

Local

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO

from the Democrat-Herald

February 21, 1972

Long cold springs the past two years have cut into the deer herds, but the worst is yet to come, Bill Brown, Oregon Game Commission regional supervisor, said at Monday night's Powder River Sportsmen's Club deer hearing.

25 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald

February 21, 1997

Baker moved one step closer to securing the Greater Oregon League's number one berth at the Class 3A state girls basketball tournament Thursday evening.

The Bulldogs, the GOL regular season champion, advanced to the league's post-season championship game with a 70-41 thumping of Vale on the Baker floor.

Baker, who had beaten the Vikings twice during the regular season, improved its season record to 19-3.

10 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald

February 22, 2012

About 60 people came to visit with U.S. Rep. Greg Walden, R-Ore., during a town hall meeting Tuesday at the Geiser Grand Hotel.

Baker County Commissioner Tim Kerns introduced Walden and noted that between his service first as a state legislator, then as a congressman, Walden has commuted from Salem and Washington, D.C., so often that the total distance traveled equates to four round trips to the moon.

Walden, who is running this year against Joyce Segers of Ashland for a seventh two-year term representing the Second Congressional District, addressed a variety of topics with local significance that he's worked on.

He wants logging to increase in Oregon's national forests. Walden said two-thirds of the state's sawmills have closed, and 45,000 mill jobs have been lost, since 1980.

ONE YEAR AGO

from the Baker City Herald

February 23, 2021

Kevin Multop is standing in the garage behind his Baker City home, peering into a cauldron in which an aromatic liquid is bubbling.

The odor is rich and a bit sweet.

Malty.

But even if you didn't recognize the scent you would need the briefest of glances at the garage's fiberboard walls to offer a confident guess at what Multop is up to on this snowy February morning.

There is a poster-size photo of Multop and his wife, Jessica, each clutching a one-liter mug at a Munich beer garden.

On the opposite wall hangs a chart listing beer styles, a document modeled on the periodic table of elements.

Multop taps the button on a digital display and uncoils a length of garden hose.

The contents of the stainless steel container, bubbling along at a rolling boil, are the beginnings of Multop's latest batch of beer.

He's been brewing his own ales for several years.

But the biggest items in this garage — both literally, in size, and figuratively, in significance — dominate the center of the space.

This pair of stainless steel vats represents Multop's ambitious plans for his beermaking.

These vessels, each capable of producing 60 gallons of brew, or 12 times the capacity of his current setup, are the key to Multop's plan to open North Seven Brewing Co., Baker City's second brewery, late this spring.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, FEB. 19

7-21-30-45-46-47

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POWERBALL, FEB. 19

3-10-15-33-42 PB 11

Next jackpot: \$37 million

MEGA MILLIONS, FEB. 18

6-11-50-63-68 Mega 17

Next jackpot: \$75 million

WIN FOR LIFE, FEB. 19

5-52-62-72

PICK 4, FEB. 20

• 1 p.m.: 6-9-8-9

• 4 p.m.: 2-9-9-1

• 7 p.m.: 4-3-9-0

• 10 p.m.: 4-1-0-5

LUCKY LINES, FEB. 20

3-7-11-13-17-24-27-31

Next jackpot: \$10,000

SENIOR MENUS

WEDNESDAY (Feb. 23): Pork roast, red potatoes, carrots, rolls, applesauce, birthday cake

THURSDAY (Feb. 24): Hot turkey sandwich, mashed potatoes with gravy, mixed vegetables, fruit cup, lemon squares

FRIDAY (Feb. 25): Spaghetti, garlic bread, broccoli, green salad, cookies

MONDAY (Feb. 28): Baked ham, candied yams, mixed vegetables, rolls, green 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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Man sentenced to 56 months in prison for probation violation

Baker City Herald

A Baker City man has been sentenced to 56 months in state prison for failing to complete conditions of his probation, including not completing an inpatient drug treatment program.

Loren D. Prevo, 29, was sentenced on Feb. 11, in Baker

County Circuit Court.

Prior to the sentencing by Judge Matt Shirtcliff, Michael Spaulding, chief deputy district attorney in Baker County, cited Prevo's failure to complete treatment and to check in as required with his probation officer.

The case dates to March 8, 2021, when Prevo was arrested on charges including delivery of methamphetamine and oxycodone, unlawful possession of heroin and meth, and being a felon in possession of a restricted weapon.

He pleaded guilty on April

19, 2021, to the meth delivery and restricted weapons charges. The other charges were dismissed in an agreement with the district attorney's office, and Shirtcliff sentenced Prevo to probation with conditions including completing drug treatment.

Baker City man's body found near I-84

Baker City Herald

A Baker County Sheriff's Office sergeant found the body of a Baker City man near Interstate 84 Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 15, about two days after the man's brother reported him missing.

The body of Andrew Levi Myers, 44, of 2970 Walnut St. No. 4, was in a grassy area near the eastbound onramp at the North Baker City free-

way interchange.

There is no indication of foul play and the death doesn't appear suspicious, Sheriff Travis Ash said.

