

Local

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald August 15, 1970

The paving of the Anthony Lakes segment of Elkhorn Drive, locally referred to as Anthony Lakes Road, will not be completed this year, said Dale Frost, assistant national forest supervisor.

The forest service had planned to have the road paved this year, with construction costs estimated at \$261,000. “We had two bids, and rejected them both as being too high,” Frost said. “The low bid was \$364,000.”

25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald August 15, 1995

The sky was blue Sunday morning and although both the sun and calendar said August, in the shade was a whisper whose cool breath sounded like October.

A morning when fingers around Baker County became reacquainted with home furnaces and car heaters.

But for 281 people, Sunday morning was the perfect time to ride a bicycle 46 miles from Baker City to Unity. Over Dooley Mountain.

The 281 bicyclists, including five from Baker City, were starting the eighth Oregon Bicycle Ride.

10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald August 16, 2010

The Powder River Correctional Facility will soon see a new breed of inmates.

Some of the men incarcerated in the minimum-security prison in Baker City will help New Hope for Eastern Oregon Animals retrain rescued dogs for future adoption.

New Hope, in conjunction with Powder River, is overseeing the Powder Pals program, which will start this fall.

ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald August 16, 2019

An infestation of mosquitoes prompted the Baker Valley Vector Control District to bring in what amounts to its heavy artillery Thursday night in the northwestern part of Baker City.

The District’s fogging truck rolled through the area where traps had recently nabbed an increasing number of the bloodsucking insects, said Matt Hutchinson, the District’s manager.

“We had a few higher trap counts in the West Campbell Loop and 17th Street areas,” Hutchinson said this morning.

He attributes the burgeoning bug numbers to a couple of factors.

First, widespread flood irrigation in parts of Baker Valley, including the area between Pochontas Road and Wingville Road, has led to standing water where mosquitoes lay their eggs.

Hutchinson said summer breezes, which typically blow from the northwest, can propel mosquitoes from the valley into town.

The second issue is a homegrown one.

The heavy rain that fell on Aug. 10 likely filled flower pots, old tires and other receptacles that can also harbor mosquitoes.

“Mosquito numbers have been pretty strong this year,” Hutchinson said. “We’ve been pretty busy.”

He said the flood-irrigated section of the valley between Pochontas and Wingville has been a particularly pesky problem for his crew.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, Aug. 12
1 — 9 — 27 — 33 — 36 — 44
Next jackpot: \$5.3 million

POWERBALL, Aug. 12
2 — 6 — 18 — 36 — 37 PB 21
Next jackpot: \$20 million

MEGA MILLIONS, Aug. 11
8 — 22 — 39 — 43 — 56 Mega 9
Next jackpot: \$31 million

WIN FOR LIFE, Aug. 12
6 — 12 — 36 — 49

PICK 4, Aug. 13
• 1 p.m.: 2 — 9 — 8 — 6
• 4 p.m.: 3 — 0 — 4 — 8
• 7 p.m.: 9 — 1 — 2 — 0
• 10 p.m.: 7 — 9 — 6 — 5

LUCKY LINES, Aug. 13
2-5-9-13-17-23-28-29
Next jackpot: \$38,000

SENIOR MENUS

- **MONDAY:** Salisbury steak, potatoes and gravy, Brussels sprouts, biscuit, cottage cheese with fruit, brownie
- **TUESDAY:** Breaded pork loin, parslied red potatoes, mixed vegetables, roll, sauerkraut salad, ice cream
- **WEDNESDAY:** Meat lasagna, peas, garlic breadsticks, carrot-raisin salad, cookies
- **THURSDAY:** Chicken-fried chicken, potatoes and gravy, broccoli-blend vegetables, bread, potato salad, tapioca
- **FRIDAY:** Barbecued pork ribs, au gratin potatoes, green beans, roll, coleslaw, lemon bars

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, under 60. Meals must be picked up; there is no dining on site.

