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TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald August 5, 1971

Faced with an August 15 deadline on the proposal made by Farmaterials for management of the Baker municipal airport, the city council met with city manager Vern Jacobson in "closed session" Tuesday night to consider recommendations generated by Jacobson regarding airport management.

25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald August 5, 1996

Gross proceeds increased more than \$900 from a year ago when the 1996 Baker Junior Livestock Auction Sale ended Saturday afternoon.

Gross proceeds were \$87,056.95, an increase of \$914.93 from the \$86,142.02 brought in at the 1995 auction. There were 178 lots sold, two fewer than a year ago.

10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald August 5, 2011

For Jack and Kari Waldhaus, Hawaii is home, and Baker City is for summer vacations.

Well, "vacation" in their case means slaving away at carpentry.

The Waldhauses own the Victorian house at 2515 Court Ave.

Last year, when Jack got a job in Hawaii, the couple moved from Baker City to Honoka'a. Once Jack had his week of vacation stored up they came back, but not to relax.

ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald August 6, 2020

For more than a century the Baker County Fair and the youth-raised livestock that go along with it have been a part of the county's culture.

While COVID-19 has shut down event after event this year, community members and participants were determined not to let the pandemic dismiss the hard work of 4-H and FFA members in raising and training their animals.

While the Fair this week isn't open to the public and doesn't have the attractions it normally does, including the open show, youngsters will still have the opportunity to show and sell their pigs, sheep, steers and other animals.

On Wednesday morning youths gathered in a temporary ring at the Leo Adler baseball field, near the Fairgrounds, to show the swine they've raised from piglets.

Today the sheep, goats and small animals will be on display, and Friday the steers enter the ring.

Terri Siddoway, president of the Fair Sale Committee, said that while the Fair is different, some aspects are familiar.

"The sale part is fairly normal, with the exception of not having all of the buyers in the barn," Siddoway said.

That's not to say there weren't hours of planning needed to make it happen. But Siddoway said the efforts were well worth it.

"One of the reasons we really wanted to go through all of the work to make this happen was so that the seniors would have the opportunity to do this," she said. "The kids have been positive and happy to be here, and that makes me really happy. For them to be thankful that we did it makes it all better."

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, Aug. 2
14 - 19 - 21 - 32 - 36 - 45
Next jackpot: \$1.3 million

POWERBALL, July 31
1 - 21 - 22 - 34 - 47 PB4
Next jackpot: \$211 million

MEGA MILLIONS, Aug. 3
1 - 9 - 17 - 27 - 34 Mega 24
Next jackpot: \$191 million

WIN FOR LIFE, Aug. 2
8 - 33 - 60 - 75

PICK 4, Aug. 3
• 1 p.m.: 4 - 6 - 5 - 9
• 4 p.m.: 4 - 9 - 1 - 4
• 7 p.m.: 9 - 5 - 7 - 4
• 10 p.m.: 5 - 4 - 7 - 3
LUCKY LINES, Aug. 3
1-5-12-13-20-24-26-30
Next jackpot: \$48,000

SENIOR MENUS

- FRIDAY:** Barbecued ribs, baked beans, corn, rolls, potato salad, pudding
- MONDAY (Aug. 9):** Chicken cordon bleu, rice pilaf, mixed vegetables, rolls, carrot-raisin salad, cherry cheesecake
- TUESDAY (Aug. 10):** Chicken-fried chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn, rolls, pea-and-onion salad, brownies
- WEDNESDAY (Aug. 11):** Chili cheese dogs with onions, carrots, Jell-O with fruit, ice cream
- THURSDAY (Aug. 12):** Old fashioned steak, red potatoes with gravy, peas, rolls, green salad, cake

Public luncheon at the Senior Center, 2810 Cedar St., from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; \$5 donation (60 and older), \$7.50 for those under 60.

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Marilyn Thompson

Elgin, 1943-2021

Marilyn Nola (Scott) Thompson, 77, of Elgin, died July 29, 2021, at her son's home in Baker City.

At Marilyn's request, there will be no services.

Marilyn was born on Sept. 7, 1943, at La Grande to Noel and Ethel (Halsey) Scott of Elgin. She graduated from Elgin High School in 1961, where she participated in many activities and sports. She also attended Eastern Oregon College.

Marilyn married Terry Helman of La Grande and they had three children, Kari, Darin and Kristi. Due to Terry's employment with ODOT, the family lived in La Grande, Pendleton, John Day, Nyssa and Ontario before settling in Baker. She later married Miles Thompson in Baker where they lived for several years. They later settled out in her childhood home on Cricket Flat outside of Elgin, where she lived until her death.

Marilyn worked for the First National Bank in La Grande and Baker and later was co-owner, with her sister, of Certified Personnel Service Agency of La Grande and Baker City. She also worked for several insurance agencies in Baker and La Grande.

