured a question-and-answer format to allow people to hear Wyden's responses without support materials or teleprompters, he explained to the audience.

ONE YEAR AGO  
from the Baker City Herald  
July 11, 2020

Baker City's family owned and family loved Burger Bob's Drive-In will celebrate its 60th anniversary July 18.

Owner Bob Brady grew up in the business, working with family members at the restaurant at 2380 10th St. through middle school and high school.

"I grew up in it," said Brady. "My parents opened the business in 1960."

Brady said his sisters, Suzanne, Ruth and Rebecca, and his brother, Scott, were a big hand in helping with keeping the business going and would help him with the anniversary events.

"It was a family affair," Brady said.

He estimates that about 1,000 people have worked at Burger Bob's during the past six decades.

"Some have been judges, lawyers, school principals, doctors, dentists, otherwise. But their first jobs were here in high school," Brady said. "It's quite a history."

He left Baker City for 14 years, working in computer programming.

But when his parents, Garn and Marian Brady, asked him to help them he returned, and he's been running the restaurant since March 1993.

"I raised my kids here. They started working at age 7, 8 years old," Brady said.

Those who want to celebrate with the family on July 18 will be able to buy burgers, cones, and quart drinks for 60 cents.

## OREGON LOTTERY

## MEGABUCKS, July 7

4 - 8 - 11 - 14 - 21 - 31

Next jackpot: \$5.1 million

## POWERBALL, July 7

8 - 21 - 30 - 49 - 57 PB 8

Next jackpot: \$127 million

## MEGA MILLIONS, July 6

18 - 47 - 63 - 68 - 69 Mega 14

Next jackpot: \$94 million

## WIN FOR LIFE, July 7

8 - 19 - 40 - 65

## PICK 4, July 8

• 1 p.m.: 2 - 9 - 6 - 6

• 4 p.m.: 8 - 9 - 6 - 6

• 7 p.m.: 6 - 7 - 1 - 6

• 10 p.m.: 6 - 0 - 2 - 1

## LUCKY LINES, July 8

1-8-12-16-20-23-27-29

Next jackpot: \$22,000

## SENIOR MENUS

- **MONDAY:** Chicken cordon bleu, rice pilaf, mixed vegetables, rolls, beet and onion salad, cookies
- **TUESDAY:** Fettuccine Bolognese, garlic bread rolls, Italian vegetables, green salad, brownies
- **WEDNESDAY:** Ham and cheese sandwich, beef vegetable soup, Jell-O with fruit, bread pudding
- **THURSDAY:** Chicken enchilada casserole, Spanish rice, corn, rolls, carrot-raisin salad, peach crisp
- **FRIDAY:** Herb baked chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, biscuits, peas and carrots, macaroni salad, cheesecake

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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## Kent Nelson

Formerly of Baker City, 1944-2021

Robert Kent Nelson (Kent), 77, formerly of Baker City, died June 4, 2021, at Polidori Hospice Care House in Lake Havasu City, Arizona.

Under the direction of Gray's West & Company Pioneer Chapel, a memorial service will take place on Aug. 14 at 11 a.m. at the Baker City Church of the Nazarene, 1250 Hughes Lane.



Kent Nelson

Kent was born on Jan. 10, 1944, in Baker to Robert and Katherine Nelson. He was raised on the family ranch near Hereford. As the fourth generation to raise cattle on the Nelson C-C Ranch, he held a deep love for his heritage, the beautiful land, ranch life, the horses and cattle, his family, and the God who provided them all. He told people that ranching was the only thing he ever wanted to do.

After graduating from Hereford High School, he went on to study Rangeland Management and Agribusiness at Yakima Valley Community College in Yakima, Washington.

On Sept. 11, 1965, Kent married Anita Marie Langley of Huntington. The couple raised two sons, Mark Kent and Robert Matthew. A special joy was to add Suski Lehtisalo, an exchange student from Finland, to the family in 1988.

Kent's dedication to his family, his ranch, and his heritage flowed naturally into the community where he served a total of 97 years on various committees and boards. These included the Burnt River Soil Conservation District, Burnt River School District, Oregon and Baker County Cattlemen, Burnt River Weed District, Farmers Home Administration Loan Committee, Western States Junior Rodeo, and Baker City Church of the Nazarene board.

Kent's faith in God was demonstrated in Bible study, church involvement, and was shared beyond local communi-

ties with three Work and Witness trips to Central America and Eastern Europe.

Kent's gift of hospitality shone brightest during hunting season when family and friends were welcomed to the ranch for deer and elk hunting. But for 54 years in a row, hunting took a back seat to the Pendleton Round-Up Rodeo in mid-September.

