

# Local

## OBITUARIES

### BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

#### WEDNESDAY, OCT. 20

■ **Baker City Planning Commission:** 6 p.m. at City Hall, 1655 First St. Public hearing to consider an application from Bruce Smith for a conditional use permit to convert the New Beginnings Fellowship Pentecostal Church of God, at 1820 Estes St., into a dwelling.

#### TUESDAY, OCT. 26

■ **Baker County Natural Resource Advisory Committee:** 3 p.m. at the Courthouse, 1995 Third St.

### TURNING BACK THE PAGES

#### 50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald October 10, 1971

The City Council last night assured Don Doyle of continued competition-free operation by terminating Terry Lyons' rental of the old Air West building wiping out his flying school, and refusing to lease unused ground to Dick Haynes to begin his agricultural spraying service.

#### 25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald October 11, 1996

Baker County Seniors Inc. has applied for a conditional-use permit to build a new, estimated \$1 million senior center on the east side of Cedar Street just north of Campbell Street.

#### 10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald October 12, 2011

Baker County residents and businesses recycled a bit more than 7 1/2 million pounds of cardboard, paper, yard debris and other stuff in 2010.

Which is quite a bit.

And the county's second-highest yearly total ever. But it wasn't as much as the year before.

#### ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald October 13, 2020

The Baker Orpheum Theater project is moving along, and by early 2021 residents will start seeing changes at the location on Main Street.

Since January, the project has received \$82,000 from five local donors. That boost will complete construction documents, design review, and permitting by the end of the year so work can begin next year.

"That's the good news," said Aletha Bonebrake. "We go from the quiet phase to the active phase."

Bonebrake is a board member for Eastern Oregon Regional Theatre, and chair of the building committee.

The project began in May 2016 with a donation from David Burris that enabled Eastern Oregon Regional Theatre to buy the 1889 downtown building that housed the first Orpheum Theatre, a vaudeville stage that changed and grew with silent films and "talkies" into the late 1950s.

The building was most recently occupied by Marilyn's Music.

Work immediately began to find funding. A grant for asbestos abatement was awarded by the Leo Adler Foundation in December 2016. In late 2016-2017, the project earned grants from the Oregon Community Foundation and Ford Family Foundation to fund a feasibility study.

### OREGON LOTTERY

**MEGABUCKS, Oct. 9**  
12 - 20 - 31 - 33 - 35 - 45  
Next jackpot: \$4.2 million

**POWERBALL, Oct. 9**  
12 - 17 - 30 - 45 - 62 PB 5  
Next jackpot: \$38 million

**MEGA MILLIONS, Oct. 8**  
21 - 24 - 36 - 40 - 70 Mega 22  
Next jackpot: \$73 million

**WIN FOR LIFE, Oct. 9**  
37 - 63 - 64 - 68

**PICK 4, Oct. 10**  
• 1 p.m.: 3 - 7 - 0 - 1  
• 4 p.m.: 3 - 7 - 6 - 4  
• 7 p.m.: 5 - 6 - 3 - 0  
• 10 p.m.: 4 - 3 - 4 - 6

**LUCKY LINES, Oct. 10**  
2-6-10-15-20-23-27-31  
Next jackpot: \$25,000

### SENIOR MENUS

- **WEDNESDAY:** Chicken fried chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, biscuits, corn, cinnamon rolls
- **THURSDAY:** Pot roast, baby red potatoes, carrots, pea-and-onion salad, cookies
- **FRIDAY:** Baked ham, scalloped potatoes, mixed vegetables, rolls, macaroni salad, apple crisp
- **MONDAY (Oct. 18):** Barbecued ribs, baked beans, corn, rolls, Jell-O with fruit, peach crisp
- **TUESDAY (Oct. 19):** Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, carrots, rolls, fruit cup, brownies

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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#### Charlene Moffit

Formerly of Baker City, 1929-2021

Charlene Lee Moffit, 92, formerly of Baker City, died Sept. 29, 2021, at Springfield, Oregon.

At her request there will be no services.

She will remain next to her late husband, Dan Moffit, at the Island City Cemetery. She was always loud and proud about her Eastern Oregon heritage.

Charlene was born on March 25, 1929, in Baker City. Her career as an educator spanned three decades, as Union High School business teacher, later as an instructor at Eastern Oregon University. Union County Teacher of the Year in 1984, she served on the Governor's Council on Small Schools and was recognized for her innovative teaching methods.

She traveled extensively after retirement with her husband of 22 years, the late George "Dan" Moffit. She shared her later life with two loving companions, Dallas Dean and, later, Dwight Riggs, now both deceased.

Charlene was an active alumnus of Baker High School and the University of Oregon, a 60-plus-year member of Beta Sigma Phi, and the American Association of University Women.

She lived a long an active life, with an energy and enthusiasm that touched the lives of many.

She is survived by her son, Rob Larsen of Eugene; her granddaughters, Laura Larsen of Veneta, Oregon, Lindy Thomas of Portland, and Beth Gaylord of San Diego, as well as many cousins and other loving family members.

Of all the strands that made up her life, Charlene was, at heart, a teacher. Her family asks that you honor her service to Oregon's students by making an extra effort in support of public education and our local schools.

#### 'Bill' Durand

La Grande, 1948-2021

Milton William "Bill" Durand, 73, of La Grande, went to Heaven on Oct. 2, 2021, after a short battle with cancer.

His wife, daughter and brother were by his side.

