

# Local

## TURNING BACK THE PAGES

### 50 YEARS AGO

from the Democrat-Herald  
December 29, 1970

The Haines-Hot Lake area north of Baker is a prospective geothermal area studied by the state Department of Geology and Mineral Industries as a possible source of electric power generation. Exploration in this area is expected to get under way next year.

### 25 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald  
December 29, 1995

If your job is to remove snow from Northeastern Oregon's roads, you were busy today, from Baker Valley to Ladd Canyon and Meacham.

And it is on days like this that a chemical that can prevent the falling snow from sticking on the pavement seems a magic elixir.

The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) has such a substance: liquid magnesium chloride.

The transportation department sprayed magnesium chloride on highways in several parts of the state, including Northeastern, during a two-year study that ended last winter; officials found it worked well under certain conditions.

### 10 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald  
December 29, 2010

By all standards save that of a true desert, no year in Baker City could reasonably be described as wet.

The soggiest year on record here — 1978, when precipitation (rain and melted snow combined) totaled 15.76 inches — is well short of the liquid onslaught that, say, Salem typically endures between Halloween and Easter.

Baker City's annual average of 10.68 inches barely keeps us out of the same category as the Mojave or the Sahara.

### ONE YEAR AGO

from the Baker City Herald  
December 30, 2019

Rocky Brown pretty much grew up as a "Les Schwab boy," as he puts it, and he hopes his family's association with perhaps the most iconic name in the Northwest tire business will continue for decades to come.

Brown and his brother, Jim, own Lew Brothers Tire Service Inc., a business that's been operating in Baker City for 103 years.

The tire store has been under the ubiquitous red-and-yellow Les Schwab sign since 1970, and so the Browns had a personal stake in the recent announcement that Les Schwab Tires, a private firm based in Bend, is up for sale.

"There's certainly some unknowns," said Rocky Brown, who with his brother bought the business in 1984 from their father, Pleas Brown. "All of our heads are just kind of spinning."

(Pleas Brown died in 2010.)

But the situation for Lew Brothers is different from that of the majority of the stores branded as Les Schwab retailers.

Of the approximately 500 stores in 10 western states, about 435 are owned by the company, Rocky Brown said.

But Lew Brothers is among the 65 independently owned stores that operate under the Les Schwab banner but remain separate business entities, Brown said.

"Les Schwab is our supplier," he said.

Brown said it seems logical to him that if a company buys Les Schwab, it would want to keep the name — and the reputation that goes with it.

## OREGON LOTTERY

### MEGABUCKS, Dec. 26

10 — 14 — 24 — 30 — 36 — 37

Next jackpot: \$6.3 million

### POWERBALL, Dec. 26

10 — 24 — 27 — 35 — 53 PB 18

Next jackpot: \$363 million

### MEGA MILLIONS, Dec. 25

17 — 23 — 36 — 69 — 70 Mega 19

Next jackpot: \$376 million

### WIN FOR LIFE, Dec. 26

4 — 23 — 36 — 68

### PICK 4, Dec. 27

• 1 p.m.: 4 — 1 — 7 — 4

• 4 p.m.: 0 — 8 — 3 — 1

• 7 p.m.: 8 — 8 — 0 — 4

• 10 p.m.: 7 — 0 — 1 — 4

### LUCKY LINES, Dec. 27

3-79-15-17-21-28-32

Next jackpot: \$67,000

## SENIOR MENUS

- **WEDNESDAY:** Ham and beans, mixed vegetables, cornbread, fruit cup, birthday cake
- **THURSDAY:** Barbecued ribs, baby red potatoes, corn, roll, macaroni salad, apple crisp
- **FRIDAY:** New Year's Day; office and transit are closed.
- **MONDAY (Jan. 4):** Boneless chicken breast, cream gravy, mashed potatoes, roll, coleslaw, cookies
- **TUESDAY (Jan. 5):** Breaded pork loin, red potatoes, peas and carrots, roll, fruit ambrosia, brownies

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

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# Invasive weed of the week

By Jeffrey Pettingill

## The enemy

Mistletoe (Phoradendron macrophyllum)

## The strategy

This is an evergreen parasitic plant that grows on landscape trees and ornamental in coastal areas. Closer to home, we quite often see infestations of dwarf mistletoe (Arceuthobium spp.) in conifer species in the local mountains. This plant is parasitic, which means that it uses another plant to survive. This plant is normally spread by birds; it germinates and roots into the bark and stems of trees. You may have seen this without knowing it. If you look up into a tree and see a very dense section of a branch or one that looks like it has a tumbleweed stuck in it, this is usually mistletoe. The tree tries to



Colorado State University

Mistletoe is a parasitic plant that can harm trees.

grow around it which causes it to have a very thick branch with smaller stems growing out of it.

