Local

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald October 10, 1970

HUNTINGTON — The Huntington Locomotives started out slowly Friday afternoon against Jordan Valley, but obviously not slowly enough for the visiting coach as the Locomotives blasted their visitors 94-0 in a free scoring contest for the heavily favored home team.

25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald October 10, 1995

A 50-bed juvenile prison probably is not coming to Baker City.

A seven-member siting committee recommended to Gov. John Kitzhaber this morning that the state build the Eastern Oregon prison in Burns.

Kitzhaber has 15 days to make a final decision, but is expected to approve the committee's recommendation.

A Baker County group had proposed to the committee one of three approximately 30-acre parcels about a mile east of Baker City.

10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald October 11, 2010

The Bureau of Land Management has mailed letters to about 4,000 miners, including 155 in Oregon, alerting them to possible abandoned shafts or other hazards on their mining claims on BLM land.

The letters are part of a BLM campaign to reduce or eliminate dangers associated with old mines.

The letters, which were mailed within the past week, went only to miners with claims on BLM land.

In the Baker-Grant county region, the most productive gold-mining area in Oregon late in the 19th century and early in the 20th, the majority of the current active mining claims are on public land managed by the Forest Service rather than the BLM.

ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald October 11, 2019

Theresa Ball is trying to figure out how to keep her Baker City business open after it becomes illegal to sell her most popular products.

That challenge could begin as soon as today.

On Oct. 4 Oregon Gov. Kate Brown signed an executive order calling for a six-month statewide ban on the sale of flavored vaping products.

Those are liquids that are vaporized in a battery-powered device and inhaled.

Ball, who opened the Baker City Vape shop at 1820 First St. in 2013, said flavored vaping products containing nicotine constitute about 85% of the sales at her business.

Ball considers Brown's executive order "government overreach."

"She's putting so many people out of business," Ball said on Thursday. "I don't know if we'll ever recover from this, in some people's eyes."

Ball said she understands that people are frightened by the statistics. Approximately 1,300 people nationwide have reported lung illnesses linked to vaping, and about 30 people, including two in Oregon, have died.

But Ball points out that in some cases the people reported using products that contain THC, the psychoactive ingredient in cannabis, not vaping liquids containing nicotine.

OREGON LOTTERY -

MEGABUCKS, Oct. 7 8 - 11 - 27 - 31 - 37 - 42Next jackpot: \$2.9 million

POWERBALL, Oct. 7 6 - 24 - 30 - 53 - 56 PB 19 Next jackpot: \$62 million

MEGA MILLIONS, Oct. 6 Next jackpot: \$60 million

15 - 16 - 18 - 39 - 59 Mega 17

WIN FOR LIFE, Oct. 7 6 - 33 - 58 - 63PICK 4, Oct. 8

• 1 p.m.: 7 - 8 - 8 - 3

• 4 p.m.: 4 — 2 — 8 — 5

•7 p.m.: 3 — 9 — 1 — 9

• 10 p.m.: 3 − 7 − 4 − 4

LUCKY LINES, Oct. 8 2-8-10-16-20-24-28-32 Next jackpot: \$30,000

SENIOR MENUS

- MONDAY: Spaghetti with meat sauce, cauliflower, garlic bread, green salad, brownie
- TUESDAY: Pork tips over mashed potatoes, peas, bread, carrot-raisin salad, bread pudding
- WEDNESDAY: Chicken cordon bleu with hollandaise sauce, rice pilaf, carrots, bread, fruit ambrosia, cake
- **THURSDAY:** Beef pot roast, parslied red potatoes, mixed vegetables, roll, gelatin with fruit, lemon bar
- **FRIDAY:** Breaded chicken strips, potatoes and gravy, cream corn, bread, cottage cheese with fruit, cinnamon rolls.

