

Local

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO
from the Democrat-Herald
June 7, 1971

CORVALLIS — Mike Bennett high jumped 6 feet, 7 inches for a second place and placed fifth in the low hurdles and sixth in the highs to score 11 points and give the Baker Bulldogs a 13th place finish in the Oregon State Class AAA track meet in Corvallis Saturday.

25 YEARS AGO
from the Baker City Herald
June 7, 1996

Participants in the National Judges Association Conference in Baker City this week surprised their host by honoring him as the outstanding non-attorney judge in the United States Thursday night.

Larry Cole, who serves as a Baker County justice of the peace and the Baker City municipal court judge, was presented the MacEachern Award during the closing banquet at The Sunridge.

10 YEARS AGO
from the Baker City Herald
June 8, 2011

City officials have dubbed a longtime hangout for youth an attractive nuisance and asked the owner of the site, known as Boys Jungle, to clean it up and deter people from trespassing.

The heavily wooded area is on the east bank of the Powder River, just north of D Street and south of Elkhorn Village apartments. The Leo Adler Memorial Parkway runs through the east side of the property.

ONE YEAR AGO
from the Baker City Herald
June 9, 2020

"We're going to be legends for this."

That was Lucas Stearns' assessment as he and his Baker High School senior classmates waited to collect their diplomas in a most unusual graduation Sunday afternoon.

For Stearns, who will be attending Eastern Oregon University in La Grande, and his fellow seniors their final year of high school started like any other.

But their last term turned out to be anything but typical. With COVID-19 closing schools, other traditions, including senior prom, were also canceled.

"I definitely didn't get to do as much as I wanted to do this year," said Melissa Titus, a senior headed to Treasure Valley Community College in Ontario for addiction studies.

And when the school year ended, instead of walking across the grass at Baker Bulldog Memorial Stadium to receive their diplomas, seniors were passengers in cars driven by parents, other relatives, or friends.

After driving through the bus lane in front of Baker High School to receive their diplomas from BHS principal Greg Mitchell, the graduates gathered in the student parking lot for the traditional shifting of their tassels, and then proceeded in a driving procession along several streets lined with spectators who cheered them on.

"When the year started I was expecting a traditional walk across the stage graduation ceremony but I honestly feel like this might be a little better, because I mean, what class can say they got a parade?" said Austin Corpiet, who's headed to the University of Tennessee at Martin to study political science.

"It might become the new normal."

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, June 5
12 — 18 — 33 — 40 — 41 — 45
Next jackpot: \$3.7 million

POWERBALL, June 5
44 — 52 — 54 — 64 — 69 PB 26
Next jackpot: \$20 million

MEGA MILLIONS, June 4
4 — 30 — 34 — 41 — 64 Mega 8
Next jackpot: \$56 million

WIN FOR LIFE, June 5
11 — 23 — 53 — 65
PICK 4, June 6
• 1 p.m.: 5 — 7 — 4 — 6
• 4 p.m.: 6 — 7 — 6 — 9
• 7 p.m.: 1 — 6 — 2 — 8
• 10 p.m.: 5 — 7 — 2 — 1
LUCKY LINES, June 6
1-8-9-14-18-23-28-31
Next jackpot: \$54,000

SENIOR MENUS

- **WEDNESDAY:** Turkey and cheese sandwich, cream of chicken with vegetables soup, macaroni salad, bread pudding
- **THURSDAY:** Spaghetti, Italian vegetables, garlic breadsticks, cottage cheese and Jell-O salad, peach crisp
- **FRIDAY:** Baked ham, candied yams, green beans, rolls, broccoli and bacon, cookies
- **MONDAY (June 14):** Salisbury steak, scalloped potatoes, peas, rolls, ambrosia, banana pudding with wafers
- **TUESDAY (June 15):** Barbecued ribs, au gratin potatoes, green beans, cornbread, broccoli-and-bacon salad, cinnamon rolls

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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Crews slow fire in Wallowa County

■ Joseph Canyon fire, sparked by lightning June 3, had burned 4,000 acres, while a second blaze was at 1,600 acres

Cooler temperatures and weaker winds helped fire crews slow the spread of a fire in northern Wallowa County on Sunday, June 6.

