

# Local

## TURNING BACK THE PAGES

**50 YEARS AGO**  
from the Democrat-Herald  
July 31, 1971

**HUNTINGTON** — This city was buffeted by a short but vicious storm Tuesday afternoon. We were drenched with .48 inches of rain in 15 minutes along with a tornado-like wind. The temperature dropped from 99 degrees to 75 degrees in about 25 minutes and returned to the 99 degrees very shortly after the storm, making it very steamy and uncomfortable.

**25 YEARS AGO**  
from the Baker City Herald  
July 31, 1996

Lightning-filled thunderstorms sparked 20 new forest fires on the south half of the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest Tuesday and pelted Baker County with rain, hail and gale-force winds.

None of the new fires was larger than a half-acre this morning, said Angelica Johnson, an information assistant for the Wallowa-Whitman's Burnt-Powder Fire Zone.

**10 YEARS AGO**  
from the Baker City Herald  
August 1, 2011

The lightning storm that treated Baker County residents to a dazzling light show Sunday night might also have ignited a lackluster wildfire season.

Forest Service and Oregon Department of Forestry crews went looking for a couple of reported blazes after dark Sunday, but neither found a fire.

But Renae Crippen expects that situation will change later today.

"I imagine by mid-day we'll definitely see something," said Crippen, who's the manager at the Blue Mountain Interagency Dispatch Center at the La Grande Airport.

**ONE YEAR AGO**  
from the Baker City Herald  
July 30, 2020

Baker County Sheriff's officers believe a 14-year-old boy who waded into the water on the banks of Oxbow Reservoir at the eastern edge of the county stepped into a steep drop-off and drowned Monday morning.

In an attempt to save the boy, his adult fishing partner also fell into the deep water and drowned, a press release stated.

The bodies of 14-year-old Wyatt James Smith, and Matthew Titus Kellogg, 41, both of Hood River, were found in about 10 feet of water below Brownlee Dam, Ashley McClay, Sheriff's Department spokeswoman said Tuesday.

Oxbow Reservoir is the middle of the three reservoirs on the Snake River forming the border between Oregon and Idaho.

Brownlee Reservoir is upriver from Oxbow, and Hells Canyon Reservoir is downriver.

Oxbow Reservoir is about 75 miles east of Baker City.

The Baker County Sheriff's Department was called about 10:53 a.m. Monday by the Washington County Sheriff's Office in Weiser, Idaho, reporting that two people had gone underwater while fishing from the Oregon side at Oxbow Reservoir below Brownlee Dam. Shaun Jason Moore, 41, Wyatt's father, reported the incident, McClay said.

Moore told police that his son and Kellogg had been walking in the water while fishing. McClay said the boy got too far from shore and began having difficulty and when Kellogg tried to help him he also began having difficulty in the water.

## OREGON LOTTERY

**MEGABUCKS, July 28**  
11 — 19 — 29 — 31 — 32 — 37  
Next jackpot: \$1.1 million

**POWERBALL, July 28**  
25 — 30 — 53 — 59 — 60 PB 5  
Next jackpot: \$199 million

**MEGA MILLIONS, July 27**  
2 — 35 — 36 — 54 — 64 Mega 11  
Next jackpot: \$166 million

**WIN FOR LIFE, July 28**  
29 — 55 — 65 — 70

**PICK 4, July 29**

• 1 p.m.: 4 — 8 — 8 — 4  
• 4 p.m.: 5 — 0 — 6 — 4  
• 7 p.m.: 3 — 1 — 0 — 8  
• 10 p.m.: 0 — 8 — 3 — 1  
**LUCKY LINES, July 29**  
3-7-10-13-17-23-26-29  
Next jackpot: \$43,000

## SENIOR MENUS

- **MONDAY:** Chicken strips, mashed potatoes with country gravy, corn, biscuits, cottage cheese and Jell-O salad, ice cream
- **TUESDAY:** Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, peas and carrots, rolls, ambrosia cookies
- **WEDNESDAY:** Meatloaf, au gratin potatoes, mixed vegetables, rolls, coleslaw, lemon squares
- **THURSDAY:** Breaded pork loin, red potatoes, carrots, rolls, fruit cup, cinnamon rolls
- **FRIDAY:** Barbecued ribs, baked beans, corn, rolls, potato salad, pudding

Public luncheon at the Senior Center, 2810 Cedar St., from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; \$5 donation (60 and older), \$7.50 for those under 60.

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## SHRINE

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Breakfast is from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. Cost is \$10, or \$7 without steak.