Lunches 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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Art Guild taking applications for grants

By Lisa BrittonFor the Baker City Herald

The Baker Art Guild has grant money to give away — it just needs applica-

tions. The guild received \$10,000 in federal CARES Act funds to support artists,

musicians, and writers. The deadline to apply is noon on Oct. 31. For a link to the application, send an email to dogbri@icloud.com

Brian Vegter, a member of the Art Guild, said the application is seven questions about how the applicant was affected by COVID-19, other CARES funding he or she has received, and how long the artist has made a living in the arts. Applicants must be residents of

Baker City. The awarded amount, Vegter said, will go directly to the need, such as an electric bill or art supplies. Payments will go directly to an artist if the need is loss of entry fees from canceled shows that were not refunded.

"People working in the arts have definitely been impacted," Vegter said. The money will be distributed Nov. 1.

FUGITIVE

Continued from Page 1A Henry first placed a call for help on the Baker County Sheriff's Office business phone line, said Ashley Mc-

Clay, Sheriff's Department spokeswoman. He later called back through the 911 dispatch center and provided a false name to the dispatcher.

McClay said a relative of Henry's later called dispatch and provided Henry's correct identity. The Sheriff's Office next determined that Henry was wanted on felony charges in Idaho and the decision was made to cancel a call to the Search and Rescue.

Henry is under parole and probation supervision in Idaho on drug charges, ac-

cording to Idaho Department of Corrections records.

Sheriff Travis Ash then gathered six deputies and a U.S. Forest Service law enforcement officer, and traveled to Hewitt Park, a county-owned park on the Powder River arm of Brownlee Reservoir about 3 miles east of Richland.

Two boats were launched

to search for Henry, McClay said. Deputies found him at about 10:06 p.m. on the shore of the reservoir about 1 1/2 miles northeast of Hewitt Park.

Members of the Eagle Valley Ambulance Service at Richland responded to the park and examined Henry before he was arrested without incident, McClay said.

COVID-19

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To meet state standards for returning students to in-person classes, Baker County has to meet two thresholds related to the number of new cases over the previous 3 weeks.

First, the total cases for that period can't exceed 30. As of Friday the county was well within that range, with 19 total cases.

But the second metric could be a different matter. It requires that for the last week in the period, the county have five or fewer cases, or have less than half the total fall within that single week.

As of Friday, eight of the 19 cases had been reported in the past week. If the county records three cases this weekend, that would mean half of the cases in the 3-week period — 11 of 22 — would have been in the last week, which wouldn't meet the metric.

Nancy Staten, director of the Baker County Health Department, said Friday that some, but not all, of the eight cases this week were connected.

She noted that Oregon's statewide new case rate has also been rising this week.

Thursday's total of 484 new cases was the highest one-day total during the pandemic. There were 425 new cases statewide on Friday.

"If we're going to get our kids back to school this is not a good time to let down our guard," Staten said.

Baker School District Superintendent Mark Witty said Friday afternoon that he is hopeful in-person classes will start Oct. 14 as planned for preschoolers through sixth graders.

"We're still in the running," Witty said, noting that he will rely on a Monday morning report from the Health Department to make the decision.

If the district's elementary schools can return to an all-day in-person class schedule beginning Oct. 14, it will be up to the schools to keep the students and staff healthy so that they can remain on that schedule.

"Once you're in, it's about how are you able to manage within your setting," Witty said. "It's more about what happens in school, in consultation with the Baker County Health Department. If you can stay clean, you're good."

There are lots of moving parts included in accomplishing that goal, ranging from

classroom management to food services and transportation, Witty pointed out.

"It's a heavy lift," he said. "It's been a lot of work for the staff and administration at each site."

Witty said the decision about whether the elementary schools will be able to begin in-person classes will be announced as soon as possible Monday, Oct. 12.

If the opening is possible, no comprehensive distance learning classes will be scheduled Tuesday to allow staff to prepare for Wednesday, Witty said.

"It's an interesting position to be in," he said. "We can go either way."

If the schools cannot open, Witty said the District will reconsider.

"We'll talk to the Health Department and Board and take a little bit of a pause and see what we think about it and see what is the best direction," he said. Baker County has reported 109 CO-

VID-19 cases since the pandemic started. That includes 96 residents who have tested positive, and 13 "presumptive" cases, people who haven't tested positive but had close contact with someone who did.

> Chris Collins of the Baker City Herald contributed to this story.

