

Local

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO
from the Democrat-Herald
April 1, 1971

Dust off those spikes. Nail down those starting blocks. Now let's all pray for some warm weather. Track season is here!

The Baker Bulldogs track team, which coach Don Hunt says "should be stronger than last year's," opens its season tomorrow afternoon at the sagebrush relays in Hermiston.

25 YEARS AGO
from the Baker City Herald
April 1, 1996

Burnt River Valley ranchers who are worried about the economic effects of a truck length restriction that blocks their shortest route to livestock auctions have found an indirect route to Gov. John Kitzhaber's desk.

They may also have found a way to solve the dilemma, which has turned what used to be a 65-mile route via U.S. Highway 26 into a 159-mile journey on three highways.

10 YEARS AGO
from the Baker City Herald
April 1, 2011

Carly Kritchen says she's seen walls of water like the one that came crashing through the trees on her property on Old Auburn Road before, but only in Alaska.

In the 10 years that she and her husband, Ken, have lived in Baker County, they've never seen — and never expected to see — anything like the 2-foot-high, rolling brown wave that tore down fences, drowned ground squirrels and carried trees and rocks through their 26-acre property Wednesday afternoon.

"It was horrible. I couldn't believe it," Kritchen said Thursday morning. "It's such a strange thing to have happen in dry Eastern Oregon."

The water that poured into Blue Canyon, a tributary of Powder River, had been stored in Vogel Reservoir on the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's Elkhorn Wildlife Area, an elk-feeding site about 10 miles southwest of Baker City.

ONE YEAR AGO
from the Baker City Herald
April 2, 2020

Danielle Collard's first thought was that the wind was buffeting her Baker City home.

But she was skeptical that even a powerful gust would set her chandelier to swinging like a pendulum.

After checking on her two daughters, who were playing upstairs and hadn't noticed anything unusual, Collard went to Facebook and confirmed what she had suspected.

A March marked by earth-shaking events ended with the earth actually shaking.

The most powerful earthquake in Idaho in 37 years hit Tuesday afternoon, and dozens of people in Baker County felt the shaking. The magnitude 6.5 temblor, which happened at 4:52 p.m. PDT, was strong enough to rattle windows in Baker City, about 128 miles from the epicenter near Stanley.

A map produced by the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) estimates the quake's intensity in Baker Valley was about 3.5, and about 4.0 in the Richland and Halfway areas, closer to the epicenter. Those estimates are based on more than a dozen reports submitted by local residents, said David Wald, a seismologist at the USGS' National Earthquake Information Center in Golden, Colorado.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, March 29
12 — 18 — 24 — 26 — 28 — 45
Next jackpot: \$3.8 million

POWERBALL, March 27
6 — 14 — 38 — 39 — 65 PB 6
Next jackpot: \$20 million

MEGA MILLIONS, March 30
11 — 37 — 47 — 53 — 56 Mega 15
Next jackpot: \$168 million

WIN FOR LIFE, March 29
6 — 43 — 59 — 76

PICK 4, March 30

• 1 p.m.: 9 — 1 — 0 — 0

• 4 p.m.: 5 — 6 — 7 — 6

• 7 p.m.: 1 — 6 — 2 — 5

• 10 p.m.: 0 — 6 — 1 — 9

LUCKY LINES, March 30

3-7-12-13-17-23-27-29

Next jackpot: \$58,000

SENIOR MENUS

- **THURSDAY:** Lasagna, zucchini, garlic bread, pasta salad, cookie
- **FRIDAY:** Baked cod and clam chowder, Capri vegetables, roll, coleslaw, ice cream
- **MONDAY (April 5):** Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, carrots, roll, three-bean salad, cinnamon rolls
- **TUESDAY (April 6):** Chicken-fried chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn, roll, ambrosia, brownies
- **WEDNESDAY (April 7):** Soup and sandwich, ham and cheese sandwich, split pea soup, coleslaw, cookies

Public luncheon at the Senior Center, 2810 Cedar St., from 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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VENKAT

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His great-grandparents worked in international trade.

"They were the banks for the Imperial Bank of London," he said.

His comparison of that role, in today's world, is Citibank.

They had partners throughout southeast Asia, and helped build cities with their wealth.

And always, he said, a big percentage of their profits went to support the community and children.

Then World War II ended, and southeast Asian countries were released from Britain's control.

The transition led to, in his words, "firing the immigrants."

"We were the immigrants," he said. "We lost everything."

His family returned to their small village in India with nothing.

Venkat has heard these stories from his dad who, years ago, asked his own father how the family reacted when they were left with nothing.

"My great-grandfather said 'God had



Contributed Photo

Venkat Subramanian with his sons, Nikhil, left, and Varun.

selected me to do all this. Now He's given me retirement."

His family, Venkat said, instilled lessons in him about the value of money.

"Our money is just an instrument, it's not life," he said. "Money should not be the cornerstone of your value."

His father attended college thanks to

CLUBB

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Duncan Pierce with the American Legion in Baker City said Clubb's donation revived the moribund local post.

"The American Legion post had been closed for a few years because they had mis-spent their money so we were kind of starting over," Pierce said.

He said Clubb's donation, which was a huge surprise, will allow the Baker City post to resume its previous programs.

"Our intention at this point is we're going to take \$500,000 and invest it in bonds and low-risk kind of investments," Pierce said.

The American Legion will use the remainder of the money for programs focusing primarily on veterans and local children.

"Some of our programs, because of the COVID, have been canceled. For example, the oratorical competition was canceled," Pierce said.

He hopes that by next year the American Legion



Contributed Photo

Jack Clubb died on March 4, 2019, at his Pendleton home.

will have multiple programs running, including a summer baseball program.

