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TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald March 24, 1972

 $\ensuremath{\mathsf{PORTLAND}}\xspace -$ "We're not big, we're not little, we're not consistent on offense or ... defense," Baker Bulldog coach Gary Hammond told sportswriters and sportscasters here

Tuesday at the annual "crying towel" sweepstakes. "We're just a bunch of farm boys," Hammon explained. "We had our pre-tourney practice scheduled for 8:30 a.m. Monday. I'm sure they scheduled it that way because we would be the only team up at that hour."

25 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald

March 24, 1997

Marguerite Reed, who has served Baker County children and families in a variety of ways for more than 50 years, was honored as the 1996 Baker County Volunteer of the Year at the statewide annual Citizen Review Board conference.

10 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald March 23, 2012

It's not just the shooting that will draw competitors to the Powder River Practical Shooters (PRPS) Match on Sunday, according to organizers.

The contest requires shooters to develop a strategy that capitalizes on safety, speed and accuracy as they move through five different courses.

"As soon as that bell goes off, you forget everything else," Ray Merritt, match director and the club's vice president, who says he's found the competition highly addicting.

ONE YEAR AGO

from the Baker City Herald

March 25, 2021

Baker School District students in Grades 7-12 will be returning to classes four days a week beginning April 12 if all goes as planned in the next few weeks.

Superintendent Mark Witty announced in a press release Tuesday, March 23 that planning is underway to return the secondary students to full-time, inperson learning as a result of revisions by the Oregon Department of Education to its Ready Schools, Safe Learners guidance plan.

The updated plan allows 3 feet of physical distancing for students in schools under certain conditions, which include county COVID-19 case rate levels for students in middle school and high school, the press release stated. The new physical distancing rules are based on current research and guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The former rules required 6-foot distancing.

The new rules also do not require 35 square feet per person room space as was specified in the former regulations.

The 6-foot distancing also must be maintained when students are eating or when students from different classrooms are passing in hallways between periods. The passing periods will not put students within close proximity for 15 minutes, the guideline for determining whether those who come in close proximity with a person who has tested positive for COVID-19 must quarantine or isolate themselves from others, Witty said.

Staff and students also will be required to continue wearing masks.

Witty said the April 12 return to full-time classes will

Spring

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The snow on Monday morning, March 21, barely whitened the ground. And the next day turned out to be the warmest in Baker City in almost five months.

The temperature topped out Tuesday at 61 degrees in the sunshine at the Baker City Airport. It was the mildest day there since Oct. 29, 2021, when the high was 63.

And Tuesday might be the coolest day for the rest of the week.

The National Weather Service predicted temperatures in the 60s every day through Sunday, March 27, with no precipitation in the forecast until Sunday night, when there's a slight chance of rain showers. Saturday is forecast to be the warmest, with a high of 66. Temperatures in lower elevations could top 70.

The most recent 70-degree day at the Baker City Airport was on Oct. 21, 2021, when the high was 70.

Council

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"I've been here most of my whole life, well pretty much all of it," Damschen said. "I've operated several businesses here, they're still running. I own property in Baker. I haven't sat on any boards or anything like this previously but I do have a lot of business experience and financial experience."

Local Briefing

Tickets on sale for annual Powder Valley halibut feed

NORTH POWDER — Tickets are on sale for the 20th-annual Alaskan halibut dinner, a fundraiser for the girls basketball and volleyball programs at Powder Valley High School.

The event is set for May 7 in the Powder Valley gym. There will be four sessions: 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.; 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.; 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$30 per plate and include halibut, baked potato, coleslaw, bread, dessert and drink. Tickets for a hot dog, chips, cookie and drink meal are \$5.

For tickets or more information, call North Powder Charter School, 541-898-2244, extension 8821, Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. 'Human Library' to 4 p.m. The office will be closed for spring break from March 18-28.

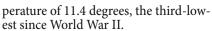
Care Inc., will soon be doing the spring clean up at Mount Hope Cemetery.

schen said.

That includes removing deteriorated decorations, flowers and floral designs, as well as thatching, edging, fertilizing, and weed spraying, weather permitting. This work is scheduled for April 1-15.

The city is asking residents to remove decorative items from graves and headstones prior to April 1. Items that aren't removed will be collected by the contractor and stored until Nov. 1, 2022. Items that conform to the city's cemetery rules can be placed on graves starting April 16. A copy of the rules is available on the city's website, www.bakercity.com.

More information is available by calling the city at 541-524-2047.



The temperature surpassed 40 de-grees on only one day during January, and on just four of February's 28 days.

Prior to this week's rapid reversal, March was also on pace to be cooler than average. The average high temperature through March 22 was 47.9 degrees. That's two degrees below the long-term average, and it would make this March the chilliest since 2011. But this week's warmth likely will push the March average to near average by the end of the month.

Although Baker is basking in its balmiest stretch of weather since before Halloween, none of the temperature records for the period appears to be in jeopardy.

• March 24 — Forecast high: 62.

Lisa Britton/Baker City Herald

June Weaver, left, Colton Weaver and Sydney

the Geiser-Pollman Park playground on the

warm, sunny afternoon of March 22, 2022.

In the mild sunshine on Tuesday

er-Pollman Park and strolled sidewalks,

some clad in shorts and T-shirts, attire

that hasn't been appropriate outdoors around here since before Thanksgiving.

Both February and January were

ularly frigid, with an average low tem-

chillier than usual. February was partic-

Damschen will serve the remainder of

Sells' term, which ends Dec. 31, 2022. He

would be eligible to run for a two- or four-

year term in the November 2022 election.