JBITUARY

Claudette Profitt

Baker City, 1949-2020

Claudette Profitt, 71, of Baker City, died Oct. 7, 2020, at her home, surrounded by her loved ones.



Claudette

Profitt

A celebration of her life will take place at a later date.

Claudette was born on Sept. 1, 1949, at Astoria to Iona Irene Smith-Anderson and Edward Chaffin AnderCoeur d'Alene, Idaho. Claudette and David Profitt

son. She attended school at

were married on Feb. 18, 1966, at Weiser, Idaho. Claudette lived her life to the fullest, and she enjoyed spending time with her family. Her hobbies included painting, panning for gold, and embroidering. She made sure that everyone in her life was the happiest they could be. She was a great person to confide in.

Claudette is survived by her husband, David Profitt; her

sisters, Leslie Rae Anderson-Hedge and Pamila Lynn Bowmer; her brothers, Stephen Roy Anderson and Michael Anderson; her daughter, Hollie Densley; two sons, David Profitt and Steven Profitt; and several grandchildren, nieces

and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Iona Irene Smith-Anderson, and her father, Edward Chaffin Anderson.

To light a candle for Claudette or to leave a condolence for her family, go to www. grayswestco.com

News of Record

DEATHS

Terry Edmondson Jr.: 41, of Ontario, a former Halfway resident, died Oct. 7, 2020, at his home. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Online condolences may be made at www.tamispine vallevfuneralhome.com

Dwight Saunders: 62, of Richland, died Oct. 8, 2020, at his home. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley **Funeral Home and Cremation** Services, Online condolences may be made at www.tamispine valleyfuneralhome.com

FUNERALS PENDING

Jan Haga: A memorial service and celebration of his life will take place Friday, Oct. 16, at 1 p.m. at Harvest Church, 3720 Birch St. in Baker City. COVID-19 precautions will be in place, and people attending should bring a mask and follow social distancing requirements. The family suggests donations in Jan's memory be made to Harvest Church through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services, P.O. Box 543, Halfway, OR 97834. Online condolences may be made at www.tamispine valleyfuneralhome.com

Robert T. 'Bob' Gilkison: His graveside service will take place Saturday, Oct. 17, at 1 p.m. at the Haines Cemetery. Contributions in memory of Mr. Gilkison may be made to the Eastern Oregon Museum in Haines through Coles Tribute Center, 1950 Place St., Baker City, OR 97814. To light a candle in his memory, go to www.colestributecenter.com

POLICE LOG Baker City Police Arrests, citations PROBATION VIOLATION (Lincoln County detainer): Nicola Aiello-Dixon, 28, of Newport,

10:21 a.m. Wednesday in the 3700 block of Midway Drive; jailed; on Thursday he was transported to Lincoln County.

SECOND-DEGREE CRIMINAL MISCHIEF, UNAUTHORIZED ENTRY INTO A MOTOR VEHICLE and THIRD-DEGREE CRIMINAL MISCHIEF: Atraya M. Lovato, 21, transient, 7:49 a.m., Thursday, at Fourth Street and Auburn Avenue; jailed. Police Chief Ray Duman said police had about 25 contacts with Lovato between 5:30 p.m. Monday and her arrestThursday morning. She was taken into custody after she reportedly used a shovel to break out windows in a house belonging to Richard Haynes Jr., 72, of Baker City, and then locked herself in a 1989 Honda Accord belonging to Gerald Roe, 31, of Baker City, and threw garbage around in the vehicle. Duman said Lovato was held at the jail until she later was transferred to a Portland mental health treatment center. Before her arrest, Lovato also was cited and released Monday night on a Multnomah County warrant charging her with harassment. On Wednesday morning she was cited on an allegation of second-degree criminal trespassing at Albertsons. About 5 p.m. Wednesday she was cited and released on a charge of second-degree trespassing at St. Alphonsus Medical Center where she also is accused of second-degree theft for allegedly taking a stethoscope from the hospital. At 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Lovato was charged

with third-degree theft for taking

miscellaneous items from Dollar

Tree, Duman said.

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