

Local

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO

from the Democrat-Herald
March 12, 1972

The city police department tomorrow will begin their house-to-house campaign to collect dog licenses.

City recorder George Hiatt said many people who own dogs have not yet obtained licenses for them.

Since the deadline for purchasing licenses is past, the cost has jumped to \$3.50 for males and spayed females, and \$4 for unsplayed females.

25 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald
March 12, 1997

Baker City will reopen the Indiana Avenue hill, perhaps as early as the middle of next week.

But the steep hill in South Baker City probably will be closed during future winters, at least when it's covered with snow or ice.

The City Council on Tuesday voted 5-1 to open the Indiana hill to traffic after city crews install warning signs and repair minor damage to the gravel street caused when debris blocked a culvert New Year's Day.

10 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald
March 12, 2012

Jon Calhoun is facing a busy junior and senior year at Oregon State University, but the excitement in his voice convinces that he wouldn't have it any other way.

From April through January, he will fly back to Kansas City, Mo., once a month to spend four days with the Agriculture Future of America's Student Advisory Team.

"It'll be a pretty busy term," he said.

ONE YEAR AGO

from the Baker City Herald
March 13, 2021

A major change to archery elk hunting seasons in most of Northeast Oregon could start in 2022.

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) is proposing to shift the archery season in 13 units and parts of three others from the current general hunt — meaning there's no limit on the number of tags sold — to a controlled hunt, with a limited number of tags.

In a controlled hunt, archers would have to apply for a tag through the state's computer lottery system.

In June 2020, ODFW announced that the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission would consider changing the archery season in all units east of the Cascades from general to controlled hunts, and for elk as well as buck deer hunting.

But in August 2020 the agency said the Commission would decide on changes to buck deer archery seasons, but that it would delay any decision on elk seasons.

In September 2020 the Commission approved the proposal to change buck deer archery hunting from a general season to a controlled season starting in 2021.

Oregon has had general archery hunts in Eastern Oregon, for buck deer and for elk, since 1979. Since 1983 the archery season for both species has lasted for one month, starting in late August.

ODFW officials have cited multiple reasons for proposing the shift from general to controlled archery seasons.

One is the increasing number of archery hunters over the past few decades. ODFW said the number of archers hunting elk in Eastern Oregon rose from about 12,300 in 1995 to about 18,500 in 2019.

And due in part to improvements in technology, which allow hunters to make longer kill shots, archery hunters have higher success rates.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, MARCH 9

7-19-30-33-40-41

Next jackpot: \$2.7 million

POWERBALL, MARCH 9

13-22-34-51-67 PB 10

Next jackpot: \$112 million

MEGA MILLIONS, MARCH 8

7-18-38-58-64 Mega 24

Next jackpot: \$20 million

WIN FOR LIFE, MARCH 9

32-41-61-77

PICK 4, MARCH 10

• 1 p.m.: 9-0-6-1

• 4 p.m.: 5-9-0-4

• 7 p.m.: 9-6-4-1

• 10 p.m.: 5-6-9-0

LUCKY LINES, MARCH 10

35-10-15-19-22-28-31

Next jackpot: \$28,000

SENIOR MENUS

MONDAY (March 14): Orange-glazed chicken strips, rice, broccoli, rolls, green salad, ice cream

TUESDAY (March 15): Roast turkey, stuffing with gravy, peas and carrots, rolls, Jell-O with fruit, pudding

WEDNESDAY (March 16): Pork tips over noodles, mixed vegetables, rolls, green salad, lemon square

THURSDAY (March 17): Corned beef and cabbage, red potatoes, baby carrots, rolls, pea-and-onion salad, tapioca

FRIDAY (March 18): Meatloaf, mashed potatoes with gravy, rolls, green beans, coleslaw, cheesecake

MONDAY (March 21): Hot turkey sandwiches, mashed potatoes with gravy, mixed vegetables, green salad, cookies

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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Plane lands on I-84 after engine stops running



Oregon State Police/Contributed Photo

A small plane made an emergency landing on Interstate 84 about 14 miles southeast of La Grande on Thursday, March 10, 2022. The plane lost power at an altitude of 8,000 feet.

BY DICK MASON

The Observer

LA GRANDE — The pilot of a small plane made an emergency landing on the southeast edge of Ladd Canyon on Interstate 84 on Thursday, March 10.

The landing was made by a Portland pilot whose plane lost power at an altitude of 8,000 feet, according to Lt. Daniel Conner of the Oregon State Police. The plane landed safely in the westbound lanes of I-84 about 14 miles southeast of La Grande at about 2 p.m.

"He had to land between semis," Conner said.

Some truck drivers, Conner said, pulled their vehicles off to the side of the freeway to allow the plane space to land.

Soon after the plane landed, an aircraft mechanic was brought in to repair the engine. Once the mechanic's work was completed the pilot and his passenger took off from the same stretch of freeway. The takeoff was made after traffic was slowed on the interstate to create space for the plane's pilot to taxi, Conner said.

The pilot and his passenger, while waiting for their engine to be repaired, said they felt very fortunate and were excited about the help they were receiving from the OSP and the Oregon Department of Transportation, which were helping control traffic.

"They were very grateful," Conner said.

Herefords

Continued from Page A1

He has attended the Harrells' annual spring auction since they started, saying he and his dad, Walt, used to come together. Dan said his father, who died on Jan. 16, 2020, always enjoyed going to the auction.

