

# Local

## TURNING BACK THE PAGES

**50 YEARS AGO**  
from the Democrat-Herald  
November 6, 1970

If the Pine-Eagle Spartans can beat the Elgin Huskies Friday night, they will enter the state quarterfinals in the A-11 division and will meet Heppner in Halfway November 14 for the right to advance to the semi-finals of the state playoffs.

**25 YEARS AGO**  
from the Baker City Herald  
November 6, 1995

Legislation introduced last week in Congress would prevent the U.S. Forest Service from establishing the first restrictions on the use of jet boats on the Snake River in Hells Canyon.

Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, and Rep. Wes Cooley, R-Ore., introduced companion bills Wednesday.

**10 YEARS AGO**  
from the Baker City Herald  
November 5, 2010

The Baker City Council is following in the County Commission's footsteps by joining Ash Grove Cement Company's legal battle with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

On Monday, attorneys for Ash Grove will file a lawsuit in the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Washington, D.C.

The filing was prompted by the EPA's decision in August to not create a subcategory in the agency's proposed new mercury emissions rules that acknowledge the abnormally high levels of mercury in the limestone that Ash Grove processes at its plant near Durkee.

**ONE YEAR AGO**  
from the Baker City Herald  
November 6, 2019

The Baker City Public Works Department's recent project is hard to miss.

Employees have placed more than two dozen boulders of varying sizes on Windmill Road east of Interstate 84, at the Court Avenue Plaza downtown between Main and Resort streets, and at the Sam-O Skate Park.

Around 30 boulders were brought in from the city's property at Goodrich Creek, about 12 miles northwest of town, to replace concrete barriers and safety cones.

The project was completed in a week.

Public Works Director Michelle Owen said public works employees discussed the idea during a crew meeting after looking at the orange cones on Windmill Road.

The cones were set up after the road was chip-sealed this year and after the new Oregon State Police station was built.

The boulders, Owen said, "look a lot better than orange safety cones."

Twenty boulders replaced safety cones on Windmill Road to prevent truck drivers from driving over the curb.

Workers then chose other places where the boulders could serve a similar purpose.

Four boulders have replaced concrete blocks on the east end of the Court Avenue Plaza, where the street is closed to traffic.

Owen said the boulders are effective but smaller than the blocks, making the bronze Salt Lick statue more visible.

"I think it just balances that area out and makes it easier to see the sculpture," Owen said.

## OREGON LOTTERY

**MEGABUCKS, Nov. 2**  
5 - 10 - 13 - 28 - 37 - 42  
Next jackpot: \$4 million

**POWERBALL, Oct. 31**  
2 - 6 - 40 - 42 - 55 PB 24  
Next jackpot: \$137 million

**MEGA MILLIONS, Nov. 3**  
7 - 31 - 44 - 45 - 55 Mega 19  
Next jackpot: \$142 million

**WIN FOR LIFE, Nov. 2**  
17 - 20 - 32 - 67

**PICK 4, Nov. 3**  
• 1 p.m.: 6 - 3 - 2 - 8  
• 4 p.m.: 6 - 5 - 2 - 9  
• 7 p.m.: 0 - 8 - 9 - 0  
• 10 p.m.: 1 - 9 - 0 - 6  
**LUCKY LINES, Nov. 3**  
3-8-10-16-22-25-32  
Next jackpot: \$13,000

## SENIOR MENUS

- **FRIDAY:** Beef pot roast, parsleyed red potatoes, carrots, roll, fruit ambrosia, cake
- **MONDAY (Nov. 9):** Chicken-fried chicken, potatoes and gravy, peas, biscuit, fruit cup, lemon bars
- **TUESDAY (Nov. 10):** Spaghetti with meat sauce, cauliflower, garlic bread stick, green salad, apple crisp
- **WEDNESDAY (Nov. 11):** Barbecued pork ribs, au gratin potatoes, corn, roll, pea-and-onion salad, ice cream
- **THURSDAY (Nov. 12):** Breaded chicken strips, potatoes and gravy, mixed vegetables, bread, carrot-raisin salad, bread pudding

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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# Police investigating possible arson

By Chris Collins  
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Baker City Police are investigating a report of a fire set in a Broadway Street apartment house Monday night as arson.

Police Chief Ray Duman said Tuesday that while no arrests have been made, a

suspect has been identified.