## The attack

Because mistletoe is parasitic, it draws all its moisture and nutrients from the host tree, thus it does not require direct sunlight like many

invasive plants. It greatly disfigures trees by causing these large clumps in the branches. When in deciduous trees, it will be the only noticeable green growth once the leaves fall off in the fall. The dwarf mistletoe spreads by forcible discharge of the seeds. They can launch their seeds 30 to 40 feet.

## The defense

Mechanical control by pruning out the mistletoe seems to be the most effective method of control. Cutting the mistletoe from the branch will normally not control it completely as the threadlike roots penetrate well into the branch. Complete removal of the branch is best. Chemical control can be effective. Using a product such as Florel Fruit Eliminator (same thing that keeps crabapples from growing fruit) early in the spring, when the host tree is dormant is most effective. This type of herbicide is very slow acting and may take a few years to completely control the weed.

*Jeffrey Pettingill is the weed control supervisor for Baker County. He encourages people with noxious weed questions to call him at 541-523-0618 or 541-519-0204.*

## ADLER

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Leo Adler was a self-made millionaire who, upon his death in 1993, left \$20 million in a trust to support a community fund and scholarship program for graduates of Baker County high schools and Powder Valley High School. Students are eligible to receive an Adler scholarship for five years by submitting renewal applications.

In 2020 alone, the Leo Adler Foundation awarded more than \$1.21 million in scholarships and community grants — \$846,300 to 242 students for the 2020-21 school year and \$364,734 in grants to 41 nonprofit organizations.

"Almost a million and a half every year for a community of our size. It's an amazing

legacy," Folkman said.

"Leo was always an involved and visionary person; he was a people person who learned by watching, and he valued commitment, hard work, and an authentic, realistic perspective," Kolb said. "Simply put, he was a partner, not an owner."

The Adler committee includes Folkman, Kolb, Dianne Ellingson, Tabor Clarke, John Wilson, Mark Johnson, and Karin Barber.

Barber is the designated trustee for First Republic Trust Company, a division of First Republic Bank, to serve as Trustee, replacing U.S. Bank. This change happened in September 2020.

"I'm very excited for the new

opportunities ahead in partnership with First Republic Trust Company," Folkman said. "They understand Leo's history and his vision. As Leo was the 'spark', they will be the light to move our foundation forward."

She said First Republic has been extra helpful in this year of unprecedented changes.

"In addition to their deep expertise in trust administration and investment management, we've seen First Republic's incredible customer service firsthand, which will serve Leo Adler's vision for Baker and beyond," she said.

This year did bring unique challenges with the coronavirus pandemic.

"There have been challenges economically, and a lot of kids who had to pivot amid the pandemic," Folkman said.

Refunds and reissues for scholarships were necessary, she said, as well as extensions for community projects that could not be completed in 2020.

A new website is set to go live on Feb. 1, along with the scholarship applications. Scholarships are due by April 1, 2021.

## Second edition

Adler's story is featured in "The Spark and the Light: The Leo Adler Story" by Adair Law. The second edition can be purchased at the Baker Heritage Museum gift shop or the Adler House Museum.

For more information about the history of Leo Adler and opportunities for funding through the Foundation and Community Fund, please visit LeoAdler.org.

## OBITUARY

### Betty Olson

Baker City, 1918-2020

Betty Olson, 102, of Baker City, died on Dec. 26, 2020, at Settler's Park Senior Living Community.

A celebration of Betty's life will take place in 2021, with the place, date and time to be announced.

Betty Bernice Brown was born at Long Beach, California, on Armistice Day, Nov. 11, 1918, to Vera Vanetta Brown and George Talmadge Brown. Vera Brown went into labor during the "end-of-World War I celebration" and Betty Bernice Brown came into the world.

Betty grew up in the San Francisco Boardwalk area, helping her brother, Dean, and their mother run their concession stands and shooting gallery. As a child growing up in the Roaring Twenties, and a teenager in the 1930s, she loved to dance to the big band music, and that love of dancing stayed with her for her entire life.

Betty graduated from Cal University and soon after married Richard Wilson, her college sweetheart. Judy and Leslie

Wilson were her first two daughters from that marriage.

In 1954, when she was 37, she re-married George Lenord Olson and soon after her third and final daughter, Loretta Jean Olson, was born. They moved from the Bay Area to Northern California in 1960 and bought a small farm at Live Oak where they built a home, worked, farmed, and raised family. Many dogs, cats, chickens, horses and various rescued birds were part of the mix and a large garden grew much of the family food for over 44 years.

