

Local

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald January 29, 1971

The District 5J Board of Education and teacher consultation committee changed the terms of their respective proposals yesterday for 1971-72 teacher salaries but still did not appear to bridge the \$15,000 gap in total cost that has held consultations at a logjam for several weeks.

25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald January 29, 1996

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality has proposed to include segments of 21 streams in Baker County and southern Union County on a list of rivers that don't meet federal water quality standards.

The agency won't decide until this spring which of those segments will be on the final list, which DEQ must submit to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for approval by April 1.

10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald January 28, 2011

Maverik, a company that owns 221 gas stations/convenience stores across the West, plans to build its first Oregon location in Baker City this summer.

The Utah company bought the commercial-zoned property at the northwest corner of Cedar and Campbell streets.

That's the site of the former Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries building.

The property is across Cedar Street from Humbles gas station.

The city planning department has approved Maverik's site design and is reviewing construction drawings, said Jenny Long, city planner.

The 4,217-square-foot store is slated to be built at the northern edge of the property, near the intersection of Cedar and Clark streets.

ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald January 29, 2020

Bundled against the January chill, Sarah Owen makes her way through one of her last days as a Baker City Herald carrier.

Preparing to make 48 stops along her route, Sarah secures her two sided bag full of papers. She doesn't have long, as some businesses close between 3:30 p.m. and 4 p.m.

"I always go fast on this route," Sarah said.

Sarah, 45, has had this route for nearly 16 years, and she often sees familiar faces. She begins her route on Second Street, then makes her way downtown on Main, smiling at every stop.

"I always smile because it always makes other people smile and be happy," she said.

In another part of town, Sarah's mother, Shirley, 68, is making her way to her 79 customers. She used to carry a holder similar to Sarah's, but now uses a wheeled stroller.

Shirley has been a Herald carrier for 23 years, and she often helped her children when they had their own routes.

The Owen family has had a hand in delivering papers either together or on their own. Sarah's father, Gary, her two brothers, Mark and Emery, and her sister, Debrah, have each worked in some way to help deliver papers over the decades.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, Jan. 25

5 — 16 — 18 — 24 — 39 — 40

Next jackpot: \$1.1 million

POWERBALL, Jan. 23

5 — 8 — 17 — 27 — 28 PB 14

Next jackpot: \$20 million

MEGA MILLIONS, Jan. 26

29 — 49 — 56 — 66 — 67 Mega 24

Next jackpot: \$25 million

WIN FOR LIFE, Jan. 25

8 — 12 — 34 — 48

PICK 4, Jan. 26

• 1 p.m.: 6 — 3 — 9 — 9

• 4 p.m.: 6 — 5 — 2 — 2

• 7 p.m.: 5 — 4 — 5 — 0

• 10 p.m.: 0 — 9 — 6 — 8

LUCKY LINES, Jan. 26

2-79-13-17-23-28-32

Next jackpot: \$26,000

SENIOR MENUS

- **FRIDAY:** Baked ham, candied yams, green beans, roll, three-bean salad, tapioca salad
- **MONDAY (Feb. 1):** Boneless chicken breast, cream gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, roll, macaroni salad, cheesecake
- **TUESDAY (Feb. 2):** Beef pot roast, scalloped potatoes, green beans, roll, green salad, cake
- **WEDNESDAY (Feb. 3):** Sweet and sour chicken, rice, Asian vegetables, roll, Asian salad, brownies
- **THURSDAY (Feb. 4):** Pork tips over fettuccine noodles, mixed vegetables, roll, green salad, bread pudding

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; no dining on site.

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SPORTS

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The Oregon School Activities Association (OSAA) has set a tentative schedule of Feb. 22 to April 10 for traditional fall sports, with games starting March 1.

But under current Oregon guidelines, contact sports, including football, are prohibited, including practices.

"Nothing has changed," Gonzales said. "I just keep hoping and waiting that they give some sort of indication on when they'll allow contact sports or give some sort of guidance on something that is different. We are still tied to our county numbers, they're still not allowing contact sports. So no answer or movement yet for football, basketball, wrestling and cheerleading."

Basketball and wrestling, as traditional winter sports, are slated to start May 10.

Baker's first football game, presuming the sport is allowed, would be March 5 at Vale.

Meanwhile the Oregon Athletics Coaches Association

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— **Buell Gonzales Jr., athletic director for the Baker School District**

has created a "Return to Play" campaign that includes a form letter residents can sign and send to Gov. Kate Brown and the signer's representatives in the Oregon Legislature.

The letter urges the governor to allow not only football, but all high school sports and co-curricular activities such as band and choir, to resume Feb. 8.

"If we miss that date, seasons will be cancelled and lost forever, and our student-athletes will not be able to benefit from crucial activities they love and need," the letter reads. "These co-curricular activities — whether it is playing football, competing in dance, or singing in the choir — are

essential engagements for our young people offering crucial connections to peers, adults and communities."

Gonzales said he's excited about the campaign, and he hopes it yields results.

"This is how things progress, we read it, we get behind it and if it's something that we want, we send it to our elected officials," he said. "If they want to see change, this is how they would go about it."

Gonzales said that although he's confident the other traditional fall sports — volleyball, cross-country and soccer — will be able to start practicing in mid-February, he feels differently about football.

He said he thought state officials would have an update after the OSAA executive board met Jan. 20-22, but that hasn't happened.