Witnesses told police that the incident took place at 9:30 p.m. at the apartment building at 2450 Broadway St. owned by Richard L. Torrance of Baker City.

A male subject reportedly lit his jacket on fire and

threw it into his apartment. Duman said. The carpeting on the floor of the apartment sustained an estimated \$600 damage. The Baker City Fire Department was called to the scene, but the fire was out by the time firefighters arrived, Fire Chief Sean Lee said

Tuesday morning.

Upon arrest, the suspect could face a charge of first-degree arson, a Class A felony, on allegations that he deliberately started a fire in the apartment building, endangering the other residents who live there, Duman said.

## COUNCILORS

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Kirby also expects an unknown number of ballots, but probably not more than a couple dozen, to arrive that voters left in a drop box in another county, which is allowed.

She is required by law to certify the election results within 20 days. Once she's done that she will send the results to the city.

Kerry McQuisten received the most votes, with 2,653, according to unofficial results from the Baker County Clerk's office.

The rest of the top five: Shane Alderson (2,406 votes), Spriet (2,324), Johnny Waggoner Sr. (2,153), and Joanna Dixon (1,847).

The newly elected councilors will be sworn in at the Council's first meeting in 2021, likely the second Tuesday of January.

As the top three, McQuisten, Alderson and Spriet will serve 4-year terms. Waggoner, Dixon and Sells, presuming she retains her lead, will serve 2-year terms.

The other candidates on Tuesday's ballot are Betty J. Milliman (1,546 votes), Gretchen Stadler (1,396), Annie Croucher (1,218), Damon Rose (1,123) and James C. Thomas (1,076).

Typically, just four of the seven Council seats are on the ballot. But this year there were six openings because two councilors resigned earlier this year and their replacements appointed by remaining councilors, including Spriet, are serving temporary terms that end Dec. 31.

Among the seven current councilors, Lynette Perry was the only one whose seat wasn't up for election. Perry was elected in 2018 to a 4-year term.

Two other current councilors, Mayor Loran Joseph and Randy Schiewe,

*"I am very grateful to have been elected to the City Council. I am excited to be working with this group of councilors. I am looking forward to January 1 and getting started."*

— Joanna Dixon

*"I'm humbled by the confidence placed in me by the residents of Baker City, and I'll continue to do what I can to earn it. It's an important time with the recruitment of a new city manager and a largely new council. There is a lot to do, and I look forward to a bright future for our citizens."*

— Jason Spriet

*"I'm very excited to be part of the amazing team voters elected last night. I think Baker City voters just sent a clear message about the direction they'd like to see their city take. I'm already thinking about what we're going to face locally in the wake of Measure 110."*

— Kerry McQuisten

*"I am super happy with last night's city council election results and I am excited to work with everyone. The voters of Baker City have picked a winning team to lead!"*

— Shane Alderson



McQuisten



Dixon



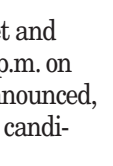
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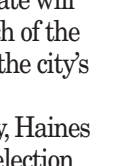
Spriet



Croucher



Milliman



Waggoner

Saluda, North Carolina; and Scott McClure of Monmouth.

The candidates are scheduled to arrive in Baker City on Wednesday, Nov. 11. On Thursday, Nov. 12, they will tour city facilities with Warner in the morning and afternoon.

The city plans to have "meet and greets" between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Nov. 12, at three sites to be announced, where residents can meet the candidates and ask questions.

People attending will be required to wear masks, and each candidate will spend 30 to 45 minutes at each of the three sites, said Robin Nudd, the city's human resources director.

In other local races Tuesday, Haines Mayor James Brown won re-election against Brian Pound. Brown received 130 votes, and Pound 91.

couldn't run for re-election due to the term limits clause in the city charter.

With up to five new councilors slated to take office in 2 months, the current slate of councilors is moving ahead with plans to hire a new city manager before the end of the year to replace Fred Warner Jr., who is retiring.

The city manager is in effect the city's CEO, responsible for managing, hiring and firing city employees, and overseeing the day-to-day operations. Councilors, meanwhile, have the sole authority to hire and fire the city manager.

In her response to the Herald's voters' guide questionnaire, McQuisten wrote that she would prefer the current councilors defer the city manager hiring, leaving that task for the new councilors who take office in January.

