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#### TURNING BACK THE PAGES

#### **50 YEARS AGO** from the Democrat-Herald December 20, 1971

HUNTINGTON — If Adrian could rechart Huntington's season, it would probably completely turn the Locos' win-loss column around from 0-5 to 5-0. But Adrian has no such power and thus is picking up the pieces after Saturday night's 70-45 demolishing.

#### 25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald **December 20, 1996**

Baker City has applied for a \$321,000 federal grant to reduce the threat of wildfires in the city's watershed.

The city expects to learn within a month or so whether it will get the money, said Randy Jones, the city's public works director.

The grant source is the Northwest Economic Adjustment Initiative, part of the Clinton administration's Northwest forest plan, Jones said.

The city learned about the grant program through the State Community Economic Revitalization Team, a clearinghouse for grants.

#### 10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald December 21, 2011

A program at Baker City's Powder River Correctional Facility helps inmates learn to train homeless dogs.

The Powder Pals Program officially began in February 2011. Since then, nearly a dozen rescue dogs have been trained by inmates at the minimum-security prison. Several of the dogs now live in permanent homes.

"We've really taken some steps forward," said Dick Haines, president of New Hope for Eastern Oregon Animals, the group that helped create the program.

Powder Pals will expand its training activities to a nearby commercial building purchased recently by New Hope.

#### **ONE YEAR AGO** from the Baker City Herald December 22, 2020

The kids Christmas program at the Baker United Methodist Church wasn't the usual performance.

It was colder, for one thing.

In deference to the pandemic, about 15 young members of the congregation gathered on Friday, Dec. 18, not inside the warm sanctuary, but outside the church in 33-degree weather.

The group went through a few rehearsals of the chorus of "GoTell It OnThe Mountain" before singing it while Pastor Michele Holloway made a video of the performance with her phone.

That video will be included in the church's live Christmas Eve service, which will be available by Zoom and also can be watched later on YouTube.

The service starts at 4 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 24. In a typical December, members of the church's Tuesday Activity Club for kids in kindergarten through sixth grade would be joined by older students for the Christmas music program, said Marilyn Hereau, a member of the

They also gather toys and financial contributions from the Methodist congregation to donate to The Salvation Army.

# **Oregon Lottery**

MEGABUCKS, Dec. 18

8 - 12 - 17 - 20 - 22 - 30Next jackpot: \$7.2 million

POWERBALL, Dec. 18

2-6-24-51-61 PB1 Next jackpot: \$363 million

**MEGA MILLIONS, Dec. 17** 

21 - 32 - 38 - 48 - 62 Mega 10 Next jackpot: \$171 million

WIN FOR LIFE, Dec. 18

1 - 12 - 56 - 71**PICK 4, Dec. 19** 

• 1 p.m.: 4 − 8 − 9 − 6 • 4 p.m.: 7 — 8 — 0 — 6

•7 p.m.: 1 — 0 — 6 — 4

10 p.m.: 0 - 6 - 5 - 2

**LUCKY LINES, Dec. 19** 

2-6-9-16-18-21-27-31 Next jackpot: \$52,000

#### Senior Menus

- WEDNESDAY: Ham and beans, mixed vegetables, cornbread, cottage cheese and Jell-O salad, ice cream
- **THURSDAY:** Sweet and sour chicken, rice, rolls, carrots,
- green salad, brownies
- **FRIDAY:** Closed for Christmas Eve
- MONDAY (Dec. 27): Barbecued ribs, baked beans, carrots, rolls, fruit, ambrosia, lemon squares
- TUESDAY (Dec. 28): Ground beef steak with onions, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn, pea-and-onion salad, cookies
- WEDNESDAY (Dec. 29): Baked ziti, garlic bread, cottage cheese with fruit, birthday 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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# **Country Financial donates to Baker** City's K9 drug prevention program

**Baker City Herald** 

Country Financial has donated \$1,500 to the Baker City Police Department's K9 **Drug Prevention Program** through the company's Helping Heroes Award.

Jerry Shaw, a Country Financial representative from Baker City, presented the \$1,500 check to Police Chief Ty Duby and Capa, the German shepherd and Belgian Malinois mix that

is the department's drugdetecting dog.