A celebration of his life will take place Oct. 23 at 11 a.m. at the Youth For Christ building in La Grande.

Bill was born on Feb. 18, 1948, in Spokane, Washington, to Milt Durand and Jeanne (Rouch) Durand. Bill grew up in Umatilla along with his siblings Rennie, Dee and Tracy, where they made many memories from their backyard to the Columbia River. Bill had many childhood friends who meant the



Charlene Moffit

world to him even in his last days. Bill graduated with the class of 1966 from Umatilla High School.

After graduating he worked and put himself through college attending Eastern Oregon University, where he met his wife of 46 years, Alana (Buce) Durand. They were married in 1975, and he graduated with a teaching degree in 1976. His career started at Condon High School as the P.E./Health teacher and football coach. As a rookie coach Bill had the unique experience to face off against his father's team in a league football game.

Bill accepted a job in Halfway for four years teaching and coaching before returning to La Grande. He was an adaptive P.E. teacher for the Education Service District and then transferred to alternative education. In his retirement he became an appreciated and valued full time substitute teacher for La Grande School District right up until his cancer diagnosis.

Bill had a heart for kids in school, sports, church, and especially at home! His daughter Bobbi was his one and only. He was a hands on dad who coached her T-ball teams, was a regular at the tea party, Barbie fashion show, and Easy Bake Oven cook off. He ate many a cookie baked by a light bulb. As Bobbi grew up and moved from place to place, Bill was always sure to visit her regularly, and support her in any way she needed.

Work was almost a passion for Bill. If there wasn't a leaf to rake, or a sidewalk to spray, he would sneak off to catch a fish or hunt an elk. He was a "jack of all trades." He was always tinkering, tidying and fixing.

As hardworking as Bill was he made sure to nickname himself Mr. Fun, and he definitely lived up to the name. His humor was always present, and his favorite thing was to tease or play jokes on anyone and everyone. He was focused and driven, but knew how to take life easy.

Bill is survived by his wife, Alana Durand; his daughter Bobbi Durand (Curtis); his sisters, Rennie Breland (Mario), and Dee Durand; his brother, Tracy Durand (Donna); his brother-in-law, Tom Buce (Carol); his sister-in-law, Heidi McCrary (Troy); and numerous nieces, great-nieces, nephews, and great-nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one niece, one great-niece, and one nephew.

Online condolences can be made to the family at [www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com](http://www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com).

#### Gloria Brown

Portland, 1951-2021

Gloria D. Brown, 70, a former Baker City resident, died Sept. 7, 2021 in Portland.



Gloria Brown

Portland.

Gloria was born on May 7, 1951, in Washington, D.C., at DC General Hospital to the marriage of Harry G. Foster and Ruby Foster. Gloria was the first born to this union, giving her the rights to be a natural born leader to her younger siblings. Gloria had two older sisters as well.

As a child, Gloria was very inquisitive and adventurous, and she loved reading books. She always dreamed about what her life would be like and the books she would write. Most of her daydreaming was done while she attended her home church, Russell Temple CME Church. The church is still standing strong today and her family is still in attendance.

As Gloria entered womanhood, she was offered a job in 1974 with the United States Department of Agriculture and Forest Service. She married the love of her life, Willie James Brown. They raised three children: Camille, Catrina and Andre.

In September of 1981, Gloria lost her husband to a drunk driving accident. She was enrolled at the University of Maryland, College Park, during this time and went on to complete her degree. She continued her education later in life at Oregon State University in Corvallis, where she completed her master's degree in Forestry.

Gloria's career was very adventurous and led her all over the United States. Beginning as a secretary in Washington, D.C., she moved to Missoula, Montana, and then on to Oregon, first with the Willamette National Forest and then the Siuslaw National Forest, where she became the forest's first

A celebration of her life took place on Sept. 25 at New Hope Missionary Baptist Church in

African American female forest supervisor. Following this achievement, Gloria went on to the Mt. St. Helens Monument, and her second supervisor position at the Los Padres National Forest in Santa Barbara, California.

Gloria also worked as the Baker Resource Area manager for the Bureau of Land Management in Baker City in the 1990s.

After 32 years with the Forest Service, she retired in 2007.

Gloria found a new love in Phil Wikelund in Portland in the 1990s. Together they resided in Lake Oswego. As a resident, Gloria participated in several civic organizations, the most recent being Respond to Racism.

During Gloria and Phil's time together they traveled around the country, hosted many dinner parties, and spent a great deal of happy days at their home in Southern Oregon.

Gloria's crowning achievement was when she published her memoir, "Black Woman in Green." Her greatest moment in her life was when she was reunited with her firstborn child, Andre Wallace.

Gloria leaves to mourn her death her partner, Phil Wikelund; her sons, Andre Wallace and Reginald Andre Brown, and his wife, Nichole Brown; her daughters, Camilla Brown and Catrina Brown; loved like her own children, Lisa Brown, Michael Brown, Dwayne Harris and Kim Brown; her grandsons, AJ Brown, Aubrey Wallace and AJ Wallace; her granddaughters, Alana, Victor and Nyeelah; her great-granddaughter, A'Kari Symone; her brothers, Michael and Larry Foster; her sister, Lisa Foster; her uncle, Charles Emery; her aunt, Mertle Baldwin; the Baker family; as well as a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, friends and colleagues.

Gloria was preceded in death by her parents, Harry and Ruby Foster; her sisters, Joanne and Evelyn; and her brother, Tony.

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