Saddles, bits, spurs, knives, and big game trophy mounts were collected with zeal. Kent's all-time favorite, however, was the collecting and trading of hunting rifles and pistols. Few calibers and makes escaped his collection over the years.

After years of calving season blizzards, relentless labor, and narrow escapes from ornery cows, Kent retired from ranching and moved to Baker City. Much to the surprise of his family, he took up golf and bought an 18-wheeler. For the next 10 years, he hauled hay and farm equipment from Canada to Mexico, listening to hymns by Christy Lane and Tennessee Ernie Ford to keep himself awake.

Kent and Anita began spending winters in the warmer climate of Lake Havasu City, Arizona. It was there on Dec. 26, 2019, where Kent suffered severe head trauma in an accident. The resulting care he required was provided by Havasu Nursing Center until God took him home.

With celebration of his life and in loving memory, Kent is survived by his wife, Anita, of Lake Havasu City, Arizona; his twin sister, Karen, and husband Bill Greeley of Wilsonville; his son, Mark, and his wife Billie Jo, with grandchildren Kathryn and Robert, of Kuna, Idaho; and his son, Matthew, and wife, Anusha, with grandchildren Emilie and Edouard of London, England.

Those who wish can make a contribution in Kent's memory to Burnt River Community Church or to the Northeast Oregon Compassion Center through Gray's West & Company, 1500 Dewey Ave, Baker City, OR 97814.

## OBITUARIES

To leave an online condolence or relate a memory for Kent's family, go to www.grayswestco.com.

## Keitha Kay Howard

Formerly of Baker City, 1962-2021

Keitha Kay (Luster) Howard, 58, a former longtime Baker City resident, died July 3, 2021, at Boise.

A gathering to celebrate her family and friends will be scheduled later.

Keitha was born on Sept. 15, 1962, at Baker City to Melvin and Carolyn Luster.

Keitha was a devoted mother, grandmother, cherished sister and beloved aunt.

She is survived by her mother, Carolyn Luster of Baker City; her children, Michael Keith Howard and Crystal Anne Howard Schwartz of Baker City, Oregon; her grandchildren, Michael Keith Jr., Penelope, Gabe, Kylie and Mariah; her eight siblings, James Allan Luster of Beaverton, Mary Lynn Roberts of Baker City, Barbara Rose Williams of Springfield, Oregon, Lynda Sue Martinez of Fresno, California, Melvin Charles Luster of Baker City, John Edward Luster of Pinedale, Wyoming, Teresa Marie Luster of Walla Walla, Washington, and Joseph Brooks Luster of Midland, Texas; and numerous nephews and nieces.

## Bobby Rehder

Ritter, 1951-2021

Gerald (Bobby) Rehder, 69, of Ritter, Oregon, died July 2, 2021, at Prairie City after a long battle with Parkinson's.

A private celebration of life will take place at a later date.

Bobby was born on Oct. 10, 1951, at John Day to Robert and Janice Rehder. He attended Mt. Vernon Elementary School until the family moved to Ritter and he began fifth grade at Long Creek where he graduated in 1969.

Bobby furthered his education at University of Oregon, studying Earth Science, and he remained a true Oregon Ducks fan throughout his life. Basketball was one of his favorite sports as he could tell you every player and their stats. He had a remarkable ability at playing pinocle and he would recall every trick that was played. He seldom lost a game and it was always a pleasure to be his partner.

Bobby married Kelly Brady

in 1977 at Battle Mountain State Park. This union ended in divorce several years later but he and Kelly always remained friends.

Bobby worked in the logging business working for Britt Logging Inc. of Pilot Rock for numerous years. He operated heavy equipment for various contractors. He had a vast knowledge of the woods and began his own post/pole business. He would fill orders of 10,000-plus posts for ODFW and others on numerous occasions. He would split manually each one and load by himself.

Hard work was never a challenge for him. After his father passed away he returned to the home ranch and helped his mother for several years. At this time his Parkinson's was becoming a major issue for him and restricted him from doing necessary duties on the ranch. Bobby would enlist in friends to help him on projects and then he and his mother would spend many days hunting and fishing and enjoying the mountains. He brought home many trophy trout and would be the first to tell about each catch.

In later years he developed a great deal of joy from doing mining. He and his friend, Bill Cole, spent many days reminiscing the great times of mining together. Bobby enjoyed mining various minerals and enjoyed seeing the jewelry that was made from some of his collections.

Bobby is survived by his sisters, Belinda (Larry) Ellis of Pendleton, and Benita (Tony) Britt of Baker City; along with several nieces and nephews that he was most proud of.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, William.

The family would like to thank the Blue Mountain Nursing Home and Blue Mountain Hospice for their compassion during this time.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Parkinson's Foundation or a charity of one's choice 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.

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