

Local

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO
from the Democrat-Herald
August 2, 1971

Baker County's Public Welfare Department was split recently into Public Welfare and Child Services as a result of the 1971 Legislature, Virginia Rose, district manager for child welfare, announced today.

25 YEARS AGO
from the Baker City Herald
August 2, 1996

HOOD RIVER — The Walden for Congress office is continuing "business as usual" despite rumors that former Congressman Bob Smith may enter the race.

Congressional candidate Greg Walden, a Hood River radio station owner, hit the campaign trail today and plans a stop Saturday in Baker City.

10 YEARS AGO
from the Baker City Herald
August 3, 2011

Baker City's new Central Park has attracted plenty of visitors looking for a little outdoor fun or relaxation since it opened several weeks ago.

But a handful of those people have been having fun at the expense of taxpayers.

"We've already has several incidents of vandalism," said Mike Kee, city manager.

Vandals have scrawled on picnic tables with felt markers.

Bicycle riders have pedaled across the newly seeded grass, tearing up the tender vegetation and carving ruts in the soft ground.

Both acts are considered third-degree criminal mischief, according to Oregon law.

ONE YEAR AGO
from the Baker City Herald
August 3, 2020

The pandemic foiled a football game but it proved no match for the generosity of Baker County ranchers and farmers, and Shriners and other volunteers across Oregon.

Organizers of the annual East-West Shrine All-Star Football Game, a Baker City summer tradition since 1973 and a major fundraiser for the Shriners Hospital for Children in Portland, announced in early May that this year's game, scheduled for Aug. 1, was canceled due to the coronavirus crisis.

But although the showcase of the state's best recently graduated football players from Class 1A, 2A, 3A and 4A schools didn't happen at Baker Bulldog Memorial Stadium, the annual donation to the Shriners Hospital, which provides free medical care to children, will happen as usual.

"It's good to see that despite all the changes, people still saw the importance of what our underlying mission is, which is to support the Portland hospital and the children," said Bryan Braun of Baker City, chairman for the Shrine Game.

The game, which started in 1952 and moved to Baker City in 1973, has raised close to \$3 million for the Shriners Hospital in Portland.

The vast majority of the money comes from relatively small donations from individuals and businesses, Braun said.

"It's a grassroots kind of donation-driven event," he said.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, July 31

1 - 10 - 11 - 16 - 33 - 35

Next jackpot: \$1.2 million

POWERBALL, July 31

1 - 21 - 22 - 34 - 47 PB4

Next jackpot: \$211 million

MEGA MILLIONS, July 30

19 - 26 - 31 - 52 - 68 Mega 10

Next jackpot: \$179 million

WIN FOR LIFE, July 31

21 - 26 - 49 - 51

PICK 4, Aug. 1

• 1 p.m.: 8 - 9 - 7 - 1

• 4 p.m.: 1 - 7 - 6 - 2

• 7 p.m.: 6 - 2 - 4 - 4

• 10 p.m.: 0 - 8 - 2 - 0

LUCKY LINES, Aug. 1

1-6-9-14-20-22-28-31

Next jackpot: \$46,000

SENIOR MENUS

- **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
- **MONDAY (Aug. 9):** Chicken cordon bleu, rice pilaf, mixed vegetables, rolls, carrot-raisin salad, cherry cheesecake
- **TUESDAY (Aug. 10):** Chicken-fried chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn, rolls, pea-and-onion salad, brownies

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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Utah man arrested after high-speed chase

Baker City Herald

A Utah man was arrested in Baker City Sunday afternoon, Aug. 1 after a high-speed chase in a car he's accused of stealing from a local dealership.



Kinyon

Garrett Anthonie Kinyon, 24, of Salt Lake City, was arrested after Baker City Police deployed spike strips to flatten the tires of the 2019 Subaru Ascent he's accused of stealing from the Baker City Auto Ranch.

Kinyon was taken to the Baker County Jail on multiple charges.

Sgt. Eric Colton of the Baker County Sheriff's Office sustained minor injuries when the patrol car he was driving crashed.

Although the chase and arrest happened Sunday, police actually had their first contact with Kinyon a day earlier, on Saturday, July 31, according to a press release from the Sheriff's Office and Baker City Police.

Sheriff's deputies gave Kinyon a ride to the Super 8 Motel in Baker City after his car crashed and caught fire on Interstate 84.

The incident that ended with Kinyon's arrest started about 3:37 p.m. Sunday when the dispatch center at the Sheriff's Office received a complaint about a driver who allegedly was driving erratically in a blue Subaru with license plates from the Auto Ranch.

Sheriff's deputies and other officers found the car a couple minutes later. The driver pulled onto the freeway in Baker City, driving eastbound at speeds above 100 mph,



Jesse Soliz/Contributed Photo

Police arrest Garrett Kinyon on Sunday, Aug. 1. Kinyon is charged with stealing a car from a Baker City dealership and leading police on a high-speed chase.

according to the press release.

Due to the danger of a high-speed chase, officers curtailed the pursuit near Milepost 313, about nine miles east of Baker City.

Meanwhile, police confirmed that the Subaru had been stolen from the Baker City Auto Ranch.

Three Sheriff's Office deputies continued eastbound on the freeway, exiting at Huntington to search for the stolen car. At about 4:18 p.m., a deputy saw the car driving east from Huntington toward Farewell Bend. A deputy driving a pickup truck saw the Subaru at a creek crossing, but the driver struck the truck's bumper and drove away. During the ensuing chase, with speeds reaching about 65 mph, Colton's car crashed.

Kinyon then drove westbound on the freeway toward Baker City at high speeds, according to the press release. Oregon State Police troopers followed the Subaru, and officers from the Baker City Police set up spike strips at Exit 304, which stopped the car.