On Oct. 13 the City Council announced three finalists for the city manager job. They are Steve Ashworth of Alpine, Wyoming; Jonathan Cannon of

## TACO BELL

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In an email to the Herald on Tuesday, Allen wrote that "the application for Land Use has been rescinded per request of the client."

Baker Towne Square LLC, which is

owned by Gregory Sackos, owns the 0.91-acre parcel, on the north side of Campbell Street near the Safeway and Albertsons grocery stores, where the Taco Bell was proposed.

In an email to Eva Henes, a senior planner with the Baker City/County Planning Department, Allen wrote that

## OBITUARY

### 'Dick' Herbes

Haines, 1946-2020

Richard Leonard "Dick" Herbes, 73, died peacefully on Oct. 31, 2020, at his rural home in Haines.

A visitation will take place Friday, Nov. 6, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave. A graveside service with military honors will take place on Friday, Nov. 6, at 1 p.m. at the Haines Cemetery.

Father Suresh Telagani of St. Frances de Sales Cathedral will officiate the service.

Dick was born on Dec. 4, 1946, at Pendleton to Leonard Englebert Herbes and Antoinette Ursula Young Herbes. Dick grew up in Pendleton, attending St. Mary's Catholic Academy and Pendleton High School until his graduation in 1965. He attended college, earning a degree in drafting.

He served honorably in the United States Air Force from June 20, 1966, to

April 8, 1970, when he returned to his home in Pendleton.

He met his future wife, Geraldine "Jerry" Johnson, at the neighborhood Safeway store. He was her box boy. They were married on Jan. 6, 1971, at La Grande by a justice of the peace, and later on Sept. 18, 1971, in the Catholic Church.

Dick worked at several jobs in Vancouver, Washington, and Portland until the family moved to Baker County in 1977. He became a draftsman for the Oregon Department of Forestry and created maps for the Hells Canyon region.

In the 1980s he began a lengthy relationship with the bicycle industry in Baker County, eventually opening and operating Dick's Bikes and Repairs until his health no longer allowed it.

Dick loved fishing, hunting, reading, singing, and creating things with his hands. He was a carpenter at heart and loved creating crafts in his wood shop. He spent many fishing trips filleting crappie, bass, perch, and catfish for all of the family fishermen.

he was requesting to withdraw the application "as we are still working on the access issue and our project is therefore not ready for formal approval."

In his email to the Herald, Allen did not respond to a question about whether he intended to resubmit the application later.

Dick was a quiet, kindhearted man and served his family and friends without fanfare. He was a man of few words and loved spending time with his family and found great joy in his grandchildren.

Dick is survived by his wife, Jerry; his sister, Colleen Christiansen (Tom); his sister-in-law, Georgia Herbes; his children, Rob Herbes (Bahyya) and Anny Welch (Doug); his grandchildren, Adam, Jordan, Brooke, Cassidy, Jenna, David, Ben, Sarah, Grace, Claire, Brody, Amelia and Matthew; his great-grandchildren, Eva, Sophie and Rhys; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Leonard and Antoinette Herbes; his brother, Edwin; and his sister, Sister Emily Ann Herbes.

Memorial contributions can be made to the American Alzheimer's Association through Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814. To leave an online condolence for Richard's family, go to www.grayswestco.com

## NEWS OF RECORD

### DEATHS

**Leo John Williamson:** 92, of Pendleton, died Oct. 29, 2020, at his home. A visitation will take place from noon to 4 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 5, at Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave. His graveside service will begin at 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 6, at the Haines Cemetery. Father

Suresh Telagani of St. Francis de Sales Cathedral will officiate. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society through Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814. To leave an online condolence for Leo's family, go to www.grayswestco.com

### POLICE LOG

**Baker City Herald**  
BAKER COUNTY PAROLE AND PROBATION DETAINER:  
Jason John Gregory Efrid, 39, of 1710 Birch St., 8:35 a.m. Tuesday, at his home; jailed.  
FOURTH-DEGREE DOMESTIC ASSAULT: Richard Taylor Matthews, 70, of 2350 F St., 2:30 p.m.

Monday, at his home; jailed.  
**Baker County Sheriff's Office**  
DRIVING WHILE OPERATOR'S LICENSE SUSPENDED: Michael Ray Womack Jr., 30, of Baker City, 10:15 p.m. Monday, at the eastbound Baker Valley Rest Area on Interstate 84; cited and released.

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