

Local

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald August 30, 1970

An invitation to the general public to attend the dedication ceremony and open house of the new St. Elizabeth Community Hospital has been extended by the advisory board and hospital administrator Sister Lawrence.

Dedication of the hospital is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 12 at 1:30 p.m. Invitations have been sent to members of the medical profession in this region, numerous dignitaries and persons having special interest in the facility.

25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald August 29, 1995

A seven-person committee will consider more than a dozen criteria, including comments from residents, in deciding whether a site just east of Baker City or one in Burns is best for a 50-bed state-run juvenile prison.

Criteria will include how much the state would have to spend to build the prison at each site, said Kim Medford of the Oregon Youth Authority.

A group from each county will present its bid for the prison to the siting committee Sept. 8 in Salem, Medford said. Representatives from each county will have about 40 minutes to give their pitch and 20 minutes to answer questions from committee members. Baker County's presentation will be based on a proposal it submitted to the youth authority earlier this month.

10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald August 30, 2010

The owner of Baker City's grass tennis courts has appealed a city Planning Commission decision rejecting his request to leave the lights on an hour later at the four-court complex.

Don McClure filed the appeal with the City Council in late June.

In late May the Planning Commission turned down McClure's application to allow the lights to stay on until 10 p.m. — the current deadline, in the conditional-use permit for the courts, is 9 p.m.

ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald August 30, 2019

A project that would change the way traffic flows on the 10th and Broadway street business districts, and redesign the intersection of 10th Street and Pochontas Road/ Hughes Lane, is tentatively planned for 2024.

Officials from the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) and the city have discussed the project for several years, and ODOT made a presentation to the City Council during its Tuesday night meeting.

ODOT plans to combine several smaller projects into one so it can award a single contract. The estimated total cost is about \$9 million.

“What we call the 10th street project, we’ve been talking about it for several years with ODOT,” said Michelle Owen, the city’s public works director. “It is currently in the 2024 STIP — State Transportation Improvement Program — and so we’re scheduled for construction in 2024.”

One of the project’s components involves the traffic configuration on 10th Street from Broadway to Pochontas, and on Broadway from Main to 10th.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, Aug. 26
2 — 5 — 17 — 28 — 30 — 34
Next jackpot: \$1.1 million

POWERBALL, Aug. 26
8 — 12 — 19 — 47 — 58 PB 2
Next jackpot: \$47 million

MEGA MILLIONS, Aug. 25
8 — 10 — 15 — 17 — 57 Mega 12
Next jackpot: \$68 million

WIN FOR LIFE, Aug. 26
19 — 44 — 54 — 74
PICK 4, Aug. 27
• 1 p.m.: 1 — 0 — 1 — 8
• 4 p.m.: 1 — 8 — 3 — 6
• 7 p.m.: 0 — 3 — 2 — 6
• 10 p.m.: 2 — 8 — 1 — 7
LUCKY LINES, Aug. 27
4-5-11-15-20-24-25-31
Next jackpot: \$52,000

SENIOR MENUS

- **MONDAY:** Chicken broccoli Alfredo over fettuccine, mixed vegetables, biscuit, carrot-raisin salad, brownies
- **TUESDAY:** Barbecued meatballs, rice pilaf, broccoli-blend vegetables, bread, green salad, bread pudding
- **WEDNESDAY:** Salisbury steak, potatoes and gravy, green beans, roll, gelatin with fruit, cake
- **THURSDAY:** Chef's salad, breadsticks, cottage cheese with fruit, ice cream
- **FRIDAY:** Sausage gravy over biscuit, ham and cheese and egg frittata, hash browns, orange slices, cinnamon roll

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.

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7-year-old OK after bike collides with car

By Chris Collins
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A 7-year-old girl who was knocked off her bicycle after riding into the path of a 2017 Dodge Challenger Thursday morning walked away with minor injuries.

Baker City Police said the girl's left elbow and both legs were scraped when she fell off

her bicycle after colliding with the car driven by Stephanie Soliz, 23, of 2865 Cedar St.