The Drug Prevention Program serves the community in various ways including assisting law enforcement with searches and detecting narcotics. Police dogs such as Capa possess special skills and are required to attend regular trainings throughout the year to maintain their eligibility to do police work. Community dona-

tions and fundraisers help pay for these trainings and special equipment as well as necessities such as food and

veterinary expenses. "The BCPD K9 program is entirely supported by generous donations from our community," said Phoebe Wachtel, office manager at Baker City Police Department. "With COVID-19 restrictions affecting our regular fundraising efforts,

it's donations like this that help the BCPD K9 program and drug prevention efforts in our community funded and we are grateful for the support."

The donation will help cover the costs of Capa's veterinary care, food, equipment, supplemental training and travel costs to maintain certification for both K9 Capa and his handler, Sgt. Wayne Chastain.

## **J**BITUARIES

Rick Taylor Baker City, 1953-2021

Rick "Ricky" "Papa" Taylor, 68, passed away gently sleeping next to his best friend, love of his life, and caring wife of 42 years the evening

of Dec. 16, 2021. Named after the charming husband in his mom's favorite TV show, "I Love Lucy," Ricky Lee Taylor was born in 1953 in La Grande. From there, Ricky (who preferred to go by Rick) set out on a life of bringing joy and happiness to everyone. He obtained his college degree from Southern Oregon University in 1975 and then began a lifelong career with Oregon State Parks. He was a young park ranger in 1978 when he met a girl working at her parents' gas station and grocery store near Lake Billy Chinook, where he was stationed. Convinced he could make her happy, he pursued her with TV-worthy charm, around her overprotective father, through her gantlet of

brothers who attempted to strand him

in the woods on multiple hunting trips

and abetted by their frequent nighttime

**Rick Taylor** 

runaways. Kathryn Becker and Rick Taylor were married on Jan. 20, 1979. They were constantly by each other's side throughout a marriage that led them from park to park, as Rick was promoted from one position to another within Oregon State Parks. Rick paid it forward, bringing their three boys, Nick, Chris, and Pat, to state tournament after state tournament, as Kathy pursued a very successful high school volleyball and basketball coaching career. They ultimately settled in Newport for eight years before moving to Baker City in 1994, where their three boys attended high school and where Kathy and Rick retired together in 2006.

Even in retirement, Rick continued his legacy of joy and happiness. Just ask his friends at the Baker City Lions Club, who will remember him flipping pancakes and jokes with equal measure. Or his colleagues in the most popular corner of the Baker High School gym, where he made friends with so many basketball tournament players, coaches, and referees, helped the champions cut down their nets, and made sure nobody left town without remembering his friendly face. Or ask his loving wife,

who remained his faithful companion throughout his life and became his caretaker in the final year or so, and his three sons, who are so proud to carry on his legacy. Finally, ask his nine grandkids, who will forever remember him as the "Papa" who made them laugh and feel loved.

Rick wants to be remembered as a good man who gave back to his community, but he was so much more than that to so many people. He was Ricky to his mom, Phyllis, and his younger sister, Kim, and brother, Mark, who survive him, and his father, Richard, who preceded him in death. He was Rick to his wife, Kathy, and his three boys, Nick, Chris, and Pat, and their wives, Julie, Megan, and Katee. And he was Papa to Akiya, Abby, Decklyn, Colby, Kaylee, Rhyan (dec.), Leona, Dash, and Arden. And most importantly, he was joy and happiness to everyone that was lucky enough to have met him.

He will be remembered as a great man. In lieu of a service or flowers, his family asks for donations to be made in his honor to the Baker City Lions Club through Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City,

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

Adriene Oster Baker City, 1970-2021

Adriene Oster, 51, of Baker City, gained her angel wings on Dec. 13, 2021, after a three-year battle with

A celebration of her life will take place in the spring, with the details to be announced.

A true gift to Arlie and Geri Oster, Adriene was born May 12, 1970, in Burns, joining two sisters, Nancy and Diane. She lived in Hines and graduated from Burns High School. While in high school, she participated in a Lions Club summer exchange program and spent part of a summer in England, which kicked off her love to travel. She worked summers at the Forest Service and with YCC kids.