"This is a good family, too," Dan said of the Harrells. "We've known them for years and they're just a really good family. It's always great to come out here."

Edna and Bob Harrell started the Harrell Hereford Ranch along Salmon Creek, northwest of Baker City, in 1970. The family's 80-acre home ranch has expanded to include several ranches and a herd of 400 registered Hereford cows, 400 black baldy commercial cows, a 1,000-head feedlot and 25 quarter horse broodmares.

The Harrells' cattle run on 8,000 acres of native range.

Edna Harrell continues to help at the ranch along with her son, Bob Harrell Jr., his wife, Becky, and their daughter, Lexie.

Bob Harrell Jr. was inducted into the Hereford Hall of Fame in Kansas City, Missouri, in October 2021.

He said he was "very pleased" with this year's sale. "The bulls were steady, the heifers were really good, up from last year, and the horses were outstanding."

A nationwide attraction

John Rusher from Westcliffe, Colorado, was one of the many ranchers who traveled a long distance to partake in the auction of what he called "good, high quality Hereford bulls" and quarter horses.

Landen Doyle traveled from Dallas, Texas, where his family owns the Doyle Hereford Ranch. This was his first year visiting the Harrell Hereford Ranch.

"Always wanted to come up here and look at this ranch. Finally got the opportunity, came up here with my dad on his birthday," Doyle said.

Dan Cook, who traveled from Idaho, attended last year's auction as well, which included both in-person and online bidders.

Jerry and Inesse Parks of Aiden, California, have been traveling to the Harrell auction for a dozen years to buy horses and bulls.

After mingling with the cattle and fellow ranchers, exchanging stories and laughing, everyone made their way into the auction barn. Food and beverages were available as



Samantha O'Conner/Baker City Herald

Ranchers have a look at some of the Herefords to go on the sale block Monday, March 7, 2022, at the Harrell Hereford Ranch near Baker City.



Samantha O'Conner/Baker City Herald

The snowy Elkhorn Mountains provided a scenic backdrop for the Harrell Hereford Ranch's 43rd-annual spring sale on Monday, March 7, 2022.

country music filled the air.

Then the fun began with Bob Harrell Jr.'s words of thanks to those joining and those who helped with the auction.

The auctioneer went off, words flying, and the first bulls were bought by ranchers from Nebraska, then Virginia, and North Dakota.

Assessing the beef industry

The beef business has had its ups and downs over the years, and recently, prices haven't helped much, according to some ranchers attending the Harrell sale.

"It's pretty expensive right now because of the hay. It's pretty tough to make a buck," said Cook, from Idaho.

Jerry Parks, from California, said the cattle market has gone up a bit, but it's unpredictable.

"It's up and down all the time," he said. "It seems like we never get hardly enough out of our product compared

to what it gets after it leaves us. We just keep plugging along."

Forsea said inflation, which has significantly increased production costs for ranchers who depend on diesel and other petroleum products, is making it tough for producers.

And like many ranchers, Forsea is bothered by the dominance in the meatpacking industry by four large corporations. Building more smaller, regional packing plants would give ranchers more options for selling their cattle, and potentially boost prices.

The Biden administration this winter announced a campaign to encourage the construction of regional packing facilities.

By the numbers

The Harrell Hereford Ranch sale featured 197 lots sold, and buyers from 19 states.

Yearling bulls made up the bulk of the sales, with 107 lots sold and an average of \$5,764 per bull.

A total of 25 two-year-old bulls were sold, at an average price of \$13,313, and 10

mares were sold at an average of \$10,300.

Buyers claimed 28 registered heifers, at an average price of \$4,279, and 15 commercial replacement heifers were sold at an average of \$7,262.

On the Harrell-Mackenzie quarter horse sale, 12 geldings were sold at an average of \$13,313, and 10

"It's affecting everybody," Forsea said of inflation. "As far as the prices in the supermarkets, the cattle/calf man is seeing that difference. And it's packers and retailers and getting it from one place to another, fuel, and everything. But anyway, that's why we're in it for the long haul because eventually we might see a good year. So it's getting better. It's a good way of life."

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News of Record

DEATHS

Ron Doud: 76, of North Powder, died on March 8, 2022, at Saint Alphonsus Medical Center in Baker City. Per his request there will not be a service. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Online condolences may be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

Carlene Hahn: 85, of Baker City, died on March 10, 2022, at Meadowbrook Senior Living Center with her beloved parrot "Jade" at her side. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Online condolences may be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

FUNERALS PENDING

James 'Jim' Allison: Celebration of life will take place Saturday, March 12, at 3 p.m. at the Harvest Christian Church, 3720 Birch St. in Baker City. For those who would like to make a donation in memory of Jim, the family suggests either the Powder River Rural Fire Department or the Sumpter Valley Railroad through Tami's Pine Valley

Funeral Home & Cremation Services, P.O. Box 543, Halfway, Oregon 97834. Online condolences can be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

POLICE LOG

Baker City Police

Arrests, citations

OUT-OF-COUNTY WARRANTS: Brendon Michael Smith, 27, transient, 8:55 a.m. Wednesday, March 9, at the Baker County Jail, where he was in custody on other charges.

Baker County Sheriff's Office

Arrests, citations

CONTEMPT OF COURT (Baker County warrant): Austin Lakota Reese, 26, Baker City, 8:34 p.m. Wednesday, March 9, at the Baker County Jail, where he was in custody on other charges.

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