

Local

OBITUARIES

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald September 6, 1971

A motion by the Chamber of Commerce to go on record in opposition to Sen. Robert Packwood's Hells Canyon-Snake National River bill was quashed at the last minute last night when several directors asked for more time to study the controversial bill.

Chamber president John Brown decided to postpone the decision until such time when directors could acquaint themselves with Senate Bill 717.

25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald September 6, 1996

Baker County is still being considered as the home for one of six new state prisons that will be built to hold a growing number of convicts.

ZaDean Auyer, a spokesperson for the Department of Corrections, said this morning that the initial list of potential sites, on which Baker City, Baker County and Halfway are listed, will be pared.

10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald September 7, 2011

The long-awaited announcement of which roads on the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest will be closed to ATVs and other motor vehicles except snowmobiles is getting closer.

The final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the forest's controversial Travel Management Plan is scheduled to be released around mid-October, said Judy Wing, the Wallowa-Whitman's public affairs officer.

ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald September 8, 2020

The rows of cars parked at Anthony Lakes Saturday afternoon were reminiscent of the scene a weekend after a fresh dumping of powder at the ski area in the Elkhorn Mountains northwest of Baker City.

Except on Saturday the only snow in sight, with summer fading but still entrenched, was a dusty drift clinging to a granitic cleft on the shady north face of the Lakes Lookout peak.

The cool allure of this alpine basin clearly isn't limited to winter.

That visitors flock here on hot weekends, when the temperature at 7,100 feet is consistently 15 degrees cooler or more than in Baker and other valleys, isn't a revelation, said Chelsea Judy, marketing director for Anthony Lakes Mountain Resort.

But the hordes that arrived over the long holiday weekend surpassed what employees have seen in the past few years, Judy said.

"It was definitely the most folks we've seen at the lake," she said.

On Saturday, Anthony Lakes staff tallied 163 visitors in the day-use areas at Anthony Lake, almost twice as many as the 84 visitors counted on the Saturday of the Labor Day weekend in 2019.

Those totals are estimates only, Judy said, because not all visitors filled out envelopes completely for the day-use fee.

Day-use visitors, many of whom brought paddleboards, kayaks, canoes or other watercraft to ply the lake and in some cases fish for brook and rainbow trout, account for only part of the crowds.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, Sept. 4

7-9-12-15-26-35

Next jackpot: \$2.7 million

POWERBALL, Sept. 4

32-35-40-52-54 PB 1

Next jackpot: \$375 million

MEGA MILLIONS, Sept. 3

7-10-12-61-65 Mega 3

Next jackpot: \$345 million

WIN FOR LIFE, Sept. 4

6-26-52-64

PICK 4, Sept. 5

• 1 p.m.: 7-1-4-5

• 4 p.m.: 8-6-0-5

• 7 p.m.: 0-5-3-2

• 10 p.m.: 9-5-2-2

LUCKY LINES, Sept. 5

4-5-12-16-20-22-28-29

Next jackpot: \$12,000

SENIOR MENUS

- **WEDNESDAY:** Lasagna, green beans, garlic rolls, ambrosia, ice cream
- **THURSDAY:** Meatloaf, mashed potatoes with gravy, carrots, rolls, fruit cup, tapioca
- **FRIDAY:** Baked ham, candied yams, green beans and tomatoes, rolls, carrot-raisin salad, cookies
- **MONDAY (Sept. 13):** Chicken cordon bleu, rice pilaf, mixed vegetables, rolls, fruit cup, sherbet
- **TUESDAY (Sept. 14):** Baked ziti, garlic rolls, vegetables, broccoli-and-bacon salad, cookies

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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Tharrell Tilgner

Formerly of Richland, 1929-2021

Tharrell Tilgner, 92, formerly of Richland, died Aug. 24, 2021, at his residence in Winchester, Oregon.

A graveside service with the Blue Mountain Masonic Lodge, V.F.W. Post No. 7847 and Navy military honors will take place Thursday, Sept. 9 at 11 a.m. at Eagle Valley Cemetery in Richland.

Tharrell was born on Dec. 10, 1929, at home in Dallas, Oregon. When he was two weeks old the family moved to the farm where he would live until he decided to venture out on his own. He had two older brothers to lead him on the straight and narrow but they soon found out that Tharrell was not a follower; he had his own ideas about how the things in this world should relate to him. According to his mother, Tharrell was kind of a loner and was always coming up with brilliant ideas about things. Growing up he knew how to recognize danger; his brother wrote, "One day he took some .22 shells out to the woodshed and placed one on the chopping block and said, 'I'm going to whack it with the sledge. This is dangerous so get out of the way!' When he whacked it, that bullet bounced all around the woodshed!"