"That was the date that I would have thought if we were going to play football, that they were going to have some sort of timetable for football or contact sports," Gonzales said. "I'm not saying things might not change over

the next couple of weeks."

The letter lists several reasons why students should be allowed to return to sports and other activities, including:

- Students are vulnerable to anxiety, depression and suicide, dangers worsened by the effects of distance learning.

- "The cancellation of activities this school year will only further exacerbate this serious issue among Oregon high school students," the letter reads.

- COVID-19 has not caused any deaths in Oregon of people 19 and younger.

- The letter cites a University of Wisconsin study of states that have allowed high school sports during the pandemic, which found that sports didn't lead to a higher rate of virus spread.

A total of 35 states allowed high school football during 2020, according to the letter.

Those interested in signing the "Return to Play" letter can go to this link: <https://sites.google.com/lakeview.k12.or.us/return-to-play-electronic-sign/home>

OBITUARIES

Taran Moothart

Baker City, 1997-2021

Taran Arthur Moothart, 23, of Baker City, died Jan. 15, 2021.

A celebration of his life will take place at a later date, the place and time to be announced.

Taran was born on April 26, 1997, at Baker City to James Moothart and Barbara Rust Moothart-Borello. He was a very adventurous youngster, fun-loving, and spreading joy wherever his feet would take him. Taran was a Christian and loved Jesus with his whole heart.

Taran attended Harvest School and Church services during his youth. While attending high school, he worked at the Main Street Chevron service station in Baker City and welcomed the fatherly advice from his older co-workers. Taran graduated from Baker High School in 2015.

After high school, Taran worked as a welder. He was an employee at R.L. Piping and Metal Fabrication LLC, working as a highly skilled welder and was sent by his employer to welding jobs all over the United States.

His artistic talent developed with his interest in tattooing himself and close friends. Taran was a very tender-hearted person, generous with his hugs, and was loving toward his family, friends, and animals. He loved to take his dog Moose to the mountains to shed hunt. He loved nature, wildlife, and the mountains.

Taran loved his family and was very protective of them. He was happy-

est when he was out four-wheeling or hunting with his dad and siblings in the mountains and always ready and eager for a new adventure. He lived life to the fullest, and he was a friend to everyone.

He is survived by his mother, Barbara Moothart-Borello of Baker City; his father and stepmother, James and Tina Moothart of Baker City; his brothers, Tyler Moothart and Ronnie Borello of Baker City; his sister, Tarrah Moothart of Seattle; his grandmother, Carla Densley Rust Koplein, and grandfather, Michael Rust; his great-grandmother, Lillian Densley; his nieces, Maddison Wilhelm and Mackenzie Moothart, and his nephew, Lincoln Moothart; and many loving aunts, uncles, and many cousins.

Taran was preceded in death by his grandparents, Arthur and Jerelene Moothart of Baker City.

Family and friends were a very important part of his life. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Taran Memorial Fund at Old West Federal Credit Union, 2026 Broadway St., Baker City, OR 97814, or by sending them to Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814.

To leave an online condolence for Taran's family, go to www.grayswestco.com.

Andrew Petty

Formerly of Baker City, 1919-2021

Andrew Joseph Petty (known as A. Joseph Petty), 101, of Walla Walla, Washington, and formerly of Baker City and

Prineville, died in his sleep on Jan. 4, 2021, at Wheatland Village Retirement and Assisted Living in Walla Walla.

Joe was born on July 27, 1919, at Goshen, Oregon, near Eugene, to Riley and Mamie (Sheridan) Petty. He grew up on a farm and completed early education in the Creswell area. In 1943 he earned his bachelor of science degree in Agriculture Engineering at Oregon State University; later he received his Civil Engineering rating. On Nov. 26, 1943, Joe married Virginia Park at the First Baptist Church in Redmond.

Joe was employed with Soil Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, working in Redmond, Baker City and Lakeview, before transferring to Elko, Nevada until his retirement in 1968.

Joe and Virginia returned to Oregon to acreage along the John Day River near Mitchell until failing health required a move to Prineville, and later to Walla Walla.

He enjoyed doing outdoor activities with his family. He took pride in his work projects, showing friends and family unique sites.

Joe is survived by his wife of 77 years, Virginia Petty of Walla Walla; his daughters, Cheryl (David) Dine of Portland, and Carolyn (Randolph) Ford of Boise; his son, Joel Petty of Sandpoint, Idaho; seven grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Joe was preceded in death by his son, Karl Petty, in 2006.

Whispering Pines Funeral Home in Prineville is in charge of arrangements.

NEWS OF RECORD

was drinking at Geiser-Pollman Park at about 10:30 a.m. Tuesday. Police also trespassed Guthrie from the park for the next 90 days.

HARASSMENT: Tamara Kay Fine, 47, of Baker City, 11:52 p.m. Tuesday, in the 1200 block of Washington Avenue; cited and released.

Crime report

AGGRAVATED FIRST-DEGREE

THEFT: From a job site on 23rd Street near Settler's Loop between Nov. 24, 2020, and Jan. 25, 2021. Taken: a 35-kilowatt Atlas Copco generator valued at \$20,000 mounted to a single-axle trailer belonging to Gyllenberg

Construction of Baker City.

Baker County Sheriff's Office

Arrests, citations
PROBATION VIOLATION
(Baker County Circuit Court warrant): James Robert Hensen, 34, of Baker City, 3:14 p.m. Monday, at 3320 K St.; cited and released.

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