

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO

from the Democrat-Herald
November 17, 1972

A proposal to subdivide 14 acres of land into one-acre parcels west of Huckleberry Road was greeted with little enthusiasm last night by the county planning commission.

Although the county sanitarian has not examined the area for septic tank and drain field capabilities, commission administrator Bill Quigley indicated that he "could not conceive" a subdivision going in that area on one-acre parcels.

25 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald
November 17, 1997

The Baker City Council will discuss police department staffing and priorities at a work session before the council's regular meeting Tuesday.

Police Chief Jim Tomlinson recommends the city hire several new employees and combine the city's 911 dispatch center with Baker County's.

10 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald
November 16, 2012

Baker will don its "Road Warrior" garb this weekend as the Bulldogs hit the road to Scappoose for a Class 4A state quarterfinal football game.

The teams will square off at noon Saturday.

Baker (8-1) advanced to the quarterfinals after defeating Cottage Grove 55-42 in an opening round game on Saturday at home.

ONE YEAR AGO

from the Baker City Herald
November 18, 2021

Baker City Police Chief Ty Doby plans to ask the City Council to approve an ordinance limiting where, and when, people can camp on public property within the city limits.

Doby said he was prompted to act by a bill that the Oregon Legislature passed earlier this year and that Oregon Gov. Kate Brown signed into law on June 23.

The law — introduced as House Bill 3115 and passed by the Democratic majorities in both the state House and Senate — is based on a 2019 federal court ruling in a Boise case that in effect prohibited cities and counties from making it illegal for people to sleep outdoors in public spaces if the jurisdiction doesn't provide indoor alternatives.

Baker County's two state legislators, Sen. Lynn Findley, R-Vale, and Rep. Mark Owens, R-Crane, both voted against the bill. The new Oregon law states that cities or counties which have ordinances that regulate "the acts of sitting, lying, sleeping or keeping warm and dry outdoors on public property that is open to the public must be objectively reasonable as to time, place and manner with regards to persons experiencing homelessness."

The law also states that "A person experiencing homelessness may bring suit for injunctive or declaratory relief to challenge the objective reasonableness of a city or county law."

The law states that "reasonableness shall be determined based on the totality of the circumstances, including, but not limited to, the impact of the law on persons experiencing homelessness."

Baker City has no such ordinance, Doby said.

Nor does the city have an indoor facility for homeless people to stay. That means they can legally camp on public property with no limitations.

However, Doby said he doesn't believe anyone, including homeless people, has a legal right to keep their possessions indefinitely on public property or to block people from using sidewalks, streets or other public rights-of-way.

"The way I look at it, you have the right to sleep (on public property), but that doesn't mean you can collect all this stuff and have it strewn about on public property and sidewalks," Doby said. "It's not fair to the neighbors, and it's not fair to the city."

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MEGABUCKS, NOV. 14

3-7-10-20-38-45

Next jackpot: \$1.6 million

POWERBALL, NOV. 14

19-35-53-54-67 PB 21

Next jackpot: \$59 million

MEGA MILLIONS, NOV. 15

6-19-28-46-61

Mega 18

Next jackpot: \$207 million

WIN FOR LIFE, NOV. 14

26-27-45-67

PICK 4, NOV. 15

1 p.m.: 6-6-1-6

4 p.m.: 1-1-9-0

7 p.m.: 4-9-2-8

10 p.m.: 8-1-9-

LUCKY LINES, NOV. 15

2-7-9-13-18-22-25-30

Next jackpot: \$31,000

SENIOR MENUS

FRIDAY (Nov. 18): Baked ziti, garlic bread, carrots, green salad, ice cream

MONDAY (Nov. 21): Chicken strips, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn, biscuits, coleslaw, cookies

TUESDAY (Nov. 22): Taco salad, sour cream and salsa, chips, fruit cup

WEDNESDAY (Nov. 23): chili cheese dog, potato wedges, mixed vegetables, cottage cheese with fruit, pudding, birthday cake

THURSDAY (Nov. 24): Closed for Thanksgiving.

FRIDAY (Nov. 25): Closed.