"We've got about 15 different programs we can select from that we can fund so we're looking at that," Pierce said.

He said Post members are also hoping to make improvements to their building at 2129 Second St. The building, named Club 41, could change to Clubb 41, to honor their benefactor.

Greg Brinton with the

Baker Elks Lodge said Clubb's donation will help keep the lodge operating, and allow it to make repairs to the building at 1896 Second St.

Brinton said the Elks Lodge recently donated \$700 each to the Baker City Police and Fire Departments and to the Baker County Sheriff's Office.

About Jack Clubb

Clubb moved with his family to Baker City in 1940. The Clubbs owned Clubb's Fountain, a favorite gather-

the generosity of donors from his village. He started a manufacturing company and eventually expanded to four facilities employing hundreds of people.

With the profits, his father supported schools and hospitals in the same town that helped fund his college education.

Venkat's business is located in Vancouver, Washington, but he felt like his monetary support would mean more in Baker City.

"I wanted to do something for Baker," he said. "My first thought was how to help kids."

After consulting with Richard Chaves, Venkat first helped provide shoes and jackets at Baker Middle School. Later, he began supporting the Backpack Program that provides a weekend's worth of food for children who need a bit extra.

He's expanding his support to include the YMCA, Crossroads Carnegie Art Center, playground equipment for the Baker Early Learning Center, and the Baker Relief Nursery.

"He feels like he can make a difference in Baker," Chaves said. "He's a good man and comes from a great family. We're lucky to have him as part of our community."

"It's my pleasure," Venkat said. "I feel fortunate I have an opportunity to make a difference."

ing place that served shakes, malts, sodas, chili and banana splits.

At age 16, Clubb (using a phony ID, according to his obituary) joined the U.S. Navy. He served in the Submarine Squadron Division in the South Pacific during World War II.

After the war, Clubb earned a law degree from the University of Oregon. He worked in Eugene until 1966 and moved to Pendleton in 1972, where he and his wife, Patricia, owned Jack Clubb Chevrolet.

Jack Clubb's philanthropy was widespread.

He started the Pat Clubb Memorial Golf Tournament in honor of his wife, who died in 2011. The event raises money for scholarships at Blue Mountain Community College, established in Patricia Clubb's name, for students in Baker, Union and Wallowa counties.

Jack Clubb also donated a four-plex in Pendleton to Blue Mountain Community College, which sold the building and used the proceeds to set up a scholarship fund for BMCC for Baker County students.

OBITUARIES

'Bob' Hendriksen

Baker City, 1933-2021

Robert J. "Bob" Hendriksen, 87, of Baker City, died March 18, 2021 at his home.

A memorial service for Bob and his wife, Nita, who died April 28, 2017, will take place at 2 p.m. Friday, April 9, at Mount Hope Cemetery in Baker City. The Rev. Suresh Kumar Telagani of St. Francis de Sales Cathedral in Baker City will officiate.

Bob was born on Nov. 8, 1933, in Nebraska, to George and Bertha (Patteeuw) Hendriksen. He worked many years in the lumber industry.

Survivors include his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife, Nita.

Contributions in his memory can be made to Cancer Research through Coles Tribute Center, 1950 Place St., Baker City, OR 97814. To light a candle in memory of Bob and Nita, go to www.colestrIBUTEcenter.com

Julia Kautz

Baker City, 1949-2021

Julia Kautz, 72, of Baker City, died March 18, 2021, at her home.

She was born on Jan. 23, 1949, at Portland to Ray and Dorothy Wilson. She was the youngest of three siblings.

Julia married Bobby Kautz in 1975. Julia was known for her strength and

generosity to anyone in need and for her love of getting a good deal. She never missed a super Tuesday at the Baker City Bi-Mart. She loved all things Disney, especially Mickey Mouse.

She was a beautiful woman, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother who will be missed dearly by everyone who knew her, family members said.

She is survived by her four children, 12 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Online condolences can be made at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com



Julia Kautz

NEWS OF RECORD

DEATHS

Rudy E. Doucette: 98, of Haines, died on March 29, 2021, at Memory Lane Homes in Baker City. Services are under the direction of Coles Tribute Center. To light a candle in Rudy's memory, go to www.colestrIBUTEcenter.com

Ralph Brian Allen: 62, of Baker City, died March 29, 2021, at his home. To leave an online condolence for Ralph's family, go to www.grayswestco.com

James Roger Kennedy: 80, of Baker City, died March 29, 2021, at his home. To leave an online condolence for Roger's family, go to www.grayswestco.com

Betty Christy: 88, of Baker City, died March 30, 2021, surrounded by her family. A private family gathering will take place. The family suggests donation in honor of Betty be made to Best Friends of Baker (animal rescue) through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services, P.O. Box 543, Halfway, OR 97834. Online condolences can be made at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com

Marion Linton: 90, of Richland, died March 23, 2021, at Settler's Park Assisted Living

Center. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Online condolences may be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com

FUNERALS PENDING

Robert Williams Jr.: His graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Friday, April 2, at Eagle Valley Cemetery in Richland. Pastor Troy Teeter of the First Church of the Nazarene in Baker City will officiate. Friends will be invited to join the family for a (COVID-compliant) reception afterward. Memorial contributions may be made to the Baker Heritage Museum or to the charity of one's choice through Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814. To offer online condolences to Robert's family, go to www.grayswestco.com

James Dwight 'Jimmy' Hebert: There will be a celebration of Jimmy's life, Saturday,

April 3, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Bonita's home in North Powder. Donations in his memory can be made to Doernbecher Children's Hospital in Portland or the Wolf Creek Grange No. 596 in North

Powder in care of Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814. To leave an online condolence for Jimmy's family, go to www.grayswestco.com

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