

Local

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO

from the Democrat-Herald

March 16, 1972

Few Bakerites are likely to remember the year the Bulldogs took the state tournament — 1938 to be exact. Now Gary Hammond's '72 club is hoping that they have the added extra that the Bulldogs of old and all champs need to go all the way.

25 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald

March 16, 1997

Allegations of sexual misconduct, brutality and racism underlie a reported investigation of the Baker City police. The Sunday Oregonian reported the FBI is investigating the city's police department. An FBI agent in Pendleton declined comment, but police officer Dennis Beyer said he had been interviewed.

10 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald

March 16, 2012

The long-anticipated Travel Management Plan for the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest is now available for review.

The plan was officially released today, March 16. U.S. Forest Service officials spent much of Thursday in telephone conferences with various interest groups as well as area media outlets. They also have been meeting with local government officials to explain how the plan might affect their communities.

ONE YEAR AGO

from the Baker City Herald

March 18, 2021

Baker County will receive \$3.13 million, and Baker City \$2 million, from the federal COVID-19 aid bill that President Joe Biden signed last week.

Sen. Jeff Merkley, D-Ore., who voted for the legislation, touted the financial aid for local governments during a Zoom interview with the Baker City Herald on Tuesday afternoon, March 16, prior to a virtual town hall with Baker County residents.

The \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan Act includes \$350 billion for state, local and tribal governments.

Six other incorporated cities in Baker County will also receive money, ranging from \$10,000 to \$90,000.

Both Baker City and Baker County are getting more money from this bill than they did from the CARES Act, the first federal COVID-19 aid package that President Donald Trump signed almost a year ago, in late March 2020.

Baker County Commissioner Mark Bennett said the county received close to \$2 million from the CARES Act, including about \$1 million to offset county expenses and \$641,000 to support local businesses and nonprofit organizations.

Baker City's share included \$292,000 that the city distributed among local nonprofit groups.

Bennett said he also met with Merkley on Tuesday, and the senator told him that the county and cities will receive two separate payments, one this year and one next.

Bennett said he doesn't have a timeline for the payments.

He also is awaiting guidelines on how counties and cities can use the money.

However, Bennett said his goal will be the same as with CARES Act money — to distribute money to businesses and other local entities that have struggled due to closures and other restrictions.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, MARCH 14

3 — 5 — 7 — 17 — 18 — 34

Next jackpot: \$2.9 million

POWERBALL, MARCH 14

21 — 28 — 32 — 44 — 49 PB 6

Next jackpot: \$133 million

MEGA MILLIONS, MARCH 15

9 — 14 — 28 — 59 — 60 Mega 24

Next jackpot: \$29 million

WIN FOR LIFE, MARCH 14

39 — 40 — 61 — 63

PICK 4, MARCH 15

• 1 p.m.: 9 — 6 — 0 — 5

• 4 p.m.: 0 — 4 — 1 — 8

• 7 p.m.: 6 — 0 — 6 — 5

• 10 p.m.: 3 — 9 — 6 — 0

LUCKY LINES, MARCH 15

3-6-10-14-18-23-25-32

Next jackpot: \$33,000

SENIOR MENUS

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

TUESDAY (March 22): Ground beef steak with onions, au gratin potatoes, green beans and tomatoes, rolls, ambrosia brownies

WEDNESDAY (March 23): Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, carrots, rolls, carrot-raisin salad, pudding

THURSDAY (March 24): Baked ziti, garlic bread, peas, green salad, cookies

FRIDAY (March 25): Baked cod, clam chowder, capri vegetables, rolls, coleslaw, lemon squares

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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How the pandemic affected language

By MARK BOGART

For the Baker City Herald

Language is always evolving, especially during times of technological advancements, social change or major historical events ... a pandemic, for instance. Language changes result from new experiences and insights, but also from our natural creativity. You may not have noticed this process over the past two years, but as you'll see, it has been significant.

The first step is to recognize the great increase in the use of some words that were already part of our vocabulary. Words like virus, vaccine, ventilator, face mask, quarantine and isolation were common before 2019, but their frequency in both spoken and written communication has exploded. (The growing use of profanity might also be a result of the pandemic!) Other words that were common have taken on new meanings in context of the pandemic, reflecting our creativity in the use of language. Both jab and poke, for example, have become synonymous with vaccination in some situations.

