

Local

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO

from the Democrat-Herald
January 27, 1972

Protection of wild horses and a program to exchange lands between the Bureau of Land Management and the State of Oregon were the main topics of discussion by the BLM's multiple use advisory board meeting in Portland today.

25 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald
January 27, 1997

A mile-long raft of ice blocked the Powder River at several places late last week and damaged a concrete diversion dam about two miles north of Hughes Lane. There was no other damage reported.

10 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald
January 27, 2012

He doesn't get paid in cash, but Chris Galiszewski says the rewards of working with Baker County's Search and Rescue team have a payback of a different kind.

Last month his efforts were recognized by the Oregon State Sheriff's Association when he was honored as the Search and Rescue coordinator of the year.

"I was really excited to get the award," Galiszewski said, noting that Oregon's other 35 counties have either full-time or part-time paid coordinators. "I'm the only volunteer."

ONE YEAR AGO

from the Baker City Herald
January 28, 2021

Starting about a year from now, people who visit Baker County to learn about the Oregon Trail will have to go somewhere other than the Interpretive Center that has stood atop Flagstaff Hill for almost three decades.

But only temporarily.

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), which owns and operates the Center, is planning a major renovation of the building to make it more energy efficient.

The Center, which has lured nearly 2.4 million visitors since it opened on May 23, 1992, about 5 miles east of Baker City, will be closed during the approximately 2 1/2-year project, which will cost at least \$3 million, said Larisa Bogardus, acting director for the Center.

During the closure, the BLM will have a temporary "Oregon Trail Experience" in Baker City, Bogardus said.

BLM officials are working on plans for the temporary facility, including its location, she said.

"It will absolutely be in Baker City," said Bogardus, who is also the public affairs officer for the BLM's Vale District, which manages the Interpretive Center. "We're very cognizant of the economic role of the Interpretive Center in Baker County."

Bogardus said the current plan is to put the renovation project out for bid in July or August of this year.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, JAN. 24

7-11-13-37-41-47

Next jackpot: \$8.8 million

POWERBALL, JAN. 24

11-29-30-47-53 PB 16

Next jackpot: \$91 million

MEGA MILLIONS, JAN. 25

3-12-38-53-58 Mega 13

Next jackpot: \$421 million

WIN FOR LIFE, JAN. 24

4-6-38-42

PICK 4, JAN. 25

• 1 p.m.: 9-6-3-6

• 4 p.m.: 4-7-3-1

• 7 p.m.: 9-9-5-4

• 10 p.m.: 8-4-3-7

LUCKY LINES, JAN. 25

2-8-12-16-17-22-28-31

Next jackpot: \$13,000

SENIOR MENUS

FRIDAY (Jan. 28): Spaghetti, garlic bread, broccoli, green salad, apple crisp

MONDAY (Jan. 31): Chicken strips, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn, biscuits, pudding, fruit cup

MONDAY (Feb. 1): Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn, rolls, green salad, pudding

TUESDAY (Feb. 2): Baked ziti, zucchini and tomatoes, garlic bread, Jell-O with fruit, cake

WEDNESDAY (Feb. 3): Ham and beans, mixed vegetables, cornbread, cottage cheese and fruit, 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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Man in freeway shootout on New Year's Eve died of a self-inflicted gunshot

East Oregonian

PENDLETON — Pendleton police on Monday, Jan. 17, reported a self-inflicted gunshot killed the man who was involved in a shootout New Year's Eve on Interstate 84 near Pendleton.

Pendleton police in a press release reported an autopsy on Jan. 13 on the remains of Nicholas Russell Proudfoot at the Cowlitz County Corner's Office in Longview, Washington, determined the manner and cause of death.

The autopsy also determined bullets from a civilian victim and from an Oregon State Police trooper did not strike Proudfoot, according to the press release.

Pendleton police identified the trooper as Sgt. Grant

Jackson, a member of OSP since 2007 out of the La Grande office.

Also, according to the press release, "All investigative material will be sent to the Umatilla County District Attorney for his review."

Power

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The four most recent filings name these property owners:

- Jan. 19 — Leland R. McCall, Roberta L. McCall, trustees of the McCall Family Trust
- Jan. 20 — Levi Bunch
- Jan. 20 — Smoke Ranch LP
- Jan. 20 — Rodd Bunch, Charlene Bunch, Levi Bunch

The company has been working since 2007 on the Boardman-to-Hemingway project, a power line that would run from near Boardman to Hemingway, near Murphy in Owyhee County, Idaho.

Initially, the project involved Idaho Power as well as PacifiCorp and the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA).

But last week the three organizations announced a non-binding agreement in which BPA transfers its ownership interest in the power line to Idaho Power. BPA will not participate in any construction nor have ownership interest in the line.

Under the new deal, Idaho Power and PacifiCorp will jointly own the line, with PacifiCorp owning 55% and Idaho Power 45%.

Although sections of the proposed route runs through public property — Idaho Power has received permission from the federal government to do so — the line, as proposed, would also cross several dozen parcels of private land in multiple counties, including Baker, Union, Walla and Morrow in Oregon.