During Tharrell's life he was an athlete, a military serviceman, a federal government employee, a high-level Masonic member, a member of the VFW, the Grange and so many other organizations.

Tharrell (while in the Navy) loved motorcycles and he rode down in the San Diego desert area a lot. He claimed he even talked to Paul Newman, the actor, about motorcycles one time. He liked to fish and did that any place he was stationed while in the Navy. He became a Judo black belt while stationed in Okinawa, and placed first in his weight class in wrestling in the all Navy/Marine wrestling tournament. In the mid 1950s Tharrell tried out for the Olympic wrestling team and made it to the regionals before being put out.

When he left the Navy, he took up hunting and fishing in the Pacific Northwest. He was given an old yew bow and hunted with it his first year because a friend wanted some company. He enjoyed it so much he was hooked on archery from then on. His love of hunting and fishing caused him to be a conservationist, fighting for all people to be able to respectfully use the forests in a responsible manner.

Tharrell worked for the Post Office until he retired. He was a lifelong part of the Shriner organization, helping to put on the East-West charity football game every year. He was part of the local Grange, sat on the city council and was involved with many other civic organizations. In all the community activities he did or supported it was always what he could do for others that drove him, never what they could do for him. He was responsible for the Bikes for Books program at Pine Eagle Schools and for selling the Pine Lodge property to the Baker County Library. It was sold at a huge discount over the appraisal, so that it would be used by the community as a whole vs to a private entity.

One of his children, Sharol, said she appreciated that he taught her to be independent and think for herself. She said this is what she appreciated most about him. "At a very young age he answered my questions honestly and I found him a great source of 'real' answers about the world," she said. "He was very patient, very thoughtful and always trying to do the right thing for the good of all. In many ways I have tried to model myself after him."



Tharrell Tilgner

Tharrell loved to read about religions and delighted in discussing religious ideas. He was never religious, but was always seeking a higher power that he thought might be there, but wanted proof. Tharrell's daughter, Sharol, shared, "While he was at the VA in Idaho, he had a period where he thought he was a minister and convinced the minister for the VA that he was one also. The VA minister called me up and asked me where my Dad's congregation was located as he wanted to connect with them. I had a good laugh over that and so did the minister."

Tharrell is survived by his daughter, Sharol Tilgner of Roseburg; his son, Karl Tilgner of Pendleton; and his daughter, Beryl Sule of Ohio.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy.

For those who would like to make a memorial donation in memory of Tharrell, the family suggests the Local VFW Post No. 7847 or Blue Mountain Lodge (Masons) 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.

Gaynell Dougherty

North Powder, 1939-2021

Gaynell Dougherty, 82, of North Powder, died Sept. 2, 2021, at his home.

A private family internment took place at North Powder Cemetery.

Gaynell Maureen Dougherty was born on Jan. 16, 1939, at St. Helens to Willie and Viola (Smith) Dougherty. He was raised in Warren, Oregon, graduating from Scappoose High School in Scappoose in 1957.

He served in the Army, receiving an honorable discharge in 1963. Gaynell was very proud to be a veteran. He married Laura Adella Guida in Reno, Nevada. They made their home and raised their three children in Scappoose, living there for 35 years. He worked as a truck driver for the Housing Authority of Portland.

After retirement he and Laura moved to North Powder to be closer to hunting, fishing and camping with family and friends. He belonged to NRA, American Legion, and Baker City Trap Club.

Gaynell is survived by his wife of 52 years, Laura; his son, Richard Dougherty (Rosalind); his daughters, Dorece Gould (Warren) and Brenda Peck (Darrell); five grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and one great-great granddaughter; and extended family, Jim, Cindy and David Wright.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Twila, and her husband, Jack Brissett.

Anyone wishing to make a donation in his name may do so to the North Powder Rural Fire Department Cadet program, 320 E St., North Powder, OR 97867 or Heart 'N Home Hospice, 3370 10th St., Baker City, OR 97814. Online condolences can be made at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

Mary Trump

Elgin, 1942-2021

The Lord called Mary Pearl Armon Trump, 78, home on Aug. 29, 2021, while she was sleeping beside her best friend, sister Kathy Doud, which coincidentally was Kathy's 77th birthday and her daughter Kati's 50th birthday, making Mary's exit from this world nearly as dramatic as her entry, but what can one expect from a woman nearly born in a blizzard?

A celebration of her blessed life will take place Saturday, Sept. 11 at 1 p.m. at the Elgin Community Center.