Kinyon fled to the Super 8 Motel. Baker City Police and OSP troopers set up a perimeter around the motel, which is just east of the freeway's Campbell Street interchange, cleared the building and eventually found Kinyon in a vacant room, where he was arrested without incident.

Kinyon is charged with first-degree and second-degree burglary, attempting to elude, theft of services, second-degree theft, reckless driving and unauthorized use of a vehicle.

OBITUARIES

Audrey Mae (Hance) Adkins

1923-2021

Audrey Mae (Hance) Adkins, 98, went, as she would say, to be with her Lord and to join her beloved husband Willis Adkins on their anniversary, July 27, 2021.

Her graveside service was Monday, Aug. 2 at the Owyhee Cemetery in Nyssa, followed by a memorial service at the Owyhee Community Church.

Audrey was born on Jan. 13, 1923, in Portland, but she lived most of her life in Idaho. Audrey was beloved as a daughter, sister, wife, mother, aunt, grandmother, great-grandmother, great-great-grandmother, and friend. She was the oldest of the six Hance children born to Ruth (Sherman) Hance and Lorn Hance.

Audrey married Willis H. Adkins on July 27, 1940. Three of the Hance sisters married three of the Adkins brothers.

Audrey is survived by Betty Smith and her precious sister, Shirley Adkins. Lorraine Bennett, Darlene Adkins and Jim Hance passed before her but she loved them until her last moment.

Jesus came first in her life and family, all of her family, came in a close second. Until very recently, Audrey could and would name all of her nieces, nephews, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She could also tell you important events in each of their lives.

Her favorite place would be the kitchen, making bread, scones and cinnamon rolls, served with hot coffee. Her favorite hymn was subject to change, but when asked on her final days she sang "How Great Though Art." Her favorite Bible verse (also subject to change) was John 14:6, "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, and the truth, and the life: no one cometh unto the Father, but by me."

Her children, Josephine Vowell, Jo's husband, Robert "Bob" Vowell, who passed in 2017, Bill Adkins, who passed from us in 1995, Lorn Adkins and Russ Adkins and their families; Jo's children, Willis, Noel, Wendy, Rob and Andrew; Bill's wife, Eleanor, with their children Alana, West and Brett; Lorn's wife, Laurie, and their children, Lisa, Jodi, John and Sara; Russ's wife, Audrey and their children, Sophia and Wally and all of their spouses, significant others, and children would like



Audrey Adkins

everyone in Audrey's family circle (and that includes adopted family and friends) to know just how much she loved each one of you all and how she held you close in her thoughts and dreams. There are so many not listed, husbands, wives and great-grandchildren, but please know how special you were to our mom.

In the last years Audrey would have lovely conversations with friends and family, some who were there and some who were not. But she always saw babies and wanted to hold them close like she held me, my brothers and sister, and our children and our children's children. Now it is our time to hold her close in our hearts and our memories.

For those who would like to make a memorial donation in memory of Audrey, the family suggests Gem Community Church in Emmett, Idaho, or Pine Baptist Church in Halfway through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services, P.O. Box 543, Halfway, OR 97834. Online condolences can be made at www.tamispi-valleyfuneralhome.com.

Steven Merrick

Union, 1949-2021

Steven E. Merrick, 71, of Union, died July 27, 2021, at Grande Ronde Hospital.

A celebration of his life will take place later this summer at the Union Baptist Church.

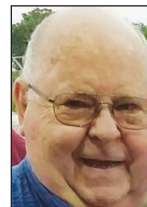
Steven was born on Aug. 28, 1949, at Prairie City to Baxter and Jean (Harding) Merrick. He lived in Baker City, Klamath Falls, Mount Vernon, Hermiston and Union. He graduated from Baker High School and Eastern Oregon State College with a teaching degree. On June 16, 1973, he married Kathryn A. Hiatt.

Steven taught at several school districts in Eastern Oregon and a few other employers. He enjoyed photography, reading, wood working, bird watching and watching baseball. He was a member of the Union Baptist Church.

Steve is survived by his children, Paul D. Merrick (Terra) of Gladstone, Missouri, and Amy J. McCants (Ken) of Union; six grandchildren; his brother, Craig Merrick of McMinnville; his sister, Becky Merrick of Baker City; and 12 nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Kathy, and his parents, Baxter and Jean.

Online condolences can be made to the family at www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com.



Steven Merrick

NEWS OF RECORD

FUNERALS PENDING

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.

Stan Grove: Celebration of his life, Aug. 20 at 3 p.m. at Quail Ridge Golf Course, 2801 Indiana Ave. There will be a no host bar and some of Stan's favorite foods.

POLICE LOG

Baker City Police Arrests, citations
SECOND-DEGREE CRIMINAL TRESPASSING: Cooper Alex Horn, 25, Baker City, 11:18 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 1 in the 1200 block of Campbell

Street; cited and released.
SECOND-DEGREE BURGLARY, SECOND-DEGREE THEFT, THEFT OF SERVICES, RECKLESS DRIVING, UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE: Garrett Anthonie Kinyon, 24, Salt Lake City, 3:34 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 1 at Main and Campbell streets; jailed.

CONTEMPT OF COURT (Baker County Justice Court warrant): Ayla Rose Hubert, 27, Baker City, 6:01 p.m. Saturday, July 31 at Auburn Avenue and Eighth Street; cited and released.

SECOND-DEGREE CRIMINAL MISCHIEF: Rolanda Delapena, 37, Payette, Idaho, 1:53 a.m. Saturday, July 31 in the 600 block of Campbell Street; cited and released.

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