The Cattlewomen also host the "Hoofin' It to Beef Fit" fun run/walk. The event starts at 8 a.m.

The 5K entry is \$25 and starts at Thomas Angus Ranch, 42598 N. Cedar St. The 10K is \$35 and begins at the Mackenzie Ranch, 19265 Chandler Lane. Find an entry form on [orcattlewomen.org](http://orcattlewomen.org).

Vendors will be set up in the park from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and a lunch of hamburgers (\$7) and hot dogs (\$6) will be served from noon to 2 p.m. A silent auction runs from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., and two signed footballs will be sold by live auction at 1 p.m.

Each year, the Cattlewomen purchase a local steer raised by a 4-H or FFA member, and the animal is auctioned during half-time of the football game to raise money for the Shriners Hospital.

This year's steer will be at the park from noon to 2 p.m. Guyer said that over the years, the Shrine steer has raised about \$600,000.

### Football game

COVID-19 restrictions are changing the



Lisa Britton/Baker City Herald, File, 2020

Ty Morrison, left, shown here with Shriner Myron Miles, raised the 2020 Shrine steer, which was auctioned to raise money for the Shriners Hospital for Children in Portland.

Shrine event a bit this year. For instance, there are only 44 players total, rather than 60. The athletes won't be able to visit the Portland hospital, and must remain in a "bubble" at Eastern Oregon University in La Grande until game day.

Tickets to the football game are \$15 and can be purchased at Geiser-Pollman Park on Saturday, Aug. 7 from 7:30 a.m.

to 10:30 a.m., then at Baker Bulldog Memorial Stadium starting at 5 p.m. Pre-game events start at 6 p.m., followed by kickoff at 7 p.m. The game will be livestreamed by EOActive on <https://eoalive.tv/>.

"And people can buy a copy of it," Guyer said. "It'll be really neat for the players and families."

## SOGGY

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This could also be the wettest three-day period at the airport in more than a year.

There hasn't been more than half an inch of rain in a three-day stretch since May 19-21 of 2020, when the total was 0.62. May 2020 was also the most recent month when rainfall at the airport exceeded one inch — 1.11.

Through Thursday, July 29, the airport had gone 35 straight days without measurable rain.

A wet weekend would be welcome indeed for Michelle Owen, Baker City's public works director.

Owen has been worried since June that the combination of drought and persistent hot weather would boost water usage to a level that would challenge the city's ability to satisfy it until autumn.

Water use tends to plummet when any significant amount of rain falls, Owen said, as residents take advantage of free irrigation from the sky.

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— Michelle Owen, Baker City public works director, who hopes rain this weekend will curb the city's water usage

said on Thursday, July 29.

On June 28 the city enacted the first phase of its water curtailment ordinance — asking residents to voluntarily curb their water use. During June the city went through 129.9 million gallons, a 45% increase over June 2020.

But as the record-setting heat wave that started in June extended into early July, water demand remained high, averaging about 5 million gallons per day.

That was a rate the city couldn't maintain, Owen said, and on July 12 the city moved to Phase 2 of the ordinance, asking residents to limit lawn and garden watering to between 7 p.m. and 7 a.m., when evaporation rates are lower and less water is needed to nourish plants.

Summer water use is

largely driven by such uses, Owen said. During winter, the city typically uses 1.6 million to 1.8 million gallons per day.

Owen said the Phase 2 announcement has been modestly successful.

After exceeding 5 million gallons per day on three days from July 1-8, the city has stayed below that level every day since.

"I feel like people are complying" with the city's recommendation," Owen said. "Folks are working hard to take the advice we're given and conserve."

She said the city's top goal is avoiding the need to enact — for the first time — Phase 3 of the water ordinance, which would ban the use of city water for outdoor purposes such as irrigation or washing cars. The city would seek to enforce the ban, she said, potentially including levying \$500 fines to violators.

Owen notes that although the city has kept daily use below the 5-million-gallon threshold since early July, the margin isn't as large as she would like to see.

From July 13 — the day after Phase 2 was enacted — through July 28, the city's

daily use averaged 4.48 million gallons. Owen said she is hoping to see the daily use dip below 4 million gallons, at least occasionally, but the minimum during that period was 4.13 million gallons on July 20.

That also happened to be the coolest day of the month, with a high temperature of 81 degrees at the airport.

The correlation between temperature and water use, as between rainfall and water use, is a predictable one, Owen said.

But with temperatures rising into the 90s on most days — 21 of the first 30 in July — "we're just not getting that relief," Owen said.

### Hottest month?

The arrival of clouds and rain might not trim enough degrees from July's final day to prevent the month from setting a heat record.

