

# Local

## TURNING BACK THE PAGES

### 50 YEARS AGO

from the Democrat-Herald  
September 25, 1971

The Enterprise Savages came into Halfway Friday night looking for heads, but Pine-Eagle disappointed them by shaving the invaders 7-0. Last year, the Spartans stopped the Savages 14-6 to keep Enterprise out of the state playoffs. Thus Enterprise would have liked to return the favor.

### 25 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald  
September 25, 1996

The Baker City Council on Tuesday voted 5-1 to accept a \$129 check from Borden Granger as payment for use of the city's golf course greens aerator, which the city twice used in 1995 to aerate Granger's grass tennis court.

After the council meeting, City Manager Karen Woolard said the city's golf board, of which she is a member, should have objected when Granger first asked, on March 22, 1995, for the city to aerate his court.

### 10 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald  
September 26, 2011

PORTLAND (AP) — The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife will kill two wolves from the Imnaha wolf pack after they were blamed for a livestock kill in Eastern Oregon.

The department tracked an adult male wolf with a GPS collar to the location of a calf that was killed earlier this week.

Killing the adult male and a second, uncollared wolf leaves two wolves in the pack.

### ONE YEAR AGO

from the Baker City Herald  
September 26, 2020

If Baker County residents can continue to avoid the coronavirus for the next couple of weeks, younger Baker School District students might be able to return to their classrooms by Oct. 12.

The Baker School Board agreed to proceed with that plan for preschool through sixth-grade students after discussing the situation during a work session Thursday night.

Director Katie Lamb, whose husband, Dr. Eric Lamb, is the Baker County public health officer and thus involved in determining whether the school district is meeting state requirements for in-person classes, recused herself from commenting on the issue during Thursday's session.

Superintendent Mark Witty outlined the case for returning to in-person classes for preschoolers at Haines and Keating and for all students in Grades K-6 throughout the District.

Students in Grades 7-12 will continue to take online classes, even if younger students do return to classrooms Oct. 12, Witty said.

That's because state guidelines call for students to interact with 50 or fewer people per week. That is not possible for students at Baker Middle School and Baker High School because of their rotating class schedules, which put them in contact with up to 100 people per week, Witty said.

The younger students, on the other hand, meet in self-contained classrooms, which makes it easier to limit the number of people each student is in contact with.

The school board's discussion was prompted in part by recent declining trends in the number of COVID-19 cases in Baker County.

# Returning to campus

By ANDREW CUTLER

The (La Grande) Observer

LA GRANDE — After spending more than a year dealing with in-person and hybrid learning schedules, officials with Eastern Oregon University are excited at the prospect of life resuming a more normal look on campus in 2021-22.

Classes are set to begin on campus Monday, Sept. 27. The school started its 93rd academic year on Sept. 20 with the annual Convocation, while students started moving back into residence halls on Sept. 22.

"This fall we are planning to be 100% in-person, in the classroom," said Tim Seydel, Eastern's vice president for university advancement. "Students in the classes, being taught directly in-person with faculty? You bet."

Despite the seemingly return to normal appearance of things on campus, it doesn't mean Eastern isn't taking the continuing pandemic seriously.

"We're following all the state and federal guidance. The big things that people would notice on campus is that we are continuing to wear face masks inside and in classes," he said. "Students would be required to wear a face mask in class, and then outside where physical distancing is not really possible."

In June, the school announced that it would require all students and employees to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Seydel said response to that mandate was, overall, fairly positive.

"Everybody was expecting something like that to come, especially when we were seeing requirements of other institutions," he said. "Ours was

unique in that we were requiring the vaccination, or an exemption, contingent upon FDA full approval of the vaccine. That kicked in late last month, and now people have until Oct. 22 to complete either getting their vaccinations or having an exemption on file."

Seydel said students made it clear they wanted to get the on-campus, in-person experience.

"Everybody wants to get to that place where we can have a safe, healthy, active campus environment," he said. "Because really what we're here for is the students."