How can one sum up the life of a woman who was such a wise matriarch and a never-ending source of encouragement in just a few paragraphs? There are not enough words or pages to do her justice, but we'll start from the beginning, her children said, and tell you a few things about the most amazing woman we have ever known, our mother, Mary Pearl Armon Trump.

Mary's life began on a "dark and stormy night." Her parents, Francis Armon and Myrtle Weaver Armon (who was in labor) hastily loaded into their rusty old car and began the long drive from Wallowa to La Grande. It was Dec. 30, 1942, and there was a blustery, blizzard-like storm taking place, but this did not deter the young couple. The Armons were about halfway into their journey when an enormous gust of wind blew the roof off of the car and into a nearby field and was irretrievable in all of the snow. They had no choice but to continue the drive without the roof of the car. Luckily the couple's journey continued without any other problems, and they arrived at the hospital in time for the baby to be born. Thus, began the life of this remarkable woman, Mary Pearl Armon (named after her beloved maternal grandmother, Mary Pearl Hulse Weaver.)

Mary was raised in Wallowa with four siblings: Lonnie Armon, Lowell Armon, Kathryn (Kathy) Armon Doud and Dallas Armon. Wallowa was a wonderful place to grow up and Mary spent her young days playing with her siblings, countless cousins

and many friends. Mary was an intelligent child and, to the annoyance of her two older brothers, learned to read before she started school and would often "help" them with homework. Her love of reading lasted her entire life.

As a young child Mary had another love and that was tetherball. She was unbeatable and could defeat any child or adult who would accept her challenge including teachers and the principal! (She was still an amazing player even after she became a wife and mother and showed no mercy as she slaughtered all of us on the court!)

In high school Mary moved her focus from tetherball to typing. She could type an astounding 120 words per minute on a manual typewriter. In addition to typing, Mary and her sister, Kathy, were part of a Christian singing group called The Six Sisters, and they received third place in a state singing revival.

Mary graduated from Wallowa High School in 1961 and followed her family when they moved to Elgin in the fall of 1962. It was in this year that Mary was hired on at the First State Bank of Elgin (which later became U.S. Bank) where she worked for over 30 years, having started out as a teller and working up to branch manager, a true pioneer for working women of her time. Mary loved her job at the bank and made several lifelong friends. She truly loved each and every one of her co-workers.

Mary met the love of her life, Robert Leon Trump, in 1964 and they married in 1965. Together they had three children: Mary Alicia Trump Anderson, Robert (Rob) Leon Trump and Kati Ranece Trump. They were the best parents a kid could ever ask for and the three children grew up in a happy home full of endless laughter and love. In 1985 their niece, Fran Armon Zerbel, joined the family and the laughter and love continued. Mary and Bob were happily married for nearly 51 years until his death in 2016.

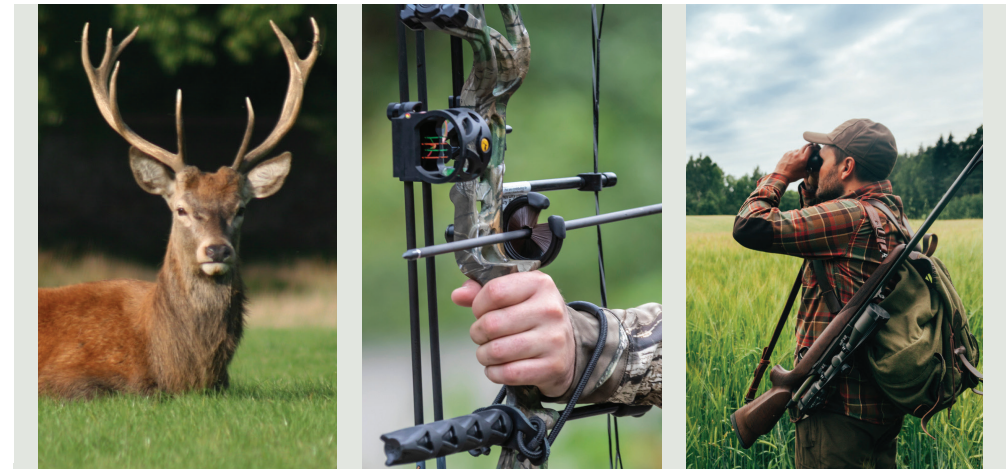
In the 1980s, Mary joined a ladies bowling team with some of her besties. It was surprising to the family because they had no idea that she liked to bowl. We will be honest here, she was not the best bowler on the team, but she stayed with her teammates for two reasons: she loved spending time with her friends and she loved the trips they would take to Reno and Winnemucca where she gave her slot-pulling arm quite a workout! The "bowling team" went on many adventures far after the bowling alley shut down.

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