As of Friday afternoon, July 30, the average high temperature for the month was 92.1 degrees. The hottest month on record at the airport, where statistics date to 1943, was July 1985, when the average high temperature was 92.0.

## OBITUARY

### Audrey Magill

Baker City, 1930-2021

Audrey May Magill, 91, of Baker City, died July 26, 2021.

Audrey was born on May 9, 1930, at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to George and Bertha (Patteeuw) Hendrickson. She attended high school at St. Francis Catholic School in Baker.

Audrey was married three times, to Carl Magill, Frank Nipper, and

Elmer McCoy; she also spent over 20 years with her significant other, George Swanson. Audrey spent many years as a homemaker taking good care of her children and her home. She also worked as a waitress in Huntington and Farewell Bend. Audrey lived her life in Huntington and Baker, making friends wherever she went.

She loved visiting with friends and family and was always excited when it was family reunion time. She also enjoyed the outdoors, camping and huckleberry picking.

Audrey is survived by her children, Carl Magill, Terry Magill, Kathy McCoy, Jim Magill and Robert Nipper; 10 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. Audrey was the last survivor among her brothers and sisters.

She was preceded in death by her parents, George and Bertha Hendriksen; and her siblings, Bob, Dolly, Jeanie, Margaret and George.

To light a candle in Audrey's memory, or to leave a condolence for her family, go to [www.grayswestco.com](http://www.grayswestco.com).



Audrey Magill

## NEWS OF RECORD

### DEATHS

**Audrey Mae (Hance) Adkins:** 98, died July 27, 2021, 2021. Her graveside service will take place Monday, Aug. 2 at 10 a.m. PDT at the Owyhee Cemetery in Nyssa. A memorial service will follow at the Owyhee Community Church.

### FUNERALS PENDING

**Laurie Gulick:** Memorial service Sunday, Aug. 1 at 10 a.m. at the Gulick Ranch on PineTown Lane in Halfway. Online condolences can be made at [www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com).

**Robert Kent Nelson:** Memorial service, Aug. 14 at 11 a.m. at the Baker City Church of the Nazarene, 1250 Hughes Lane. A reception will follow the service at the Nazarene Church's Family Life Center. Memorial contributions can be made to the Burnt River Community Church or the Northeast Oregon Compassion Center through Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814. To leave an online condolence for Kent's family, go to [www.grayswestco.com](http://www.grayswestco.com).

### POLICE LOG

**Baker City Police VIOLATION OF RELEASE AGREEMENT:** Shawna Lynn Mathis, 38, Baker City, 5:45 p.m. Thursday, July 29 in the 700 block of Campbell Street; jailed.

**VIOLATION OF RELEASE AGREEMENT:** Shawna Lynn Mathis, 38, Baker City, 11:52 a.m.

Thursday, July 29 in the 700 block of Campbell Street; cited and released.

**PROBATION VIOLATION** (Baker County Circuit Court warrant): Andrew Jay Culley, 32, Baker City, 11:52 a.m. Thursday, July 29 in the 700 block of Campbell Street; jailed.

**SECOND-DEGREE CRIMINAL TRESPASSING:** Andrew Michael Sotelo, 21, Ellensburg, Washington, 2:52 a.m. Thursday, July 29 in the 500 block of Campbell Street; cited and released.

**CONTEMPT OF COURT** (Baker County Justice Court warrant): Joseph Allen Charbonneau, 41, 5:25 p.m. Wednesday, July 28 in the 1100 block of Campbell Street; cited and released.

**FAILURE TO APPEAR** (Baker County Circuit Court warrant): Brent Allan Bailey, 44, Baker City, 9:44 a.m. Wednesday, July 28 at Hughes and Lund lanes; jailed.

### Baker County Sheriff's Office

**FIRST-DEGREE THEFT, FIRST-DEGREE FORGERY** (Baker County Circuit Court warrant): Thomas Kelly Smit, 63, Richland, 4:52 p.m. Thursday, July 29 on Dance Hall Road; cited and released.

**UNLAWFULLY IMPORTING AND EXPORTING MARIJUANA**

**ITEMS** (Baker County Circuit Court warrant): Deanna Marie Jones, 33, Baker City, 4:35 p.m. Thursday, July 29 at the sheriff's office; cited and released.

**FAILURE TO APPEAR** (Baker County Circuit Court warrants): Nickolas Richard Watson, 34, 3:12 p.m. Wednesday, July 28 at the Sheriff's Office; jailed.

**BIGGER POTS**

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