The Joseph Canyon fire, sparked by lightning on June 3, grew by about 300 acres, to a total of 4,000 acres, on Sunday. The fire has burned across the border into Washington.

On Saturday, fueled by gusty winds, the blaze grew from about 2,000 to 3,700 acres.

"We won today," Andy Hayes, incident commander trainee with the Blue Mountain Type 3 Incident Management Team, said on Sunday.

"We didn't win Saturday, but we won today."

Last week's lightning storm also ignited a fire in the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area, about 10 miles southeast of the Joseph Canyon fire. The Dry Creek fire was estimated at 1,600 acres on Monday morning, June 7.

Fire crews from the Bureau of Land Management's Vale District, Wallowa-Whitman National Forest, Oregon Department of Forestry and Washington Department of Natural Resources are working on the two blazes.

The Joseph Canyon fire is burning in parts of the Vale District deemed "areas of criti-



Bureau of Land Management/Contributed Photo

The Joseph Canyon fire burning in Wallowa County on Friday, June 4.

cal environmental concern," as well as the Nez Perce Precious Lands Wildlife Area.

On Saturday, Matt Howard, deputy agency administrator for the Oregon Department of Forestry, called the

steep terrain "probably one of the most difficult places to fight fire in Oregon. Joseph Canyon is known for its extreme terrain, communications challenges, and natural hazards."

WEATHER

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That set a new record low for the date. The previous record was 32 degrees, set in 2012.

The record low happened less than five days after the thermometer at the airport reached 92 degrees on the afternoon of June 2, breaking the previous daily record of 90, set in 2007.

The heat persisted for the next two days.

The high temperature of 91 on June 3 was just one degree short of the daily record. And June 4's peak of 83 degrees was 10 degrees above average for the date.

But a pair of cold fronts, one on Saturday, June 5 and one the next day, ushered in much cooler air.

Sunday's low of 35 degrees was just two degrees above the daily record, set in 2012.

The cold fronts were mainly dry, bringing gusty northwest winds but few clouds.

Sunday's front was accompanied by more clouds and a few brief rain showers in Baker Valley (a trace of rain was recorded at the airport).

But at Anthony Lakes, elevation 7,100 feet, a heavy snow squall fell Sunday afternoon. The snow didn't stick, though, as the ground was still warm

from the summery weather earlier in the week.

Neither mountain snow nor sub-freezing temperatures in Baker Valley are rare during June — especially the first half of the month that marks the transition from spring to summer.

The record low is below 32 degrees on 22 of June's 30 days. A temperature as low as 29 has been recorded at the airport as late as June 30.

July is the only month with no record lows below 30 degrees. The coldest temperature recorded at the airport during July is 30 degrees, on July 2, 1955.

August's all-time low is 27 degrees, set on Aug. 24, 1992.

CYCLING

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The Criterium begins at 1:30 p.m.

On Sunday, June 27, the

race will begin at 7:30 a.m. from Baker High School and head north on Highway 30 to Highway 203 where it will follow a rolling course through Medical Springs,

Union and North Powder.

From that point it will follow Anthony Lakes Highway to the finish line just past Anthony Lakes Mountain Resort. The public can expect delays on Highway 203 and Anthony Lakes Highway.

Spectators who want to see the finish are asked to be at Anthony Lakes before noon.

"We at Scott's Cycle and Sports and all the riders that take part in this great race truly appreciate your support and encouragement and we look forward to

seeing you out at the races cheering and bringing your cowbells," said Brian Cimmityotti, race director.

This is the 20th year for the bicycle race. In return for volunteer hours, the organization donates to Baker High School sports and education programs.

"Each year we donate over \$5,000 to Baker High School and local volunteer groups like the Best Friends of Baker and the Northeast Oregon Compassion Center," Cimmityotti said.

