

Local

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO

from the Democrat-Herald
August 16, 1971

Property tax relief for Baker County's elderly based on income instead of straight property value is coming next year, Ralph McCray, Baker County assessor, announced.

McCray said the new tax program will help some — primarily in the elderly and low income brackets.

25 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald
August 16, 1996

Firefighters hope to contain the Sloans Ridge fire by 6 p.m. today, but they're worried about a forecast for hotter, drier, windier weather.

"This fire has been looking good, but today's weather has us concerned," said Dennis Scott, an information officer at the fire camp in Sumpter. "This fuel type is receptive to spotting."

10 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald
August 17, 2011

It will all come down to perceived worth.

And Baker City officials hope property owners along Resort Street can see how the section slated for improvement next year would look without power lines running above the sidewalk.

About 25 people attended a work session Tuesday night at Baker City Hall focused on burying utility lines under a section of Resort from Campbell Street to Auburn Avenue.

Getting the utility lines underground is integral to create a "park-like" atmosphere downtown from Main Street to the Powder River, said Mayor Dennis Dorrah.

ONE YEAR AGO

from the Baker City Herald
August 18, 2020

The U.S. Forest Service is proposing to cancel a rule that has banned the cutting of large live trees on national forests east of the Cascades in Oregon for the past quarter century.

The 21-inch rule, which the agency adopted in 1995, severely restricts logging of trees with a diameter greater than 21 inches measured four and a half feet above the ground.

Loggers can cut live trees larger than that generally only for safety purposes — around places where logs are loaded onto trucks, for instance, or near campgrounds or roads.

But Forest Service officials say the restriction has stymied their efforts to thin forests and thus reduce the risk of big, fast-moving wildfires.

"Adjusting the 21-inch limitation to reflect learning over the past 25 years would help streamline restoration of forests in eastern Oregon and make it easier to create landscapes that withstand and recover more quickly from wildfire, drought and other disturbances," said Shane Jeffries, supervisor of the Ochoco National Forest in central Oregon and the agency official tasked with deciding whether to do away with the 21-inch limit on six national forests.

Those forests, in addition to the Wallowa-Whitman and the Ochoco, are the Umatilla, Deschutes, Fremont-Winema and Malheur.

The rule change would affect almost 10 million acres of public land.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, Aug. 14

7 - 9 - 15 - 24 - 28 - 32

Next jackpot: \$1.8 million

POWERBALL, Aug. 14

6 - 21 - 49 - 65 - 67 PB 18

Next jackpot: \$274 million

MEGA MILLIONS, Aug. 13

17 - 21 - 35 - 40 - 53 Mega 11

Next jackpot: \$242 million

WIN FOR LIFE, Aug. 14

3 - 4 - 54 - 57

PICK 4, Aug. 15

• 1 p.m.: 2 - 7 - 6 - 2

• 4 p.m.: 3 - 2 - 4 - 6

• 7 p.m.: 5 - 1 - 6 - 3

• 10 p.m.: 8 - 0 - 6 - 6

LUCKY LINES, Aug. 15

4-8-12-16-18-23-28-32

Next jackpot: \$60,000

SENIOR MENUS

■ **WEDNESDAY:** Roasted turkey, stuffing with gravy, carrots, rolls, green salad, ice cream

■ **THURSDAY:** Roast beef sandwich with Swiss vegetable beef soup, coleslaw, cinnamon rolls

■ **FRIDAY:** Spaghetti, garlic rolls, zucchini pasta salad, bread pudding

■ **MONDAY (Aug. 23):** Chicken-fried steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn biscuits, cottage cheese with fruit, cheesecake

■ **TUESDAY (Aug. 24):** Meatloaf, baked beans, peas, coleslaw, tapioca

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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Noxious weed of the week

By Jeffrey Pettingill

Baker County Weed District supervisor

The enemy

Russian thistle (Salsola tragus)

The strategy

This annual from Russia was introduced in the late 1880s. It is one of the worst weeds in the drier regions on North America. It is a round, bushy, much-branched plant that generally grows to a height of three feet. Early in the summer the somewhat long leaves are soft and string-like. Once the plant starts to mature the leaves develop a short spine that becomes quite stiff, thus giving it the characteristic of a thistle (although not related to a true thistle). The plant develops a small purple-red flower at the base of the upper leaves. It is most prevalent in dryland grain crops, parking lots, roadsides, overgrazed dry pastures, and other highly disturbed sites.

The attack

When the plant dies off it becomes this round tumbleweed that we see in all the old western movies. This tumble effect is nature's way of dispersing the seeds. With the bushy characteristic of the plant it competes for all the nutrients and moisture as well as blocks the sunlight necessary for other plants to thrive. The plant becomes quite a nuisance during harvest as well as



Jeffrey Pettingill/Contributed Photo

Russian thistle, also known as tumbleweed, is a common invasive weed in the West.