My first awareness of the changes began with a news anchor introducing a word most people hadn't heard before that, she said, would become all too familiar in the months ahead. She was right. That word was coronavirus. This was actually not a new word to epidemiologists, who have studied this group of viruses for years. To make the distinction, this new version was called the novel coronavirus or SARS-CoV-2.

The disease caused by the virus became known as

COVID-19. Then-President Donald Trump frequently referred to it as the Chinese flu or the Kung-flu, reflecting his animosity toward China, the country where the disease first broke out. There is historical precedent to this approach going back at least to the Spanish flu pandemic of 1918, but most people have chosen to use the politically neutral name COVID-19.

Since the beginning of this pandemic, new words have formed in a variety of ways. (Note: some of the words below may have originated prior to the pandemic, but they are examples of the word-building processes being discussed.) Some are compounds formed by joining two words, such as coronavirus and super-spreader.

In English many compounds are written as two separate words even though they function as one with a single definition. That explains terms like essential workers, community spread, COVID protocol, case counts, distance learning, virtual classroom, Zoom meetings, mask mandates and COVID fatigue. And some compounds are hyphenated: herd-immunity, long-COVID, and work-from-home. A few compounds contain two or more approaches such as breakthrough cases.

Some terms are formed by shortening words: COVID-19 was derived from coronavirus disease 2019. Vaccine became vax; personal protective equipment became PPE. Other terms were lengthened by adding prefixes or suffixes: social distancing, long haulers, anti-mask and anti-vaxxers.

Another creative approach in language is the repurposing

New Herald Feature Focuses on How Things Work

How do grocery stores keep such a wide variety of products on their shelves (or not)? How do schools select the curricula and textbooks used in local classrooms? How are votes counted in Baker County elections? The Baker City Herald has given me the opportunity to explore a unique approach in writing a column to answer questions like those above. My submissions will center around the question, "How?" That's how, not how to, so you won't read about how to make a better burger or how to clear your computer's browser. You will find out how all kinds of things work. The column will include topics ranging from science to public services and from sports and entertainment to those random head-scratchers that you never have time to look up. You might also find some answers to the questions who, what, when, where and why, but they'll be the supporting cast, with how in the lead role.

About the writer

After graduating from Baker High School, I attended Eastern Oregon University then earned my bachelor's and master's degrees in secondary education from Western Oregon University. While in college, I took journalism classes and worked on the student newspapers at both schools. Later I completed my school administration program at the University of Oregon. I taught language arts and social studies at Baker Middle School then served as principal at Churchill, Haines, Keating, and North Baker schools. After retiring from Baker School District, I worked part time at the YMCA and at MayDay and wrote news and feature stories for the Record Courier and the Baker City Herald.

of old words by changing the context or meaning: Delta and Omicron both originated from letters of the Greek alphabet. Omicron means "little o," not "end times" as some social media postings have claimed.

Social media has had an impact on changing how words are used. For example, hydroxychloroquine has been promoted as a treatment or prevention medication for COVID-19. It is, however, used to treat malaria, rheumatoid arthritis and lupus but has not been approved for use in treating or preventing COVID-19. Ivermectin is a medicine that has been used in both animals and humans to treat various parasites. It has also not been approved for COVID-19.

Three other terms used in discussions of disease

outbreaks are important as COVID-19 cases are declining across this country: an epidemic is when a disease has spread across many people in a community; pandemic refers to a situation in which a disease has spread across a large region, such as multiple continents; and endemic refers to a condition that is found among certain people or in certain areas.

As experts in the medical community predict that we may soon move from the pandemic to the endemic stage of coronavirus, most seem to stress that this disease will continue indefinitely on a smaller and less lethal scale. Just as the virus itself will likely be here for a very long time, so, too, will some of the changes it has brought to our language and way of life.

Senate approves bill to make daylight saving time permanent

BY FARNOUSH AMIRI

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Senate unanimously approved a measure Tuesday, March 15, that would make daylight saving time permanent across the United States next year.

The bipartisan bill, named the Sunshine Protection Act, would ensure Americans would no longer have to change their clocks twice a year. But the bill still needs approval from the House, and

the signature of President Joe Biden, to become law.

"No more switching clocks, more daylight hours to spend outside after school and after work, and more smiles — that is what we get with permanent Daylight Saving Time," Sen. Ed Markey of Massachusetts, the original cosponsor of the legislation, said in a statement.