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INTERNS

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“I thought it would be a really good way to see the natural resources side, since I’m from an agricultural background,” Siddoway said.

This summer’s work began June 15 at the Gyllenberg ranch south of Baker City where the interns spent two weeks restoring stream flow and the stream banks damaged in the Cornet-Windy Ridge wildfire in August 2015. Their work included building a pond and installing fence.

That assignment was one of McCauley’s favorites from the summer.

“For the variety of work we did,” he said. “I really like working outdoors.”

Due to restrictions from the coronavirus pandemic, this year’s students at Summer Academy were unable to visit Anthony Lakes. In response, the interns created a video that was shared with the youngsters. They also created terrariums that brought a bit of nature — including frogs — to the classrooms.

Late June found the interns on the ranch of Maurizio Valerio to help install wildlife fencing. The next week brought them back to town to help map the veterans section of Mount Hope Cemetery.

Their work on the East Face monitoring plots began the week of July 13-17. The project covers 45,000 acres and includes work that will move fire to natural breaks, such as roads or clearings. The work includes logging,



Lisa Britton / For the Baker City Herald

Sarah Plummer, holding a compass, directs Sam McCauley to the next tree in a monitoring plot located within the East Face Project on the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest.

thinning, and prescribed fires.

Within the project are designated units, which each include monitoring plots.

They finished 15 plots in July, and hope to add 15 more this week.

On Monday, the three interns, plus Silas Carter as extra help, followed Lucas Glick, a silviculturist for the Wallowa-Whitman’s La Grande Ranger District, about 6 miles north of the Anthony Lakes Highway.

At each plot, the interns mark the center, then measure 37.2 feet out in each cardinal direction — north, south, east and west. Within that circle they measure trees, count seedlings and saplings, take a core sample of the center tree, and measure the heights of three trees of different species.

Siddoway said this provides baseline data that can be referenced in the future for the changes.

“In three to five years they come and compare it,” she said.

Dr. Kerry Kemp of the Nature Conservancy designed the monitoring protocol and taught the system to the interns.

“She’s been an incredible mentor,” said Steve Edwards, Baker Resources Coalition program manager.

This week the interns were joined by Glick, who helped identify trees and answered any questions. The chosen plots are described as a “cool moist” environment.

“These guys are really helping us look at these stands,” Glick said.

The group also placed several trail cameras and hope to catch images of pine marten or other wildlife.

Other projects this summer included creating an interpretive brochure for the Hoffer Lakes trail at Anthony Lakes, and learning about hardwood management on Edwards’ property.

Their final week will be spent reflecting on the summer and strategic planning for the program.

Edwards said the Coalition would like to expand the summer program to offer more internships, but must first add to the number of projects.

For more information about the Baker Resources Coalition, visit the website www.bakerresources.com

OBITUARY

Beth Heriza
Formerly of Baker City, 1950-2020

Elizabeth L. “Beth” Heriza, 70, of Portland, a former Baker City resident, died July 23, 2020, at her home, two months after being diagnosed with an untreatable cancer.

She was cared for by Sarah Laughlin, her partner of more than 30 years. Sarah and three of Beth’s sisters were with her when she died.

A memorial for Beth will be scheduled when large gatherings are again possible, and her ashes will be scattered in the Elkhorn Mountains near Baker City.

Beth Heriza was born on June 10, 1950, at Baker to Mary and Louis Heriza, the eighth of their nine children. She attended St. Francis Academy, where she developed an abiding interest in music and math. An accomplished pianist, she continued playing and learning throughout her life. She also played the viola, most recently in a viola-cello-piano trio with her sisters, Clare and Celeste. In



Beth Heriza

retirement, she studied calculus. For fun! She earned an MD from Oregon Health Sciences University and completed her residency in pediatrics at UC Irvine. As a physician, she worked in chronically underserved communities — in migrant clinics in Fresno, California, and Walla Walla, Washington, and on the Navajo and Cherokee reservations.