### Handling exemptions

Seydel said handling vaccine exemptions is not new for the university. For years, schools have been required to have vaccine exemptions for students as it relates to other vaccines. Eastern has been following that same process for COVID exemptions.

"The university makes that decision, but we follow state and federal guidelines," Seydel said. "So the exemptions we're currently allowing are medical and nonmedical exemptions, including religious exemptions. Those have to meet federal standards."

Seydel said students seeking exemptions go through Student Affairs and employee cases are handled by the school's Human Resources department.

"With nonmedical exemptions, there's an education module they need to take part in and gather some more information from them," he said. "And then they either have an exemption on file or they're vaccinated."



Alex Wittwer/The (La Grande) Observer

Week of Welcome student leader Martin Heredia welcomes a new freshman to the squad with a fist bump during the Eastern Oregon University Week of Welcome event on Thursday, Sept. 23, 2021.

Seydel said there's plenty of ongoing conversations on campus about the potential impact Gov. Kate Brown's vaccination mandate might have on the university. Brown announced in August that health care workers and educators, support staff and volunteers needed to be fully vaccinated by Oct. 18 or six weeks after full FDA approval, whichever is later.

"A lot of people assume that means you must be vaccinated," he said. "And it's really you either need to be vaccinated or have an exemption on file. And if you go through the exemption process and you're denied there are some guidelines."

### Fall enrollment

Early projections on fall enrollment have the school flat or possibly down 1% — numbers the school is pleased with, Seydel said.

"We're feeling pretty good about that given all the things we're working with and dealing with," he said.

Seydel said Eastern Oregon received money from the

state's Strong Start Program to help provide support services for students who experienced gaps in their education during 2020 and 2021 due to the pandemic.

"You didn't have that regular contact with students at the high school level (during distance learning). So those students struggled," he said. "And then of course they struggled with getting simple things, like did they have a laptop that could actually work? Did they have decent internet access where they could do their classes at home? What was the environment like?"

Seydel also said some students struggled with parents who lost jobs, forcing the student to find work or help care for siblings.

"So they're going to go to college, how do we help them when they get here and provide support services for them," he said. "We're starting in on that right now. It's been exciting to help keep students engaged and recreate those pathways to college."

# Noxious weed of the week

By JEFFREY PETTINGILL

Halogeton (Halogeton glomeratus) is an annual weed imported from Asia that grows in heavily disturbed areas such as roadways, sheep trails, and over grazed pastures and rangelands. It particularly likes alkaline soils and semi-arid high desert areas with winter livestock grazing.

Due to the decline of sheep being grazed, this weed has not had much of a presence in the ranges such as the area east of Baker City.

It is a small plant with red, succulent-looking stems and small green to pink tubular leaves. The flowers are very inconspicuous. It is extremely toxic to livestock, especially sheep. It is responsible for thousands of livestock poisonings each year.

### The strategy

This plant is not extremely competitive but it is the first plant to grow once an area becomes heavily disturbed. It's usually 5 to 6 inches in height, but has been known to grow as tall as 18 inches. The plant produces thousands of seeds, thus once established it is difficult to keep from reproducing. In fact it can go so thick it looks like a red/green carpet over the soils.



Jeffrey Pettingill/Contributed Photo  
Halogeton is poisonous to livestock.

### The defense

The greatest defense for this weed is proper land stewardship. Maintaining a healthy range and pasture is key to preventing this weed from growing. Once established, consistent, dedicated weed control efforts are a must. Mechanical control will work for small infestations. Once the species becomes a major problem, using Escort XP or Telar XP, with a surfactant, is best. Early in the season 2,4-D ester works. Either way if you don't plan a revegetation program, your efforts will be useless. Many beneficial seed species are available. Furthermore, as this is a desert invader, the best time to plant your new seeds is in the fall — after the first of October. Remember, keeping your range, pasture, or open fields healthy is key to keeping this and other weeds from becoming a problem.

