

Local

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO

from the Democrat-Herald
May 20, 1971

A brand new gasoline war is under way in Baker for the second time this year. At the beginning of this week Jerry Duffey, manager of Jerry's Enco at Eighth and Broadway, dropped his price of regular gasoline to 32.9 cents per gallon.

25 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald
May 20, 1996

A Baker County project is among 37 new watershed restoration and education programs receiving grant funds from the Governor's Watershed Enhancement Board.

The Baker County project received \$8,410 of a total \$700,000 in grant funds awarded to projects around the state in the coming year.

The Lower North Powder Riparian Restoration project, conducted by the Powder Basin Watershed Council and the Union Soil and Water Conservation District, will improve riparian conditions, implement a planned grazing system, improve water quality, enhance species diversity and improve streambank stability.

10 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald
May 20, 2011

A group of off-road driving enthusiasts want to make a section of North Powder River Road more accessible for recreational users.

It would be a volunteer effort financed and carried out by the off-road group. The county would provide guidance and advice on how to proceed with the work. The group plans such tasks as cleaning culverts, inlets and outlets to redirect the path of water that currently flows down the middle of the road, for example.

ONE YEAR AGO

from the Baker City Herald
May 21, 2020

Baker City missed books.

"We've had a steady stream of cars coming through — very happy patrons," Perry Stokes, library director, said on Monday.

That was the day Baker County Public Library, 2400 Resort St., opened its drive-up window after being closed since March 28. Services are limited to library inventory. Interlibrary loans are not yet available.

To request books, patrons can either place a hold online at www.bakerlib.org, or call the library at 541-523-6419.

The drive-up hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, and noon to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Book returns are quarantined for seven days after receiving a strong UV light treatment.

Stokes said information varies from three days to five days for how long a virus can survive on a book surface. They decided seven days for an extra precaution.

Stokes said Monday also brought phone calls asking when the library would reopen its doors.

He said the tentative date is June 1 for limited use. This includes appointments to use the computers with only five users at one time, and limited browsing to five small family groups at a time.

Stokes said the library generally has 10 employees on site. Add five patrons on computers and another 10 browsing the stacks, and that gets to the limit of 25 people.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, May 17
22-28-30-34-40-42
Next jackpot: \$2.9 million

POWERBALL, May 15
4-10-37-39-69 PB 24
Next jackpot: \$201 million

MEGA MILLIONS, May 17
3-5-56-61-66 Mega 4
Next jackpot: \$515 million

WIN FOR LIFE, May 17
5-20-43-58

PICK 4, May 18

• 1 p.m.: 3-7-8-3
• 4 p.m.: 6-0-5-7
• 7 p.m.: 8-4-1-3
• 10 p.m.: 2-2-6-0
LUCKY LINES, May 18
4-7-12-15-19-23-28-31
Next jackpot: \$35,000

SENIOR MENUS

- **FRIDAY:** Roasted turkey, stuffing with gravy, biscuits, capri vegetables, beet-and-onion salad, peach crisp
- **MONDAY (May 24):** Chicken breasts stuffed with cheddar broccoli, mixed vegetables, rolls, fruit cup, sorbet
- **TUESDAY (May 25):** Barbecued chicken legs and thighs, baked beans, rolls, corn, coleslaw, brownies
- **WEDNESDAY (May 26):** Chicken with homestyle noodles, peas and carrots, biscuits, Jell-O with fruit, birthday cake
- **THURSDAY (May 27):** Hot turkey sandwich, mashed potatoes with gravy, peas, coleslaw, bread pudding

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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OTEC awards college scholarships

Several Baker County and North Powder graduating seniors, and current college students, have received academic scholarships ranging from \$2,500 to \$5,000 from Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative.

One student, Mason Van Arsall of Baker High School, received the OTEC-EOU Rural Scholarship, which pays all tuition and fees for four years at Eastern Oregon University in La Grande.

The OTEC Member Foundation is a new 501c3 charitable foundation that now oversees OTEC's scholarship programs.

Eligible applicants for scholarships must be an active OTEC member in good standing with the cooperative or a dependent or tenant of such an OTEC member.

Scholarships are funded from interest earned on unclaimed capital credits.