Adriene graduated from Willamette University with a degree in Sociology. She was a proud member of Pi Beta Phi, and developed lifelong friendships. Adriene moved to Eastern Washington

to earn her teaching credentials then moved back to Oregon where she started a long and rewarding career as a social studies teacher and coach at Baker High School. Adriene had so much joy while working with the



Oster

students and helping them to discover opportunities beyond graduation. The last years, she worked for Baker Web Academy, and appreciated the chance to still contribute to her students' education, while she was battling her illness.

In 2004 Adriene met the true loves of her life, Brett Hamilton and his boys, Thomas and Sam. They blended their lives and she was her happiest ever. There were baseball, basketball and football games, hunting, fishing and exploring. They had a very full life together. Adriene and Brett traveled to Mozambique and Botswana. There were riverboat cruises in Europe, spring breaks in Cabo and trips to Steens Mountain. She loved adventure and was a true believer in exploring the world.

Adriene absolutely loved the people of the Baker City community and all recreational opportunities throughout Eastern Oregon, going for walks, camping and kayaking whenever she could. She was blessed with many solid friendships throughout her life, and they have been there through thick and thin. She traveled with many of them and they were such bright parts of her life.

Adriene knew deep love and joy and will be remembered for her smile and genuine caring of those she connected with.

She is survived by Brett Hamilton, sons Thomas and Sam Hamilton; her mother, Geri Oster; her sisters, Nancy Oster-Courtney (Dave) and Diane Oster-Courtney (Steve); Patsy and Tom Hamilton; her very close friend, Gwen O'Neal; three nieces and two nephews, and seven great-nieces and nephews; her loyal dogs, Ava and Rycur; as well as so many close friends.

She was preceded in death by her father. Arlie Oster.

Contributions in her name can be made in lieu of flowers. Online condolences can be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

# News of Record

# **FUNERAL PENDING**

Leland Myers: A traditional funeral, Tuesday, Dec. 28 at 11 a.m. at the McEwen Masonic Lodge No. 125 in Sumpter. Internment will follow at the Sumpter Cemetery. Friends are invited to join the family for a reception following the internment back at the lodge. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Online condolences can be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

#### **POLICE LOG Baker City Police** Arrests, citations

SECOND-DEGREE CRIMI-NALTRESPASSING: Michael Ray Fedderly, 60, Baker City, 8:38 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 19 in the 400 block of Spring Garden Avenue; cited and released.

FAILURETO APPEAR (Baker County Circuit Court warrant). PAROLE VIOLATION (statewide felony warrant): Travis Anthony Whiting-Good, 26, Baker City, 3:13 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 19 at Seventh and Campbell streets;

IMPROPER USE OF 911: Robert Michael Goodwin, 34, Baker City, 8:18 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 19 in the 2000 block of Myrtle Street; cited and released.

MENACING: Levi Westly Fine, 27, Baker City, 6:21 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18 in the 700 block of Valley Avenue; cited and released.

UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE (Baker County warrant), PROBATION VIOLA-TION (Union County warrant): Steven Michael McBride, 40.

Baker City, 2:53 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18 in the 2300 block of Campbell Street; jailed.

DRIVING UNDERTHE INFLU-**ENCE OF INTOXICANTS: Mark** Alan Boucher, 55, Baker City, 1:11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 17 in the 500 block of Campbell Street; cited and released.

OUT-OF-STATE WARRANT: Stacey Lee Bork, 32, Baker City,



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3:20 p.m. Friday, Dec. 17 at Cherry and Campbell streets; jailed.

CONTEMPT OF COURT: Chad Michael Cox, 40, Baker City, 2:32 p.m. Friday, Dec. 17 at First and Baker streets; cited and released.

**Baker County Sheriff's** Office

Arrests, citations

FAILURETO APPEAR, COM-PUTER CRIME (Baker County Circuit Court warrants): Victoria Jean McLean, 39, Huntington, 5:18 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18 in Huntington; jailed.

PROBATION VIOLATION: Chaz Jordan Williams, 20, Baker City, 12:32 p.m. Friday, Dec. 17 at the Parole and Probation office;

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