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

## NEWS OF RECORD

### DEATHS

**John Alan Bennett:** 70, died Sept. 18, 2021, at Saint Alphonsus Medical Center in Boise. A celebration of his life will take place Saturday, Oct. 2 at 11 a.m. at Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave. A reception will follow at Coles Tribute Center, 1950 Place St. Memorial contributions can be made to the Eastern Oregon chapter of FFA or to the Baker County 4-H Club in care of Gray's West & Co., 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814. To light a candle for John or to offer online condolences to his family, go to www.grayswest-co.com.

**Ronald 'Ron' Robinson:** 80, a former Baker County resident, died Sept. 23, 2021, at his home in Springfield, Oregon. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Online condolences can be made at www.tamispinevalleyfuneral-home.com.

### POLICE LOG

**Baker City Police Arrests, citations FAILURE TO APPEAR** (Baker County Circuit Court warrants): Justin Michael Shelton, 31, Baker City, 2:53 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 22 in the 2700 block of Court Avenue; jailed.

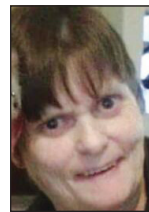
## OBITUARY

**Pamela Cantrall**  
1947-2021

Pam Cantrall, 74, passed away in her sleep on Aug. 12, 2021.

There will be a graveside service Oct. 2 at noon MDT at the Alpha Cemetery in Cascade, Idaho.

Pam was born on Feb. 3, 1947, Robert and Leezetta Martin. Pam enjoyed spending time with her family playing games, and going out to play bingo whenever she got the chance.



Pamela Cantrall

She is survived by her brothers, Dick Martin, Keith Martin and Rodney Martin; her three children, Cary Cooper of Hermiston, Dawn West of Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Tammy Peterson of Sandy, Oregon; her stepchildren, Eric Cantrall and Molly Carter; her 12 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Cal Cantrall; her brother, Timothy Martin; and her sister, Karen Martin.

## OREGON LOTTERY

**MEGABUCKS, Sept. 22**  
6 — 16 — 20 — 25 — 28 — 46  
Next jackpot: \$3.5 million

**POWERBALL, Sept. 22**  
20 — 40 — 47 — 55 — 63 PB 5  
Next jackpot: \$523 million

**MEGA MILLIONS, Sept. 21**  
36 — 41 — 45 — 51 — 56 Mega 13  
Next jackpot: \$20 million

**WIN FOR LIFE, Sept. 22**  
16 — 53 — 63 — 73

**PICK 4, Sept. 23**

• 1 p.m.: 5 — 3 — 2 — 9  
• 4 p.m.: 0 — 9 — 7 — 9  
• 7 p.m.: 7 — 3 — 2 — 5  
• 10 p.m.: 6 — 1 — 5 — 9

**LUCKY LINES, Sept. 23**  
4-6-11-13-18-21-28-30  
Next jackpot: \$30,000

## SENIOR MENUS

- **MONDAY:** Hot turkey sandwiches, mashed potatoes with gravy, mixed vegetables, coleslaw, ice cream
- **TUESDAY:** Fettuccine Bolognese, garlic bread, rolls, green beans, ambrosia, brownies
- **WEDNESDAY:** Chicken fried chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, carrots, rolls, fruit cup, birthday cake
- **THURSDAY:** Pork tips over fettuccine noodles, peas, rolls, green salad, bread 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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You're still sweet,  
cute, and oh so witty.  
It's hard to believe  
that you've turned 50.  
Happy birthday, Jen!

Much love,  
Your friends & family

### HUGE AUCTION

@ 1920 Court Ave. • Baker City  
Sunday September 26  
Starts at 10:00AM Preview 9:00AM

Vintage clothing, over 150 cookie jars, cut glass, antique and collectible dishes, (From Top's and Millers Cafe era) many crock jugs, guy tools of all kinds, Craftsman floor drill press, old steamer trunk, many cases of copy type paper, large selection of envelopes, various kinds of copiers and computer equipment, misc hardware for plumbing and electrical, hard cover books, old railroad items, hot rod & railroad magazines, vintage framed pictures, early's 1900's metal toys & much, much more

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