

Local

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald July 2, 1970

The Board of Trustees of Baker College announced Wednesday its decision to suspend operation of the college during the 1970-71 school year.

William A. Free, chairman of the board of trustees, this morning said the college owed nearly \$100,000.

"The decision to discontinue operation of the Baker campus was made very reluctantly," he said, "especially in view of the excellent spirit which has prevailed on campus and in the community."

25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald July 3, 1995

Oregon cities can display and update their populations on entrance signs — for a price.

In March 1994 the Oregon Transportation Commission decided that the state will neither update populations on city entrance signs nor install new signs listing populations.

However, cities can buy, for about \$200, a separate 2-foot by 3 1/2-foot population sign, said Mike Laux, a traffic designer for the Oregon Department of Transportation in Salem.

Cities will then be responsible for maintaining and updating the signs. The advantage is that they can change the numbers as often as needed.

10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald July 2, 2010

The BLM has spent more than \$25,000 in state grants over the past year to make improvements at the Virtue Flat Off-Highway Vehicle area about seven miles east of Baker City.

The money, from ATV permit fees, was part of the total of \$34,624 that the BLM received from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department for the fiscal year that ended Wednesday.

ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald July 3, 2019

The Wallowa-Whitman National Forest is slated to award contracts for a pair of timber sales, large by the standards of the past couple of decades, for a total of \$602,000.

The Wallowa-Whitman announced Tuesday in a press release that Boise Cascade Wood Products is the apparent high bidder for the Dean timber sale near Phillips Reservoir. It's by far the larger of the pair, including an estimated 13.6 million board-feet of timber from 2,435 acres.

Iron Triangle LLC of John Day is the apparent high bidder for the Dutch timber sale, in the Wolf Creek area northwest of North Powder. The Dutch sale includes an estimated 5.1 million board-feet of timber from 575 acres.

At a combined volume of about 18.7 million board-feet, the two sales involve more timber than the Wallowa-Whitman sold in several entire fiscal years in the early 2000s. The forest sold 10.5 million board-feet of timber in fiscal 2002, 9.9 million in 2003, 11 million in 2004 and 13.9 million in 2005.

The Dean and Dutch timber sales represent 70 percent of the Wallowa-Whitman's planned timber sale program for fiscal 2019, which ends Sept. 30.

Forest officials expect to officially award contracts for both sales later this summer.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, June 29
8 — 18 — 22 — 27 — 28 — 45
Next jackpot: \$3.4 million

POWERBALL, June 27
9 — 36 — 49 — 56 — 62 PB 8
Next jackpot: \$51 million

MEGA MILLIONS, June 30
9 — 16 — 29 — 37 — 53 Mega 11
Next jackpot: \$62 million

WIN FOR LIFE, June 29
43 — 48 — 71 — 73
PICK 4, June 30
• 1 p.m.: 8 — 7 — 9 — 3
• 4 p.m.: 5 — 3 — 2 — 3
• 7 p.m.: 2 — 5 — 7 — 2
• 10 p.m.: 0 — 6 — 1 — 8
LUCKY LINES, June 30
3-6-10-13-20-21-27-30
Next jackpot: \$21,000

SENIOR MENUS

- **FRIDAY:** Closed in observance of Independence Day
- **MONDAY (July 6):** Chicken cordon bleu with hollandaise sauce, broccoli-blend vegetables, biscuit, fruit cup, cookies
- **TUESDAY (July 7):** Spaghetti with beef sauce, cauliflower, garlic breadsticks, green salad, brownie
- **WEDNESDAY (July 8):** Meatloaf, potatoes and gravy, green beans, roll, fruit cup, cinnamon roll
- **THURSDAY (July 9):** Barbecued ribs, au gratin potatoes, green beans, roll, broccoli-bacon salad, bread pudding

Public luncheon at the Senior Center, 2810 Cedar St., 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; \$4.50 donation (60 and older), \$6.75 for those under 60. Due to the coronavirus crisis, meals must be picked up; there is no dining on site.

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RODEO

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Brown, meanwhile, went back to work at Lew Brothers Les Schwab Tires, the business his dad, Jim, co-owns with Jim's brother, and Jesse's uncle, Rocky Brown.

"Some of these guys don't have that luxury," Jesse Brown said. "There was a lot of big disappointment for a lot of people."

He had planned to compete in about 85 to 90 rodeos this year.

But then events were canceled for the better part of 2 months.

On the positive side, Brown said, all steer wrestlers were sidelined so he didn't fall behind in his quest to qualify for the National Finals Rodeo.

"It put everybody in a bind," he said.

While waiting for the rodeo season to resume, Brown spent hours practicing at his family's property along with Mike McGinn.

"We've had a bunch of steers at the house to practice with," Brown said.

He returned to competition in late May at Cave Creek, Arizona, driving 30 hours total for the event.

Brown said he wouldn't have done that in a normal year because the rodeo has a relatively small purse.

But in 2020 he was eager to compete anywhere.

"No one has a ton of money won at this point, which leaves it wide open," Brown said.



Kathy Aney/EO Media Group file photo, 2019

Bulldogger Jesse Brown wrestles his steer to the ground to clinch the steer wrestling title at the 2019 Pendleton Round-Up. Brown's time in the final round, 3.7 seconds, set a new record for the prestigious rodeo.

"It's like cowboy Christmas. It's pretty exciting."

— Jesse Brown, professional steer wrestler, talking about his hectic holiday weekend rodeo schedule

He traveled to Oklahoma and Texas during the second week of June to compete in a pair of rodeos.