Damschen said he decided to apply

for the vacancy after talking with friends

terested in is the growth that's happen-

ing here and how it's going to be dealt

with over the next couple of years," Dam-

nized through a partnership between Neighbors of Baker

and Baker County Library

District. The library will be

open after regular Saturday

hours exclusively for partici-

pants of this special program,

said Perry Stokes, library di-

The Human Library is

an event where readers can

have open conversations

"borrow" human books and

about topics they usually do

not have an opportunity to

discuss. The goal of the pro-

gram is to challenge precon-

ceived biases and encourage

honest and respectful dialog.

who has unique experiences

to share. Through a 30-min-

ute conversation with read-

ers, the human books chal-

1-855-839-0752

Each "Book" is a volunteer

rector.

about how to give back to the community.

"I think one of the things I'm most in-

afternoon, people flocked to Geis-

Brown check out the music equipment at

Record high: 69, 2007 • March 25 — Forecast high: 65. Record high: 73, 1960

• March 26 — Forecast high: 66. Record high: 73, 1997

• March 27 — Forecast high: 64. Record high: 74, 1966

Prior to the voting, Guyer asked Damschen, were he to be appointed, how he would address growth issues.

Damschen said he knows the city has a housing supply problem.

"I think housing is probably the biggest one. I'm concerned," Damschen said.

Guyer encouraged the four other applicants to consider volunteering to serve on one of the city's multiple boards and committees.

> in a safe, supportive environment. Book topics may include ethnicity, religion, physical/mental health, social status, occupation, LGBTQ+, immigration status, violence/ abuse survivor, and past drug and alcohol addiction.

To participate in one or all three sessions, call the library to register at 541-523-6419. Advance registration is required since sessions are limited. For more details, visit www.bakerlib.org/newsevents/lib-cal/humanlibrary-program.



allow a two-week buffer between the March 29 return from spring break and any increase in COVID-19 cases that might result from travel during the week-long vacation.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS. MARCH 21 15-32-38-39-41-46 Next jackpot: \$3.2 million **POWERBALL, MARCH 21** 1-15-26-63-65 PB 16 Next jackpot: \$167 million **MEGA MILLIONS, MARCH 22** 8-15-21-27-61 Mega 8 Next jackpot: \$50 million

WIN FOR LIFE, MARCH 21 8 - 60 - 66 - 75PICK 4, MARCH 22 • 1 p.m.: 5 - 7 - 5 - 7• 4 p.m.: 8-0-8-7 • 7 p.m.: 5-8-3-4 • 10 p.m.: 2 - 1 - 8 - 0LUCKY LINES, MARCH 22 4-6-9-14-17-23-26-32 Next jackpot: \$40,000

SENIOR MENUS

FRIDAY (March 25): Baked cod, clam chowder, capri vegetables, rolls, coleslaw, lemon squares MONDAY (March 28): Chicken strips, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn, rolls, green salad, sherbet TUESDAY (March 29): Chicken cordon bleu, rice pilaf, mixed vegetables, rolls, ambrosia, brownies WEDNESDAY (March 30): Spaghetti with beef sauce, garlic bread, broccoli, green salad, birthday cake THURSDAY (March 31): Breaded pork tenderloin, red potatoes, peas and carrots, rolls, fruit cup, sherbet

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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Time to remove decorations at Mount **Hope Cemetery**

Baker City's cemetery and parks contractor, HnT Lawn

News of Record

DEATHS

Gary Wentworth: 73, of Baker City, died March 20, 2022, at Saint Alphonsus Medical Center in Boise, with his wife and family by his side. A celebration of his life will take place at a later date, time and place to be announced. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Online condolences can be shared at www. tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

FUNERAL PENDING

Kathleen Mae Bradshaw: Her memorial service will be Friday, April 8, at 1 p.m. at Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewe Ave. A reception will immediately follow the service, at Community Connection, 2810 Cedar St Refreshments will be served. Memorial contributions can be made to the Make A Wish Foundation through Gray's West & Co., 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814. To leave an online condolence for Kathleen's family, go to www. grayswestco.com.

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 Canvon 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.

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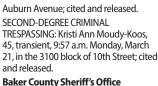
Baker City Police Arrests, citations

FAILURE TO APPEAR, CONTEMPT OF COURT (out-of-county warrants): Jessica Dianne Stricker, 44, Baker City, 8:18 p.m. Tuesday, March 22, in the 1100 block of Sixth Street: cited and released. FAILURE TO APPEAR (Malheur County warrant): Crystal Gayle Canapo, 38, Baker City, 5:20 p.m. Monday, March 21, in the alley near Resort Street and Auburn Avenue; jailed.

POSSESSION OF A STOLEN VEHICLE: Gerardo Becerra Alvarado, 33, Mount Vernon, Washington, Ricardo Linares-Cervantes, 30, Mount Vernon, Washington, 5:20 p.m. Monday, March 21, in the alley near Resort Street and

program April 9 at the library

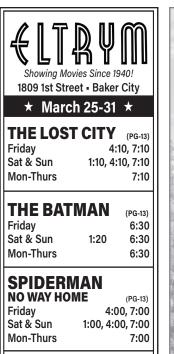
A "Human Library" program will be held Saturday, April 9, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Baker County Public Library, 2400 Resort St. This event is orga-



Arrests, citations

PAROLE VIOLATION: Justin Marshall Robinson, 36, Baker City, 11:05 a.m. Tuesday, March 22, at the Sheriff's Office; jailed

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF INTOXICANTS: Ely Glenn Myers, 43, Baker City, 11:05 p.m. Monday, March 21, at Washington Avenue and Seventh Street.



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Perhaps you sent a lovely card, Or sat quietly in a chair. Perhaps you sent a funeral spray, If so we saw it there, Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, As any friend could say; Perhaps you were not there at all, Just thought of us that day, Whatever you did to console our hearts, We thank you so much whatever the part.

> The family of **Jim Bacon**