Jeffrey Pettingill/Contributed Photo

Russian thistle disperses its seeds effectively as it rolls along, propelled by the wind.

when it tumbles into irrigation corridors and fences where it becomes quite a problem and fire hazard.

The defense

As this is an annual it can be controlled mechanically.

Although edible for humans and animals, most animals will not graze on the plant when it gets larger and develops the short spines. Many herbicides are effective early in the life cycle of the plant. This plant has

become quite resistant to many of the common herbicides, therefore, product combinations and new chemistries of the pesticide must be considered. Best products to use are Banvel (Weedmaster) and Floxypyr (Vista or Starane). Due to the resistant issue, product rotation and selection should be evaluated with Professional Crop Consultants and County Weed Supervisors. In the late summer it is best controlled with a mower as mature plants are not susceptible to herbicides. Early and often treatments starting mid spring is best.

Jeffrey Pettingill, supervisor of the Baker County Weed District, can be reached at 541-523-0618 or 541-519-0204.

Coloring contest winners named

Nine local artists were picked as winners in a coloring contest sponsored by the New Directions Northwest FEMA Outreach Team.

The winners' posters were displayed at many local businesses.

Children's programs that participated in the contest are the Baker 5J School District Summer Academy, and the Baker County Library District's story time.

Contest judges were Shari Selander, CEO for New Directions; Baker County Sheriff Travis Ash; and Ginger Savage, executive director for Crossroads Carnegie Art Center.

WINNERS

Kindergarten and Under

- 1st: Makaylah Brown
- 2nd: Emma Shankle
- 3rd: Emma Swanlund

First through Third Grade

- 1st: Elizabeth Daniels
- 2nd: Sylvia Rich
- 3rd: Kenyen Carroll-Schomberg

Fourth Grade and Over

- 1st: Cierra Griffin
- 2nd: Bernardo Loza
- 3rd: Emma Buxton

Businesses and organizations that sponsored window displays: Kicks Sportswear, Sweet Wife Baking, Crossroads Carnegie Art Center, Ryder Brothers Stationery Store, The Sycamore Tree, Cody's General Store, D & J Taco Shop, Hearts & Petals Flower Shoppe, Betty's Books, Marilyn's Music Plus, Inland Café, The Little Bagel Shop, Oregon Trail Restaurant, The Little Pig, Golden Crown Restaurant, Charley's Delicatessen.



New Directions Northwest/Contributed Photo

Winning posters displayed at Charley's Ice Cream Parlor.

NEWS OF RECORD

DEATHS

Jacqueline Harris: 54, of Baker City, died Aug. 14, 2021, at her home. 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

Retha Allensworth: Memorial service, Saturday, Aug. 21 at 11 a.m. at the Richland Christian Church. Interment will follow at Eagle Valley Cemetery. Friends are invited to join the family for a reception at the church, immediately following the service. Online condolences can be made at tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

Michael 'Mike' Blount: Memorial service and celebration of Mike's life, Saturday, Aug. 21 at 2 p.m. at Harvest Christian Church, 3720 Birch St. Online condolences can be made at tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

POLICE LOG

Baker City Police

Arrests, citations

CONTEMPT OF COURT (Baker County Justice Court warrant): Keith Edward Gassin, 46, Baker City, 9:44 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 15 in the 2900 block of Walnut Street; cited and released.

DRIVING WHILE SUSPENDED:

Frank Nathan McNair, 41, Baker City, 6:21 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 15 at Myrtle and Myrtle Place; cited and released.

CONTEMPT OF COURT (Baker County Justice Court warrant): Sharon Lee Beck, 35, Baker City, 10:57 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14 in the 2200 block of Resort Street; cited and released.

CONTEMPT OF COURT (Baker County Justice Court warrants): Trevor James Heath, 25, Baker City, 1:26 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 14 in the 600 block of Campbell Street; cited and released.

PAROLE VIOLATION (Oregon State Parole Board warrant):

Aaron Dale Duvall, 30, Baker City, 8:57 p.m. Friday, Aug. 13 on Oak Street; jailed.

Baker County Sheriff's Office

Arrests, citations

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF INTOXICANTS: Clayton Cedric Christman, 20, Baker City, 12:01 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 14 on Highway 86 at Ruckles Creek; cited and released.

Baker County Parole & Probation

Arrests, citations

PAROLE VIOLATION: Heather

Dawn Carter, 34, Baker City, 9:43 a.m. Friday, Aug. 13 at the sheriff's office; jailed.

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