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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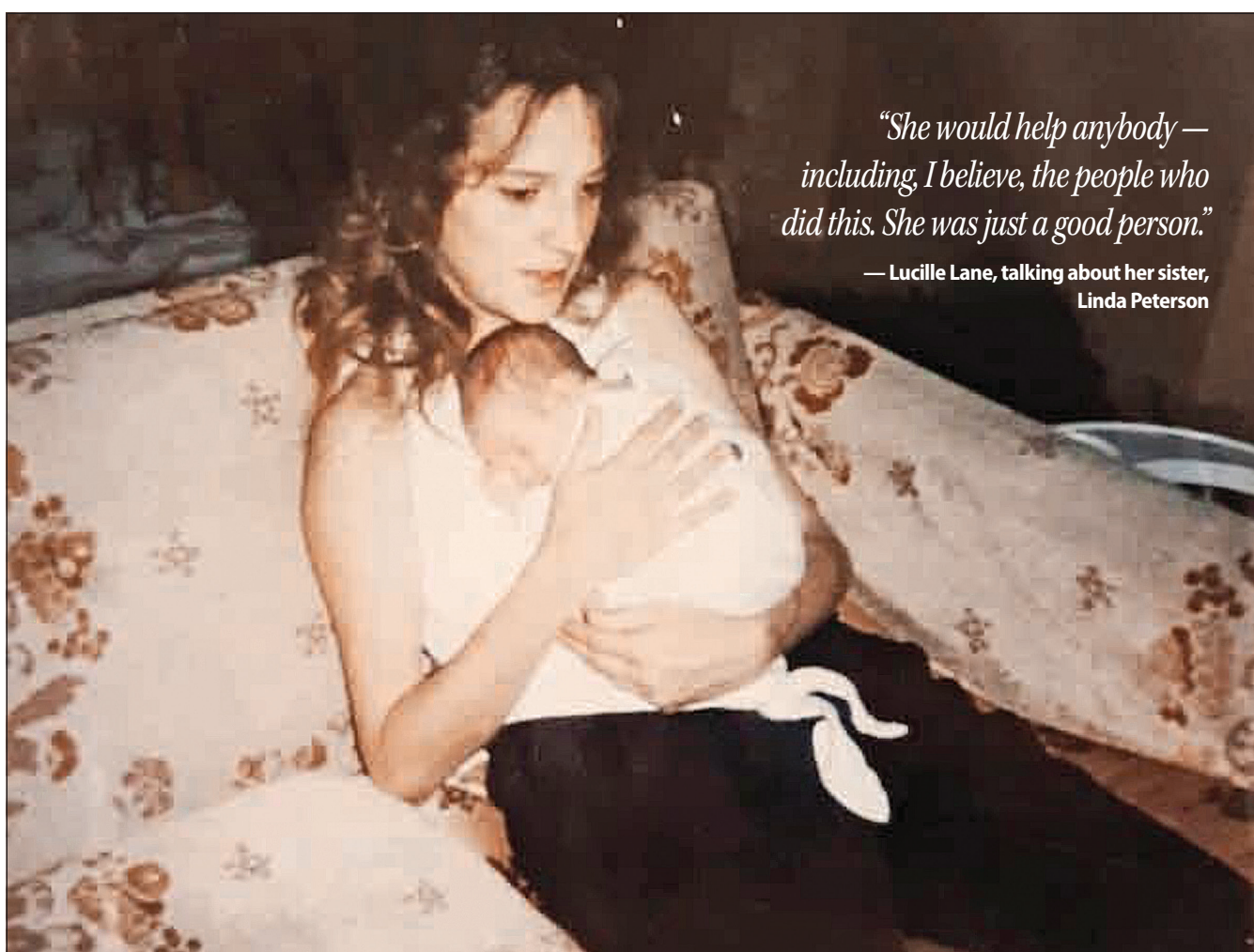
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Linda Peterson holding her baby son, Anthony.

Linda

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They believe Linda is dead. That she was murdered.

But they don't know — can't know — for certain.

More than three and a half years after Linda, then 52, went missing from Baker City in March 2019, the lack of answers makes the emotional wounds that her disappearance inflicted burn even more fiercely.

"I think about Linda every day," Sarah, 73, said.

Sadness competes at times with anger.