Marilyn gained many lifelong friendships and cherished her family. She could not be prouder of her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. "Mare" was that mom who never missed her children's sporting events and other school activities. She was also that mom who treated all her children's friends as part of her family.

Marilyn is survived by her husband, Miles Thompson; her son, Darin Helman; her daughter, Kristi Helman; her stepson, Miles (Mick) Thompson; her sister, Anita (Jeffrey) Wilson, and her brother, Harlan Scott; her grandchildren, Lindsey Helman, Logan Hagey, Connor Hagey, Shaun (Lucy) Roland, Evann Brown and Eian DeLint; several great-grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Noel and Ethel Scott; her sister, Rosalie Winter; her daughter, Kari DeLint; and her granddaughter, Katie Helman.

Melissa Wilkinson

Baker City, 1973-2021

Melissa Ruth Wilkinson, 47, of Baker City, died peacefully at home surrounded by her loved ones on Aug. 1, 2021.

There will be a celebration of her life service on Friday, Aug. 7 at 1 p.m. at the Baker City Church of the Nazarene, 1250 Hughes Lane, with Pastor Troy Teeter officiating.

Melissa was born on Aug. 4, 1973, at Tacoma, Washington, to Ed Ager and Carolyn Parker. Melissa graduated from Foss High School in 1991. After high school, she attended Pierce Community College and graduated from Eastern Washington University in 1997 with a degree in Elementary Education. She would later earn a master's degree in Education from Heritage University. Melissa and her future husband, Rob, met in college in 1994 and became friends very quickly. He proposed to Melissa on Feb. 12, 1995, because he said, he couldn't wait until Valentine's Day.

DEATHS

Mary Hurtado: 93, of Baker City, died July 29, 2021, at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise. Miss Hurtado will be taken to Sacramento, California, for services and interment. Services are under the direction of Coles Tribute Center, 1950 Place St. Baker City, OR 97814. To light a candle in memory of Mary, go to www.coletributecenter.com.

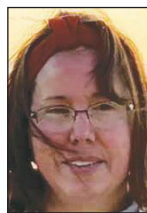
FUNERALS PENDING

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 contributions 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.

Virginia Kostol: Interment will be Saturday, Aug. 14, and a Celebration of Life service will be held Aug. 14 at 11 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, Fourth and Washington, in Baker City. Donations may be



Marilyn Thompson



Melissa Wilkinson

Her beauty, kindness, loving personality, and infectious smile captured my heart instantly. We were married on June 23, 1997, in Las Vegas.

After college, Melissa and I made our home in Kennewick, Washington. Melissa taught for several years at Southgate Elementary, and then Desert Hills Middle School making many friends along the way. In 2008, we moved to Plainview, Texas. After staying home for four years to raise our children, she returned to teaching at Plainview Christian Academy and then Estacado Middle School, making more friends. In 2019, after completing the school year, Melissa and the family joined me in Los Alamos, New Mexico. Melissa was hired to teach at Pinon Elementary. Unfortunately, in October of 2019, Melissa was diagnosed with a grade 4 Glioblastoma brain tumor. After surgery and recovering, Melissa went back to teaching part-time until COVID closed schools. I'll never forget the reaction of Melissa's kids when she returned to school in January 2020. All her students ran up to Melissa and waited patiently for a hug. Even in that short time, Melissa made a huge impact on her students. In August of 2020, we decided to move back to the Pacific Northwest to be closer to family and relocated to Baker City.

In addition to being a wonderful loving mother to our five children, Melissa impacted hundreds, if not thousands, of youth through teaching. She absolutely loved sharing her gift of reading and writing with her students. Melissa was a beloved teacher by both students and co-workers. Melissa passed on her gift of curiosity and being a lifelong learner to our children.

Melissa was an incredibly talented individual who had many hobbies. She loved spending time with family and friends. She had a green thumb and designed all kinds of different flower beds over the years. She loved to read and would spend hours on her favorite swing with a good book. She was also a very good artist who would paint murals on the kids' walls when they were younger. Melissa loved animals, and we had many pets over the years who were also part of our family. To many, she was known as the pet whisperer and saved many wounded animals over the years. Throughout the years, there were many times we would receive calls from people who found a wounded bird, dog, cat, etc. Melissa would nurse these animals back to health, more times than not.

Melissa faced many health challenges over the years, but she always remained a positive light in the lives of others and never asked, why me. She truly was an inspiration to me, our children, her loved ones, and all she came into touch with. Melissa had a rare gift of taking care of others' needs before her own, even while fighting cancer. She was my best friend, wife, mother of our children and leaves a huge hole in our hearts, as well as anyone she touched. However, I know she would want all of us to keep on living, go on adventures, create memories, and make a difference in lives of others, just as she did.