OBITUARY

John Crockett Jr.

Corning, California, 1963-2021

John Andrew Crockett Jr. of Corning, California, died May 29, 2021, at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Red Bluff, California.

John grew up in Corning and graduated from Corning Union High School in 1982. John spent his adult life helping others while working for Nu-Way Market in Corning and then Los Molinos. He was always ready and willing to help the customers that sought him out for assistance. He was always a constant that his co-workers and clientele could depend on.

John is survived by his parents, John and Rachel Crockett of Baker City; and his sister, Paulette (Pauli) Payne of Baker City.

John will be missed by many.

Condolences to the family can be made to Sweet-Olsen Family Simple Cremations and Burial in Red Bluff, www.redbluffcremations.com/obituary/john-crockett-jr.

NEWS OF RECORD

DEATHS

David Wright: 89, of Baker City, died June 4, 2021, at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise. A traditional funeral service will take place Saturday, June 12 at 10 a.m. at Calvary Baptist Church, Third and Broadway streets.

Shelley Gargan: 69, of Caldwell, Idaho, died May 30, 2021, at her home. To leave an online condolence for Shelley's family, go to www.grayswestco.com.

Shelly Lyons: 61, of Baker City, died June 3, 2021, at her home. To leave an online condolence for Shelly's family, go to www.grayswestco.com.

Mary Lucile Jennings: 90, of Baker City, died June 4, 2021, at her residence at Settler's Park Assisted Living Facility. Visitations will be Thursday, June 10 from 8 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. at Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave. A funeral service will directly follow, starting at 11 a.m. at Gray's West & Co. Graveside interment will be Friday, June 11 at 11 a.m. at Mount Hope Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be made to the Baker City Seventh-day Adventist Church through Gray's West & Co., 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814. To leave an online condolence for Mary's family, go to www.grayswestco.com.

Robert Kent Nelson: 77, formerly of Baker City and currently of Lake Havasu City, Arizona, died June 4, 2021, at the Polidori House in Lake Havasu City. Services will take place in both Lake Havasu City and Baker City, both to be announced soon. To leave an online condolence for Kent's family, go to www.grayswestco.com.

Geiser-Pollman Park. It will be a no-host bring-your-own-picnic event due to COVID-19 issues. If you would like to join, please pack a lunch and bring a picnic basket or camp chair. To leave an online condolence for his family, go to www.grayswestco.com.

Cristi Crum: Celebration of life, Saturday, June 12 at 1 p.m. at Union Creek Campground on Phillips Reservoir. Casey Crum will host a picnic for family and friends at the group picnic area near the boat ramp. Pulled pork, beans and some drinks will be provided. Feel free to bring a dish, and a couple of camp chairs. This is an informal event to help remember a great woman. To RSVP, call Casey Crum at 541-519-7258.

Dale and Marjorie Buxton: Graveside service with military honors, Saturday, June 12 at 2 p.m. at Eagle Valley Cemetery in Richland. To make a donation in memory of Dale and Marjorie, the family suggests the Baker United Methodist Church 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.

POLICE LOG

Baker City Police
FAILURE TO APPEAR (Union County Circuit Court warrants): Crystal Anne Schwarz, 36, Baker City, 9:23 p.m. Friday, June 4 at 17th and H streets; cited and released.

FUNERALS PENDING

James Roger Kennedy: Short, informal celebration of life picnic Friday, June 11 at noon at

The family of **David Curtis** would sincerely like to thank everyone for the sympathy cards, food and flowers that were given to us during our great loss. Your kind words and gestures were greatly appreciated and will always be remembered.

**Carol Curtis
Don, Dan, Arlene,
Dave, Marla,
Dale and Families**

First English Evangelical Lutheran Church
Baker City, OR

We are celebrating our

100th Anniversary

June 13th, 10:00am

Anniversary Divine Liturgy with Bishop Dan Selbo of the NALC preaching.

A cake reception will follow worship and we will honor some of our special members.

More events are scheduled in July and August and can be found on our facebook page.

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