During that time Betty worked for the Employment Development Department (EDD) in California. She was highly involved in the Lions Club and even became the president of the Lioness Club in the local chapter. She also volunteered as a pink lady at the local hospital for many years and helped run a soup kitchen through church outreach programs.

In 2004, when Betty was 86, she moved with her daughter, Loretta, to Baker County and lived with her extended family in the Rock Creek area west of Haines. She continued the ranch life in that area. There, she spent her

days making it a point to stay healthy, and walking daily, sometimes even one to two miles per day. In 2014, she became a resident of Settler's Park in Baker City, where she resided until her death.

A very social person, Betty easily made many friends and touched the lives of many throughout her life, always giving back to her family, friends, and community in countless ways. She was an outdoors woman who loved animals and nature, camping and fishing. One goal of hers was to live to 100 ... she surpassed that goal and lived to be 102.

Betty is survived by her daughter, Loretta Baker, and her husband, Jim Danford of Sumpter; four grandchildren, Elizabeth Allen, Vera Allen, Sarah Smith and Peter Baker; and three great-grandchildren, Adrian, Ivan and Lita.

Betty was preceded in death by her husband, George; and her daughters, Judy and Leslie Wilson.

For those who would like to make a donation in memory of Betty, the family suggests St. Jude Children's Hospital in Boise through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services, P.O. Box 543, Halfway, OR 97834.



Betty Olson

## NEWS OF RECORD

### DEATHS

**Tanna Morris:** 73, of Richland, died Dec. 24, 2020, at her home. Her memorial service will take place Saturday, Jan. 2 at 11 a.m. at the Richland Christian Church. Interment will follow at Eagle Valley Cemetery. Please wear a mask and remember social distancing. Donations in her memory can be made to St. Jude's Boise Hospital through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Online condolences can be made at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com

**Mary Plummer:** 93, a longtime Baker County resident, died Dec. 24, 2020. Her family plans a celebration of her life later in 2021, but she will have a reunion with her husband, Don Plummer, on Tuesday, Dec. 29 at Mount Hope Cemetery in Baker City with Pastor Carl of the New Bridge Church of the Nazarene officiating. Those who would like to make a donation in memory of Mary may do so to the New Bridge Church of the Nazarene through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Online condolences can be made at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com

**Dan Harmon:** 85, of Baker City and Richland, died on Dec. 21, 2020, at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise. A celebration of Dan's life will take place in 2021 when the weather is warmer, the date and time to be announced. For those who would like to make a memorial donation in memory of Dan, the family suggests the Shriner's Children's Hospital (Portland) through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Online condolences can be made at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com

**Kathleen Mitchell:** 90, a longtime Baker City resident, died on Dec. 27, 2020, at Saint Alphonsus Medical Center in Ontario. Services are under the direction of Coles Tribute Center in Baker City. To light a candle in memory of Kathleen, go to www.colestributecenter.com

**Jacob Anthony Galvan:** 41, of Baker City, died on Dec. 23, 2020. To leave a condolence

for Jacob's family, go to www.graywestco.com

**Wendi Page:** 51, of Baker City, died on Dec. 19, 2020, at her home. To leave a condolence for Wendi's family, go to www.graywestco.com

**Peter Cassinelli:** 53, of Baker City, died on Dec. 19, 2020, at his home. To leave a condolence for Peter's family, go to www.graywestco.com

### POLICE LOG

**Baker City Police Arrests, citations**  
FIRST-DEGREE CRIMINAL TRESPASSING, THIRD-DEGREE THEFT: David Samuel Cutshall, 38, transient, 10:28 a.m. Sunday; cited and released.

**WARRANT ARREST** (Baker County Circuit Court, out of county): Darion Alyssa Marie Grove, 26, transient, 1:31 p.m. Sunday at First and Campbell streets; jailed.

**CONTEMPT OF COURT** (Baker County Justice Court warrant):

Matthew Andrew Pedersen, 57, Baker City, 10:09 p.m. Dec. 23 at Third and Broadway streets; cited and released.

### Baker County Sheriff's Office

**Arrests, citations**  
SECOND-DEGREE CRIMINAL TRESPASSING: Isaac Jeremiah Kolb, 20, Huntington, 12:58 a.m. Monday in Huntington; cited and released.

**DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF INTOXICANTS:** Landon Paul Treanor, 32, La Grande, 2:01 p.m. Dec. 23 on the Anthony Lakes Highway near Ellis Road.  
**FAILURE TO APPEAR** (Baker County Circuit Court warrant), **CONTEMPT OF COURT** (Baker County Justice Court warrant): Gage Michael Niehaus, 20, Baker City, 8:59 p.m. Dec. 23 on Pole Line Road near Highway 30; cited and released.

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