Melissa is survived by her husband, Rob; her children, Drew, Erin, Tatiana, Zack and Jordan; her parents, Ed (Debra) Carolyn (Bill); her siblings, Betty (Gary), Teresa (Jeff), Darwin, DeWayne, Brian (Crystal) and Jack. She is also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

The family would like to thank Melissa's medical team at the Christus Cancer Center in Santa Fe, New Mexico, her St. Luke's Medical team in

both Baker City and Boise, and Heart 'N Home Hospice for excellent and tender care.

We would be honored for memorials to be made to the following organizations: In Kennewick, Washington: Benton Franklin Humane Society or the YMCA of the Greater Tri-Cities. In Plainview, Texas: PAWS Pet Adoption or YMCA of Plainview. In Los Alamos, New Mexico: Los Alamos Schools Foundation or The Family YMCA. In Baker City, Baker County YMCA. You may make your donation through Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814.

To light a candle in memory of Melissa or to leave a condolence for her family, go to www.grayswestco.com.

Emmett Soden

Formerly of Baker County, 1936-2021

Emmett Conrad Soden, 84, left this world on his way to heaven on May 24, 2021, while tending to his garden.

There was a celebration of life service at the family home on June 5.

Emmett was born on Oct. 19, 1936, at Richland to Marion Vaughn and Louise Margaret (Stelman) Soden. A few years later, Emmett was joined by his sister, Marie. The family also lived in Baker prior to moving to Moses Lake, Washington, when they heard of the opportunities of irrigation coming to the Columbia Basin.

While in high school Emmett was a standout on the defensive line on the Moses Lake football team, placed second in state heavyweight wrestling, had many grand champion lambs, was on the livestock judging team and worked on the farm with his father and granddad. Emmett graduated from Moses Lake High School in 1955.

Emmett attended Washington State College (now WSU), but was called home after one quarter due to his father having a heart attack.

Emmett met Peggy Walker on the school bus. Emmett knew Peggy was the one, so they married on April 23, 1960, in Moses Lake. Emmett and Peggy welcomed three daughters, Debra, Tammy and Teresa, over the next four years. They raised their family in the Mae Valley and Stratford areas.

Emmett saw the best in everyone, taking many children under his wing, teaching them life skills, how to fish, hunt, help others and not ask for anything in return.

He rarely visited people without bringing something to share. He always planted a large garden and would deliver crops to family, friends, those less fortunate or homebound.

Emmett was an avid hunter, fisherman, gardener, welder, pipe layer, concrete layer, meat cutter, or just working in his shop. He loved the farm and ranch life, attending his last gather of cows and calves on May 14, 2021, while riding his Kawasaki mule.

His greatest love was his family. Emmett loved selflessly and greatly. It's impossible to describe the positive impact he had on so many lives.

Emmett is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Peggy; his three daughters and their husbands, Debra (Joe) DeAguiar of George, Washington, Tammy Walters of Ephrata,

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made to either The Salvation Army or Baker County Historical Society, through the Coles Tribute Center, 1950 Place St., Baker City, OR 97814. To light a candle in Virginia's name, go to www.coletributecenter.com.

Stan Grove: Celebration of his life, Aug. 20 at 3 p.m. at Quail Ridge Golf Course, 2801 Indiana Ave. There will be a no host bar and some of Stan's favorite foods.

Keitha Kay (Luster) Howard: Pot luck and memorial, Aug. 21 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Missouri Flat Grange Hall, 1050 Hughes Lane. Please bring friend chicken, potato salad or rolls. Beverage will be provided.

POLICE LOG
Baker City Police
Arrests, citations
OFFENSIVE LITTERING: Michael Steven Myers-Gabiola, 30, transient, 1:50 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 3 in the 1600 block of Auburn Avenue; cited and released. He was also cited for third-degree theft at 1:22 p.m. Tuesday in the 1200 block of Campbell Street.

PROBATION VIOLATION: Jessica Dianne Stricker, 43, Baker City, 8:41 p.m. Monday, Aug. 2 in Baker City; cited and released.

WARRANT (Baker County Justice Court): Brian Anthony Heredia, 31, Baker City, 6:34 p.m. Monday, Aug. 2 at Main Street and Auburn Avenue; cited and released.

VIOLATION OF RESTRAINING ORDER: Darci Lynn Hanson, 23, Baker City, 12:04 p.m. Monday, Aug. 2 in the

1000 block of Tamar Street; cited and released.

FIRST-DEGREE CRIMINAL TRESPASSING, THIRD-DEGREE THEFT: Michael Steven Myers-Gabiola, 30, transient, 10:49 a.m. Monday, Aug. 2 in the 2200 block of Resort St.; cited and released.

SECOND-DEGREE CRIMINAL TRESPASSING: Cooper Alex Horn, 25, Baker City, 11:18 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 1 in the 1200 block of Campbell Street; cited and released.

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