Idaho Power would have to pay private landowners for an easement to build the power line across their property. This would be a one-time payment, not an annual lease, according to the boardman-tohemingway.com website.

Sven Berg, a corporate communications specialist for Idaho Power, said in December that the line would affect about 30 private landowners in Baker County, who combined own about 60 separate parcels.

The proposed route runs the line through the eastern part of Baker Valley, along the general route of an existing



EO Media Group, File

A power line near Boardman, in Morrow County. Idaho Power Company and PacifiCorp want to build a new 500-kilovolt line that would run from near Boardman to Southern Idaho. The line would pass through Baker County.

230-kilovolt line that crosses Highway 86 on Flagstaff Hill a few miles east of Interstate 84. The line would continue south to the north side of Interstate 84, then roughly parallel the freeway southeast for several miles before crossing the freeway between Pleasant Valley and Durkee. The line would cross the Burnt River just west of Durkee Valley, then continue southeast, staying south of I-84, crossing into Malheur County south of Huntington.

The nine civil petitions have nearly identical wording in most sections, differing mainly in the legal descriptions of the specific parcels involved.

In each petition, Idaho Power states that either the company or its contractor, Cornerstone Energy Inc. 21, acting on the company's behalf, has "contacted the Respondent several times to request access to survey, test, and sample the Property. Respondent has not granted Idaho Power access to the Property."

Berg said the company needs access to the properties to do a variety of surveys.

According to the court petitions, this work is needed "to ensure the proposed path complies with federal and EFSC (Oregon Energy Facility Siting Council) permitting and siting requirements, including that it does not conflict with any protected resources."

The petitions list the following surveys and inspections that Idaho Power wants to do on each of the five parcels:

- Pygmy rabbit survey (2022)
 - Rare plant inspection (2022)
 - Wetlands inspection (2022 or 2023)
 - Terrestrial visual encounter survey (2022)
 - Raptor survey (2022)
 - Noxious weeds survey (2022)
 - Land survey (2022)
 - Appraisal field visit (2022)
- "Because construction on the B2H project is scheduled to start as early as 2023, Idaho Power must begin surveying, testing, and sampling the Property in 2022," the petitions state.
- Berg said in December that Idaho Power typically sends three letters to each property owner before filing petitions in court.
- "We prefer to work directly through landowners, and we encourage people (who are respondents in court filings) to contact us as soon as they

More Information

Information about the Boardman to Hemingway project, including maps of the proposed route, is available at <https://www.boardmantohemingway.com/>

can," Berg said. "We much prefer to handle it out of court. We don't want to force the issue in court."

Berg said the owners of about 65% of the private land in Baker County that are along the line's proposed route have given Idaho Power access for surveys and inspections.

Of the remaining 35%, most have not responded to the company's requests, he said.

The petitions seek access to the properties through Oregon Revised Statute 772.210, which states that power companies can "enter upon lands for the purpose of examining, locating and surveying the line thereof and also other lands necessary and convenient for the purpose of construction of service facilities, doing no unnecessary damage thereby."

That law also enables power companies to acquire real property for the purpose of building and maintaining transmission lines.

The petitions ask a judge to grant Idaho Power access to each of the properties, as well as a judgment for "Idaho Power's costs and disbursements incurred herein and for any other relief the court deems appropriate."



News of Record

DEATHS

Lloyd Ray McClure: 76, of Baker City, died on Jan. 17, 2022, at his home. A full obituary will be published at a later time. Loveland Funeral Chapel will be handling the arrangements.

FUNERAL PENDING

Dwight Brooks: Friends are invited to join the family for a graveside service at the Union Cemetery on Friday, Jan. 28, at 11 a.m. To make a donation in Dwight's memory, the family suggests the Union Ambulance Service or a charity of your choice 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
Arrests, citations
WEAPONS OFFENSE (out-of-county warrant): Tom Raymond Carroll, 38, Baker City, 11:50 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 25, in the 1500 block of Campbell Street; jailed.
FAILURE TO APPEAR (Baker County Circuit Court warrant): Brandon Robert Radle, 35, Baker City, 8:44 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 25, at Broadway and Resort streets; cited and released.
CONTEMPT OF COURT (Baker County warrant), PROBATION VIOLATION (Malheur County warrant): Adrienna Dione Morris, 24, Baker City, 1:37 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 25, at Auburn Avenue and Second Street; cited and released.
CONTEMPT OF COURT (Baker County Justice Court): Gage Michael Niehaus, 22, Baker City, 5:13 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 25, at Indiana Avenue and Walnut Street; cited and released.

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VOTE! May 2022 Primary Election

CHRISTINA WITHAM
Baker County Commissioner
Position 2

I am a native of Baker City, wife of 33 years to Russ who is currently the ODOT Coordinator at the Baker Facility. Our son is USMC Sergeant Elijah Witham. He resides in Caldwell, ID with his wife Paige.

I have owned businesses in Baker City for the past three decades, currently, Oregon Sign Company, LLC.

Because I am passionate about all things Baker County and all of the opportunities and history that it has to offer, I am running for the Commissioner's seat that is being vacated by Mark Bennett in 2022. I ask for your vote.

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