"I get so mad I want to tear things up," Sarah said — particularly when she thinks about the people she believes killed Linda and disposed of her body.

Sarah's eldest daughter, Loretta Peterson, who's about a year older than Linda and grew up with her in Grants Pass, said that when she drives by the apartment at 2450 Broadway St. where Linda was living when she disappeared, she "starts crying really bad."

"Sometimes I get angry," Loretta said. "Whoever has done this needs to be brought to justice by the law."

That's the goal, Baker City Police Chief Ty Doby said.

"This is an active homicide investigation," Doby said on Wednesday, Nov. 9. "We've followed every single lead that we've ever gotten, and we continue to do this."

Linda is missing

— March 2019

Linda's relatives became alarmed in mid March 2019 when she didn't attend a dance recital for her granddaughter in Baker City.

Alesia Lawrence, one of Linda's two children, was immediately worried.

She and her mom had a regular schedule. And Linda was planning to attend the recital for Alesia's daughter.

Alesia had been appointed legal guardian for Linda about two years earlier, after Linda left treatment for drug addiction at Juniper Ridge Acute Care Center in John Day.

Loretta, Linda's older sister, was troubled as well by Linda's absence.

"She would help anybody — including, I believe, the people who did this. She was just a good person."

— Lucille Lane, talking about her sister, Linda Peterson

Contributed Photo

Reward Offered

The Baker County Major Crime Team has offered a \$2,500 reward, and Crime Stoppers of Oregon added the same amount for a total of \$5,000, for information that leads to an arrest in connection with Linda Peterson's disappearance. Anyone with information can contact the Baker City Police Department at 541-524-2014.

thing. I wish now that I would have went up there with her. I think there were people in her apartment that shouldn't have been."

This was not typical of Linda, Loretta said.

"Linda was always indepen-

dent and strong," she said.

When Loretta learned a couple days later that Linda was missing, the sense of discomfort escalated to something closer to panic.

Loretta remembered other conversations with Linda in the previous month or so. Linda had moved into the apartment earlier that winter.

"Not long before she went missing that I started noticing changes in her behavior," Loretta said.

Linda even talked about what Loretta should do if Linda were to die.

Sarah also recalls her daughter, in the few weeks before she disappeared, saying she was afraid of people who were living with her.

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News of Record

DEATHS

Maxwell Justin Upmeyer: 49, of Evans, Colorado, and a former Baker City resident, died Nov. 4, 2022, at his home in Evans. A celebration of his life will take place at a later date. Memorials can be made to a GoFundMe account: Maxwell Justin Upmeyer (by Brandy Upmeyer) or Suicide Prevention Hotline, 1-800-273-8255.

Judith Schroeder: 81, of Baker City, died Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2022, at home surrounded by her family. A Mass of

Christian Burial will be held; date and time TBA. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home and Cremation Services. Online condolences can be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

POLICE LOG

Baker City Police

Arrests, citations

SECOND-DEGREE CRIMINAL

TRESPASSING: Garrett Isaac Stanley, 49, Haines, 10:34 p.m. Monday, Nov. 14 in the 2800 block of Hughes Lane;

cited and released.

FOURTH-DEGREE ASSAULT (Baker County Circuit Court warrant): Kadin Patrick Bailey, 22, Baker City, 3:31 p.m. Monday, Nov. 14 in the 1100 block of Campbell Street; cited and released.

Baker County Sheriff's Office

Arrests, citations

DRIVING WHILE SUSPENDED:

Clayton Carver Hickman, 20, Baker City, 5:14 p.m. Monday, Nov. 14 on Broadway Street near Sixth Street; cited and released.

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Mon & Tues	7:20
Wed & Thurs	4:20, 7:20

BLACK PANTHER: WAKANDA FOREVER (PG-13)

Friday	3:45, 7:00
Sat & Sun	12:30, 3:45, 7:00
Mon & Tues	7:00
Wed & Thurs	3:45, 7:00

TICKET TO PARADISE (PG-13)

Friday	4:10, 7:10
Sat & Sun	1:10, 4:10, 7:10
Mon & Tues	7:10

STRANGE WORLD (PG)

Wed & Thurs	4:10, 7:10
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