The incident happened about 11:20 a.m. as the child pedaled across the Leo Adler Memorial Parkway at D Street, Officer Jared Wood wrote in his report. Soliz was traveling east on D Street and was not able to stop in time

to avoid striking the bicyclist, said Phoebe Wachtel, police department spokeswoman. No citations were issued.

A Baker City ambulance responded and treated the girl at the scene, Wachtel said. The child's mother, who arrived a short time later, told Wood that she planned to have her daughter checked at Saint

Alphonsus Medical Center. The girl was wearing a helmet during the crash, which Wood replaced with a new one from the supply at the Baker City Police Department, Wachtel said. The Baker Rotary Club helps keep the department stocked with helmets to distribute free in the community, she said.

COVID-19

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The Baker County Health Department is doing contact tracing to determine if anyone else has been exposed to the virus through the staff member.

“This is difficult news that impacts our school community,” Witty said.

The rooms and common areas at BHS frequented by the staff member who tested positive have been identified, and activities were moved from those areas, which were then deeply cleaned and disinfected, Witty said.

For the most part, staff members have been working alone in their classrooms while much of the training has been provided through livestreaming using the Zoom computer app, Witty said.

When small groups have met, they have been urged to maintain the recommended 6-foot social distancing.

Sometimes, considering the work being done, staff cannot always follow those directives, Witty said.

“It's rare, but sometimes it does happen,” he said. “And it happened in this case.”

He pointed out that people are not quarantined unless they have been

closer than 6 feet to an infected person for more than 15 minutes.

Witty said he continues to stress that people who don't feel well should stay home, and that those who do come to work should wear face coverings, maintain the 6-foot distance from each other and wash their hands frequently.

“It's important to do that if we want to get to in-person instruction,” he said.

Under a revised school calendar approved by the Baker School Board earlier this month, Monday was a staff work day, and Tuesday and Wednesday were in-service training days.

Thursday, along with Aug. 31 and Sept. 1-2 have been designated as “re-opening training days.”

The BHS building will continue to be used for staff training during the coming week, Witty said.

In compliance with Gov. Kate Brown's “Ready Learners Safe Schools Plan,” all rooms used by staff or students are cleaned and disinfected daily.

During the reopening training days, District staff will receive more training around health protocols required by the COVID-19 pandemic, new technology and online school information systems.

The \$600,000 technology upgrade, which the district bought with money through the federal coronavirus relief bill, is expected to accommodate the startup distance education program

while also allowing the District to return to in-person classroom instruction when that time comes, Witty said.

Staff will continue to prepare for the new school year on Thursday, Sept. 3, which is designated as another staff work day. Students and staff will have Monday, Sept. 7, off in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

Comprehensive distance education classes begin Tuesday, Sept. 8. Teachers will be in their classrooms at each of the District's school buildings, while students follow lessons via computer.

“Our district will work closely with Baker County Health Department officials and follow the Ready Schools Safe Learner Blueprint, which is posted on the District website,” Witty stated in the press release.

Blueprints detailing plans for each school are available at baker5j.org

Witty said he will work through protocols established by the Health Department to keep the community informed throughout the year.

“Our goal is to be as transparent as we can when these things occur,” he said.

And in the meantime, the superintendent asks for the community's help in curbing the spread of the virus.

“I want to get to in-person instruction, but obviously we have to wait until we can do that safely,” Witty said.

OBITUARY

Juanita Martin

Baker City

Juanita Martin, 87, died Aug. 18, 2020, at her home on the Sumpter Highway.

She was raised at Rogue River, Oregon, and graduated from Rogue River High School in 1951. She attended the Oregon Institute of Technology in Klamath Falls in 1952 and earned a certificate in dental assisting. She married Jim Martin in Rogue River in 1953 and they moved to Oceanside, California, where Jim was stationed at Camp Pendleton in the Marine Corps.

They moved in 1958 to Baker, where they worked and raised their family. In 1967 they purchased 160 acres on the Powder River south of Baker. They

cleared property, built a home, and have lived there ever since. She liked visiting with other ranch ladies in the Bowen Valley area.