Myers' brother had reported him missing about 11:30 a.m.

on Sunday, Feb. 13, said Sgt. Wayne Chastain of the Baker City Police Department.

Myers' brother hadn't seen Andrew for about three days,

which was an unusually long period, and when he went to Andrew's apartment to check on him, Andrew wasn't there.

Two days earlier, on the afternoon of Friday, Feb. 11, Sgt. Eric Colton of the Sheriff's Office had seen Myers walking on North Cedar Road near the A Frame trailer park and the freeway, Ash said.

Chastain said at least one

other person also saw a man, who they believed was Myers, in that area about an hour after Colton did.

Ash said a possible ping from Myers' cellphone on Monday, Feb. 14, gave a location in an area that included the North Baker freeway interchange.

Colton was driving in that area the next day when he found Myers' body, Ash said.

Oregon's indoor mask rule could end March 21

BY GARY A. WARNER

Oregon Capital Bureau

The first day of spring could be a new beginning in the COVID-19 pandemic, with the likely lifting of indoor masking mandates, a state report forecast on Thursday, Feb. 17.

The drop in daily hospitalizations from the omicron wave of the pandemic is accelerating and will pass below 400 per day by March 20, according to the latest pandemic forecast by the Oregon Health & Science University.

Gov. Kate Brown said Feb. 7 that she would lift the state's indoor masking mandate when hospitalizations fell below 400 or no later than March 31. At the time, the OHSU forecast put the hospitalization goal at the far end of the timeline.

But the incredibly rapid rise of the omicron variant to record numbers of cases is now being matched by its decline. Hospitalizations could go below 100 per day by the first week of May, the OHSU forecast showed.

The number of people with COVID-19 in Oregon hospitals dropped from the omicron wave peak of 1,130 on



Contributed Photo, File

Cherrie Carlson-Conklin of Baker City used a variety of colorful patterns for the face masks she made in 2020, early in the pandemic.

Jan. 27 to 788 as of Thursday, Feb. 17.

"Oregonians are doing the right thing, and it's paying off," said Dr. Peter Graven, OHSU's lead forecaster.

Brown had not yet commented on the new forecast as of Thursday evening. The forecast was released late in the afternoon.

The OHSU report cautioned Oregonians to not get ahead of current public health recommendations. The new forecast date is still more than a month away, not today.

"It will be important to keep it up if we're going to have a more manageable impact on our health system," Graven said.

Dropping safeguards early could slow the decline of omicron and push the end of the mask mandate closer to the March 31 date.

"This doesn't mean that we're out of the woods," Graven said. "The number of cases are still significantly higher than they have been for most of the pandemic, but the decline over the past week provides relief for hospitals operating under severe strain."

Gov. Jay Inslee of Washington said Thursday, Feb. 17, that he would order indoor mask mandates dropped March 21, a day after Oregon's projected date. Inslee said his order would include schools.

New Mexico dropped indoor mask mandates immediately on Thursday. California announced plans to move COVID-19 from pandemic to endemic status, meaning it would be handled as a major but manageable ongoing risk.

"We're going to live with this," California Gov. Gavin Newsom told the New York Times on Thursday. "We're not in denial of the hell that has been the last two years. This is not like World War II, where we can have a ticker-tape parade and announce the end."

News of Record

DEATHS

Lynn R. Baker: 84, of Baker City, died Feb. 17, 2022, at Saint Alphonsus Medical Center in Baker City. At his request, disposition was by cremation. Services are under the direction of Coles Tribute Center. Memorial contributions can be made to the Shriners Hospital for Children through Coles Tribute Center, 1950 Place St., Baker City, OR 97814. To light a candle in Lynn's memory, go to www.colestributecenter.com.

FUNERALS PENDING

Rhonda Culley: A celebration of her life will take place on Saturday, Feb. 26, at 1 p.m. at the Community Connection Senior Center, 2810 Cedar St., in Baker City. For those who would like to make a memorial donation in honor of Rhonda, the family suggests Heart 'N Home Hospice through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services, P.O. Box 543, Halfway, OR 97834. Online condolences can be shared at tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

James Bacon: Memorial service with military honors will take place Saturday, March 12, at the Harvest Church, 3720 Birch St. in Baker City. Memorial donations in Jim's name can be made to the Powder River Sportsmen's Club rifle range, through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services, P.O. Box 543, Halfway, OR 97834. Online condolences can be shared at tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

POLICE LOG

Baker County Sheriff's Office Arrests, citations

FAILURE TO APPEAR (Baker County Circuit Court warrant): Guy Evan Lefthand, 53, Haines, 6:44 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20, in Haines; jailed.

FELON IN POSSESSION OF A FIREARM, RESISTING ARREST, MENACING, RECKLESSLY ENDANGERING ANOTHER (out-of-county warrant): Levi Westly Albert Fine, 27, John Day, 3:56 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18, at the Sheriff's Office.

FAILURE TO APPEAR (out-of-county warrant): Darion Alyssa Marie Grove, 27, Baker City, 1:44 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18, in the 3400 block of 13th Street; cited and released.

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