From her father she inherited a love of small-scale farming and a longing for self-sufficiency. She left medicine to study horticulture at Clackamas Community College and the Arnold Arboretum in Boston. She oversaw production in commercial greenhouses in Santa Fe, New Mexico, and, later, was the market manager of the Hollywood Farmers’ Market in Portland. She and her partner Sarah created Hozhoni Herbs, growing and selling plants at farmers’ markets in the Portland metropolitan area.

Beth studied Spanish in the U.S. and in Zacatecas, Mexico, and Antigua, Guatemala, developing enduring friendships with her instructors, Arturo Dorado Jr. and Aura Rufina Espana Sinay.

She loved biking, walking, and college

basketball. In 2016, Beth and her sister Mary K. walked the 500-mile Camino de Santiago in Spain, and in 2019 she watched every March Madness game with her brother John, fulfilling two longtime dreams.

Beth was independent, endlessly curious, very funny, so smart, without vanity, disciplined, deeply reserved and immensely kind.

She is survived by Sarah and seven siblings: John Heriza and his wife, Elizabeth, Celeste O’Dell, Alice Ierulli, Robert Heriza and his wife, Judy Brookhart, Mary K. Eilers, Clare Heriza, and Tony Heriza and his wife, Jane Golden. She is also survived by her uncle, Richard Sheehy, many cousins, nieces and nephews, grand-nieces and grand-nephews, and innumerable friends and colleagues.

Beth was preceded in death by her parents and by an infant brother, Edward.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to Ethos, a Portland non-profit that provides children with music instruction and access to instruments.

NEWS OF RECORD

DEATHS
Jack Miller: 88, of Baker City, died Aug. 12, 2020, at home surrounded by his family. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami’s Pine Valley Funeral Home and Cremation Services. Online condolences may be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com

FUNERALS PENDING
Mary Morin: There will be a graveside service/dedication at 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 21, at Mount Hope Cemetery in Baker City. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami’s Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Online condolences may be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com

Raelene Florene Maddox: Her memorial service will take place Sept. 5 at 11 a.m. at Gray’s West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., with Pastor Lennie Spooner of the Baker City Nazarene Church officiating. To light a candle for Raelene, or to leave a condolence for her family, go to www.grayswestco.com

POLICE LOG
Baker City Police
VIOLATION OF RESTRAINING ORDER: Christopher Callan Chernoff, 58, of Baker City, 5:05 p.m. Thursday, at the police department; jailed.

THIRD-DEGREE THEFT (Baker County Justice Court warrant):

Mayron Juanito Harding, 19, of 1530 15th St., 3:20 p.m. Thursday, at 2339 East St.; cited and released.

PROBATION VIOLATION (Baker County Circuit Court warrant): Angela Dawn Nixon, 32, of 3005 10th St., Apartment A, 2:14 p.m. Thursday, at the Baker County Parole and Probation Office; cited and released.

FAILURE TO APPEAR (Two Union County warrants): Brazil Charles Wellington, 25, of North Powder, 9:50 a.m. Thursday, in the 2200 block of Broadway Street in Baker City; cited and released.

CONTEMPT OF COURT (Baker County Justice Court warrant): Trevor James Heath, 24, of Baker City, 2:03 a.m. Thursday, in the 1500 block of Campbell Street; cited and released.

FAILURE TO APPEAR (Two Baker County Circuit Court warrants): Edward Allen Braswell, 45, of Baker City, 8:29 a.m. Wednesday, in the 2100 block of Third Street; cited and released.

Baker County Sheriff’s Office
CONTEMPT OF COURT (Baker County Justice Court warrant): Gage Michael Niehaus, 20,

of Haines, 6:31 p.m. Thursday, at Haines; cited and released.

PROBATION VIOLATION (Baker County Circuit Court

warrant): David James Eastin, 35, of 2815 Second St., 3:18 p.m. Thursday, at the Sheriff’s Office; cited and released.



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