"We congratulate all the 2021 scholarship recipients and are proud to reward the students for their academic success and dedication to their community," said Lea Hoover, OTEC director of administration and strategic services. "As a not-for-profit cooperative and 501c3 foundation, one of our guiding principles is 'Commitment to Community' and we can't think of a better way to give back to the communities we serve and encourage local students to be involved in their own community."



Talbot



Mills



Eskew



Keller



Cole



Ash



Hall



Flanagan

Other local scholarship recipients:

Baker County/North Powder graduating seniors

- Justin Ash, North Powder Charter School, \$5,000
- Jake Eskew, Baker High, \$5,000
- Bailey Cole, North Powder Charter School, \$5,000
- McKenzie Hall, Baker High, \$5,000
- Makayla Mills, Baker High, \$2,500.

Mills was a finalist for the OTEC-EOU Rural Scholarship, and the OTEC board of directors wanted to award her for that, so the board added \$2,500 to the \$5,000 scholarship, Hathaway said.

sionalism during her interview," said Joseph Hathaway, OTEC's communications manager.

• Sydney Keller, Baker High, \$7,500.

Keller received a \$2,500 scholarship last year after the Washington, D.C., youth tour was canceled, and the OTEC board of directors wanted to award her for that, so the board added \$2,500 to the \$5,000 scholarship, Hathaway said.

Baker County returning college students

- Kaeli Flanagan, \$5,000, Whitworth University
- Rachel Talbot, \$5,000, Treasure Valley Community College

WANTED

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"After spraying Officer Essex, (Sprague) ran to his bike and fled from police," according to an affidavit from District Attorney Greg Baxter.

On May 15 Essex interviewed the woman, and Detective Shannon Regan interviewed another person about what had happened the previous day.

The woman told Essex that on the evening of May 14, Sprague entered her home without being invited, grabbed her arm, showed a can of mace and "threatened to harm" the woman if she didn't go with him.

The woman also told Essex that

Sprague had taken her keys and purse.

Regan said on Wednesday morning, May 19, that Baker City Police had received several calls from people who believed they had seen Sprague, but he had not been found.

"We're following up on all leads," Regan said.

According to the affidavit, Sprague is accused of first-degree burglary, menacing constituting domestic violence, second-degree and third-degree robbery, coercion, attempted second-degree kidnapping, assaulting a public safety officer and first-degree unlawful use of mace.

Sprague was convicted of menac-

ing on Jan. 8, 2021, and sentenced in Baker County Circuit Court to one year of probation.

He was convicted of first-degree burglary, also in Baker County Circuit Court, on July 25, 2016, and sentenced to four years in prison.

According to the warning flier, Sprague is 5-foot-11, weighs 185 pounds and has blue eyes and brownish-blond hair.

He has tattoos on his face, neck, both hands, left forearm and right calf. Both his ears are pierced.

Anyone with information about Sprague is asked to call Baker County Dispatch at 541-523-3644 and ask for Detective Shannon Regan.

NEWS OF RECORD

DEATHS

Daniel 'Dan' Douglas: Daniel "Dan" Douglas, 78, a longtime Halfway resident, died May 19, 2021, at his home, surrounded by love. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Online condolences can be made at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

FUNERALS PENDING

Dave Curtis: Memorial service Friday, May 21 at 11 a.m. at the Harvest Christian Church, 3720 Birch St. Friends are invited to join the family for a reception following the service at the church; food and refreshments will be provided. For those who would like to make a memorial donation in honor of Dave, the family suggests either St. Luke's Mountain States Tumor Institute or St. Jude's Children's Hospital through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home, P.O. Box 543, Halfway, OR 97834. Online condolences can be made at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

Gorden Lee Atkins: Memorial service will be Saturday, May 22 at 1 p.m. at the Unity Community Hall. Arrangements are under the direction of Nampa Funeral Home, Yraguen Chapel, where an online guest book is available at www.nampafuneralhome.com.

John Randall: Celebration of his life will take place on Sunday, May 30 at 1 p.m. at the Eagle Valley Grange Park in Richland, with food and beverages following. Those who would like to make a donation in John's memory may do so to the Hilary Bonn Benevolence Fund, or the charity of one's choice, through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home, P.O. Box 543, Halfway, OR 97834. Online condolences can be made at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

Coy Riggs: Graveside service with military honors will be Saturday, May 22 at 10 a.m. at Mount

Hope Cemetery. For those who would like to make a memorial donation in honor of Coy, the family suggests Heart 'N Home Hospice 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.