Juanita enjoyed horseback riding and was involved with 4-H for 10 years, teaching and leading young people with the Silver Spurs and Dooley Mountaineers horse clubs. She worked for Basche-Sage Hardware for a number of years in the sporting goods department, and as a librarian at Brooklyn Elementary School in Baker.

In later years, after retiring, Jim and Juanita enjoyed traveling throughout the western United States, as well as British Columbia and Alaska.

The focus of her life was her family, raising and being a part of her husband's, children's and grandchildren's lives. She was a great cook and the best

wife, Mom, and grandmother a person could ask for.

Juanita is survived by her husband of 67 years, Jim Martin of Baker City; her children, Debra Martin of Lake Isabella, California, Susan Badgley (Rick) of Baker City, and Dan Martin (Julie), also of Baker City; two grandchildren, Andrew Martin (Ashley) of Prairie City, and Jennifer Adams (Josh) of Meridian, Idaho; and one great-grandson, Oliver Martin of Prairie City.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers and a sister.

Friends who wish to can make memorial contributions to St. Jude Children's Hospital through Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814.

To light a candle in memory of Juanita or to leave a condolence for her family, go to grayswestco.com

POLICE LOG

Baker City Police
CONTEMPT OF COURT
(Baker County Justice Court warrant): Jacob Lee McCusker, 40, transient, 8:41 a.m. Thursday, at Geiser-Pollman Park; cited and released.

POST-PRISON SUPERVISION VIOLATION (Oregon Parole Board warrant), **RESISTING ARREST AND ATTEMPTING TO ASSAULT A POLICE OFFICER:** Tyler Joseph Anders, 31, of Baker City, 10:23 p.m. Wednesday, in the Albertsons parking lot at 1120 Campbell St.; jailed.

CONTEMPT OF COURT (Baker County warrant, two counts): Jestin Harding, 37, of Baker City, 2:17 p.m. Wednesday, at H and 11th streets; cited and released.

FAILURE TO APPEAR (Baker County Circuit Court warrant): Jacob Walker, 29, transient, 4:59 p.m. Wednesday; cited and released.

Crime reports
FIRST-DEGREE BURGLARY: At 2830 First St., about 10:30 p.m. Wednesday; Police Chief Ray Duman said a male subject reportedly entered the home of David Cassaro, 31, and Veronica Taylor, 21, and removed several marijuana-related items and a long board belonging to Cassaro while threatening the two. The three were acquaintances, Duman said. The investigation is continuing.

FIRST-DEGREE BURGLARY: At 1130 Broadway St., between Aug. 19 and Aug. 23; Selena Fine of that address reported that she had been gone for five days and when she returned her home had been entered and damaged. Nothing reportedly was taken, police said.

SECOND-DEGREE BUR-

GLARY: At Eagle Cap Grill, 2915 10th St., at about 11:45 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21, a burglar, who was filmed on surveillance video, entered the building and made an unsuccessful attempt to take the lottery safe, Police Chief Ray Duman stated. Damage to the door at the business was estimated at about \$1,000, he said; the investigation is continuing.

Baker County Sheriff's Office
FOURTH-DEGREE DOMESTIC ASSAULT IN THE PRESENCE OF A MINOR AND HARASSMENT: Robert Edward Borgen, 34, of 20408 Sunset Lane, 9:08 p.m. Wednesday, at his home; jailed and later released on bail.

VIOLATION OF RELEASE AGREEMENT (Baker County Circuit Court warrant): Isaac Jeremiah Kolb, 20, of Huntington, 7:43 p.m. Aug. 21; cited and released.

PAROLE VIOLATION (Oregon State Parole Board warrant): Craig Alan Linnemeyer, 37, transient, 3:41 a.m. Aug. 21, in the 1500 block of Campbell Street; cited and released.

Oregon State Police
FAILURE OF SEX OFFENDER TO REPORT CHANGE OF RESIDENCE AND FAILURE TO MAKE ANNUAL SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION REPORT: Lyle Lester Ray, 52, of Durkee, 10:54 a.m. Monday, at Plum Street and Valley Avenue; cited and released.



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