Markey was joined on the chamber floor by senators from both parties as they made the case for how making daylight saving time permanent would have positive effects on public health and the economy and even cut energy consumption.

"Changing the clock twice a year is outdated and unnecessary," Republican Sen. Rick Scott of Florida said.

"I've said it before and I'll say it again: Americans want more sunshine and less depression — people in this country, all the way from Seattle to Miami, want the Sunshine Protection Act," Sen. Patty Murray of Washington added.

Nearly a dozen states across the U.S. have already standardized daylight saving time.

Daylight saving time is defined as a period between spring and fall when clocks in most parts of the country are set one hour ahead of standard time. Americans last changed their clocks on Sunday. Standard time lasts for roughly four months in most of the country.

Members of Congress have long been interested in the potential benefits and costs

of daylight saving time since it was first adopted as a wartime measure in 1942. The proposal will now go to the House, where the Energy and Commerce Committee had a hearing to discuss possible legislation last week.

Rep. Frank Pallone, the chairman of the committee, agreed in his opening statement at the hearing that it is "time we stop changing our clocks." But he said he was undecided about whether daylight saving time or standard time is the way to go.

News of Record

DEATHS

Alan Lloyd King: 73, a former longtime Baker City resident, died Jan. 10, 2022, with his wife by his side in Appleton, Wisconsin, from COVID-19. A celebration of Al's life will take place March 22 at 11 a.m. at the Harvest Christian Church, 3720 Birch St. in Baker City.

Rebekah M. McClintock: 41, of Baker City died March 11, 2022, at Saint Alphonsus Medical Center-Baker City. A celebration of Rebekah's life and potluck will take place Saturday, March 19 at 1 p.m. at the Church of the Nazarene Activity Center, 1250 Hughes Lane in Baker City. Services are under the direction of Coles Tribute Center. To light a candle in memory of Rebekah, go to www.colestributecenter.com.

FUNERAL PENDING

Agnes Bird: A celebration of Agnes' life and graveside service will take place Saturday, May 21, at 1 p.m. at Pine Haven Cemetery in Halfway. A reception will follow immediately at the Halfway Lions Hall. Those who would like to make a donation in memory of Agnes can do so to the Hells Canyon Junior Rodeo 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 County Sheriff's Office

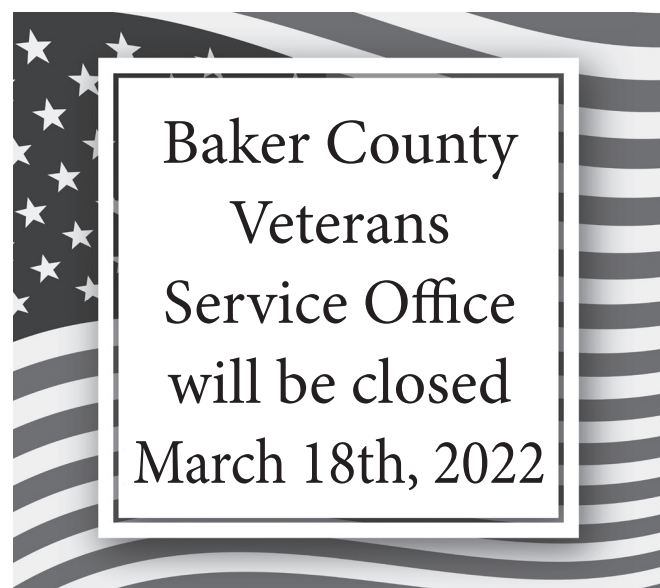
Arrests, citations

FAILURE TO APPEAR (three out-of-county warrants): Debra Renee Efrid, 47, Baker City, 9:23 p.m. Tuesday, March 15, on Elkhorn Estates Road; jailed.

CONTEMPT OF COURT (Baker County Justice Court warrant): Caleb Colton Flint, 36, Baker City, 7:29 a.m. Monday, March 14, at the Sheriff's Office; cited and released.

CONTEMPT OF COURT (Baker County warrant), FAILURE TO APPEAR (Oregon state warrant): Andrew Jay Culley, 33, Baker City, 5:53 p.m. Monday, March 14, at Huntington; cited and released.

VIOLATION OF DUI DIVERSION (Baker County Circuit Court warrant): Laif Robert Samuel Edison, 24, Baker City, 8:30 p.m. Monday, March 14, at the Sheriff's Office; cited and released.



Baker County Veterans Service Office will be closed March 18th, 2022



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