But the holiday week is when Brown hopes to make major progress toward qualifying for the National Finals.

"This is the first big weekend back," he said.

On Tuesday morning Brown was driving through Salt Lake City, heading for a rodeo in Oakley, Utah.

It was the first event in a hectic week during which Brown will compete in nine rodeos in six states — Utah, North Dakota, South Dakota, Arizona,

Montana and Wyoming.

Brown is ready.

"It's like cowboy Christmas," he said of the whirlwind holiday week. "It's pretty exciting."

Brown will cover thousands of miles, some by pickup and some by airplane.

It's a logistical challenge, he said, but family and friends will help make sure his horse and other equipment gets where it needs to go.

He said he usually travels in a group with three other steer wrestlers.

Brown said his calendar lists 14 rodeos through July. After that he's not sure.

"I haven't got to August yet," he said.

Brown hopes the season will extend beyond its usual end Oct. 1, giving competitors more events to attend in their quest for Las Vegas and the 10-night National

Finals at the Thomas and Mack Center.

Brown said restrictions at rodeos depends on the location, and the guidelines in place in each state.

At Cave Creek, Arizona, riders were required to wear masks, and there were no spectators.

But in Oklahoma and Texas fans were in the stands, and Brown said those seemed more like normal rodeos.

New medical release forms and pre-event temperature checks are commonplace, Brown said.

He won't be able to defend his record-setting performance at Pendleton in September, as the Round-Up has been canceled.

But Brown still hopes to be in Vegas this winter.

"It's the Super Bowl of rodeo," he said.

Reward offered in animal abuse case

By Sam Anthony
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A Baker City animal welfare organization is offering a \$700 reward for information that leads to the prosecution of people suspected of trapping cats and then letting hound dogs attack the felines.

Best Friends of Baker, a nonprofit that helps find homes for rescued animals,

posted on its Facebook page that "It has come to our attention that some community members are/have engaged in some disturbing cruelty to animals, in violation of municipal code § 90.21. We have also been informed that there is video footage of this criminal activity, which involves trapped cats and hound dogs."

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OBITUARY

Robert Stone

Baker City, 1961-2002

Robert Eugene Stone, 58, of Baker City, died June 23, 2020, at St. Luke's Medical Center in Meridian, Idaho.

A private memorial service will be held at a later date.

Robert was born on Dec. 25, 1961, at Sacramento, California, to John Stone and Neva Fugate. He attended Camas High School. In 1980, Robert joined the Army and served for 3 years.

He became a certified caregiver and worked for the State of Oregon as an individual caregiver for 11 years. He enjoyed fishing with his grandkids, camping with his family, watching football with his son, and spending time with his wife, Thelma.

Robert had many accomplishments in his life, but his family feels that his greatest accomplishment was being a husband, father, brother and papa.

Survivors include his wife of 25 years, Thelma Stone of Baker City; sister, Mary Stone of Idaho; brothers, Mike Stone of California, David Fugate of California, and Mark Austin of Washington; children, Katie Rick of California, Virginia Hanewinkel of Oregon, Devin Jean and spouse, Courtney Duncan, of Oregon, Heather Havens and spouse, Michael Havens, of Oregon, and Alisha Austin and spouse, Steven Lenhardt, of Oregon; grandchildren, Lilian Butterfield, Makyah Butterfield, Damian Davey, Zakary Davey, Skylar Butterfield, Kolby Jean, Koralline Hacker, Syrinx Havens, and Evodi Havens; and great-grandchildren, Jayson Horn, Karder Horn, and Eoinn Baltzel. He is also survived by many amazing nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father, John Stone; mother, Neva Fugate; and his dogs, Penut and Babe.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Bill (the really nice friend) and many of the community members. To light a candle in memory of Robert, or to leave an online condolence for the family, go to www.grayswestco.com.

NEWS OF RECORD

POLICE LOG

Baker City Police
Arrests, citations
WARRANT (Baker County Circuit Court): Christopher Alan Griffith, 27, Baker City, 6:04 p.m. Tuesday in the 2300 block of East St.; cited and released.

Baker County Sheriff's

Office
CONTEMPT OF COURT (Baker County Circuit Court warrant): Elizabeth Donnale Buchanan, 35, Baker City, 4:58 p.m. Tuesday at the Sheriff's Office; cited and released.

DRIVING WHILE OPERATOR'S LICENSE SUSPENDED: Jacob Malcom Cauthorn, 27, of Baker City, 1:08 p.m. Monday, in the 2200 block of Resort Street; cited and released.

Hank Cramer to perform at the Interpretive Ctr.

Wandering minstrel Hank Cramer will perform this weekend at the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center, and visitors can also pose for photos with American mustang Norm.

Cramer will share the history of overland emigrants, early day miners and settlers through music and stories at the outdoor amphitheater in three daily performances Friday, Saturday and Sunday, at 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 2 p.m. He will also give a special performance Saturday at 6 p.m.

Norm will be available for photos at 2 p.m. Saturday along with owner Deb Henshaw, who will talk about the BLM's wild horse adoption program.

The Interpretive Center is 5 miles east of Baker City, accessible by Highway 86 (Exit 302 on I-84).



Cramer



In Memory of Helen Pilcher

We wish to thank everyone for the kindness and support shown to us during the loss of our loved one, especially Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, Heart n' Home Hospice, Pastor Lennie Spooner, and the staff of Meadowbrook Place for taking such good care of her. Your expressions of sympathy and friendship are greatly appreciated.

The Family of Helen Pilcher



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