Patricia 'Patty' Moore: Graveside service Saturday, May 22 at 2 p.m. at the Canyon City Cemetery in John Day. A potluck reception will follow at the Holiday Park. For those who would like to make a memorial donation in memory of Patty, the family suggests "Hope For Paws" 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.

Marie Yvonne Marks: Celebration of life barbecue will take place Saturday, May 22 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the home of Joanne and Kody Hufford, 47862 Anthony Lakes Highway, North Powder. In lieu of flowers, her family asks that donations in her memory be made to the North Powder Charter School through Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814. To leave an online condolence for her family, go to www.grayswestco.com.

POLICE LOG

Baker City Police Arrests, citations
DRIVING WHILE LICENSE REVOKED (Baker County Justice Court warrant): Frank Nathan McNair, 41, Baker City, 9:48 p.m. Monday, May 17 in the 1500 block of Campbell Street; cited and released.

FAILURE TO APPEAR (Umatilla County Circuit Court warrant): Paul Adam Heller, 49, transient, 1:42 p.m. Monday, May 17 at Resort Street and Court Avenue; cited and released.

FAILURE TO APPEAR (two Baker County warrants): Leigh Ann Hunter, 40, Baker City, 5:38 p.m. Sunday, May 16 in the 1700 block of Broadway St., cited and released.

PROBATION VIOLATION (Parole Board warrant): Michael Scott Tugman, 32, Baker City, 1:05 p.m. Sunday, May 16 in the 2200 block of Broadway St.; jailed.

IDENTIFY THEFT, THIRD-DEGREE THEFT, FRAUDULENT USE OF A CREDIT CARD: James Dewayne Reedy, 54, Baker City, 12:28 p.m. Sunday, May 16 near the Baker County Library; cited and released.

Baker County Sheriff's Office

CONTEMPT OF COURT: Trinity Rose Martinez, 18, Baker City, 3:40 p.m. Monday, May 17 at the sheriff's office; cited and released.

FAILURE TO APPEAR (Baker County warrant): Lane Victor Zacharias, 27, Baker City, 7:30 a.m. Monday, May 17 at the sheriff's office; cited and released.

Oregon State Police

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF INTOXICANTS: Brian Scott Spencer, 43, Baker City, 5:09 p.m. Sunday, May 16 on Highway 7; cited and released.

JAMES E. DAVIS, M.D.

PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON
OPHTHALMOLOGY

Ophthalmology Clinic Closing

To My Patients:
I will be retiring and closing my office July 1, 2021. It has been a pleasure to serve you during these past 36 years. I am sorry that I have been unable to find a replacement ophthalmologist. Comprehensive ophthalmic care is available through the offices of William Pettit, MD in La Grande or Jeffery Pitts, MD in Ontario. Routine eye care is available through Baker Vision Clinic in Baker City. Eagle optical will remain open to provide eyeglasses. You may contact my office at 541-523-6428 to obtain medical records from now until July 30, 2021. After that, records will no longer be available. I wish you all a bright outlook and good health for the future.

Sincerely, James E. Davis, MD

OBITUARY

Donald Neugart

Baker City, 1946-2021

Donald L. Neugart, 74, of Baker City, died May 4, 2021, at Saint Alphonsus Medical Center in Nampa, Idaho.

No services are planned at this time.

Donald was born on Oct. 6, 1946, at Coos Bay to Ray and Leta (Ingram) Neugart. He graduated from Myrtle Point High School in 1964 and attended Southern Oregon University earning his bachelor's degree in business.

Donald served three years in the United States Army as a spec 4 upon his discharge. He went on to own and operate Land Title and Escrow in

John Day, retiring in 2006.

He was a member of the American Legion and enjoyed camping in his RV, sports, shooting and classic cars.

Survivors include his brother, Larry R. Neugart of John Day; and his nephews, Jeff Neugart of Chandler, Arizona, and Brad Neugart of Cold Spring, Minnesota.

To offer online condolences to Don's family, go to www.grayswestco.com.

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