

Local

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO

from the Democrat-Herald

March 24, 1972

PORTLAND — “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, in-person 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 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

8-60-66-75

PICK 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.: 2-1-8-0

LUCKY 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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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.



Lisa Britton/Baker City Herald

June Weaver, left, Colton Weaver and Sydney Brown check out the music equipment at the Geiser-Pollman Park playground on the warm, sunny afternoon of March 22, 2022.

In the mild sunshine on Tuesday afternoon, people flocked to Geiser-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 chillier than usual. February was particularly frigid, with an average low tem-

perature of 11.4 degrees, the third-lowest since World War II.

The temperature surpassed 40 degrees 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 balmy stretch of weather since before Halloween, none of the temperature records for the period appears to be in jeopardy.

• March 24 — Forecast high: 62.

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

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.”

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 about how to give back to the community.

“I think one of the things I’m most interested in is the growth that’s happening here and how it’s going to be dealt with over the next couple of years,” Damschen said.

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.

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. to 4 p.m. The office will be closed for spring break from March 18-28.

Time to remove decorations at Mount Hope Cemetery

Baker City’s cemetery and parks contractor, HnT Lawn

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

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.

‘Human Library’ 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-

nized through a partnership between Neighbors of Baker and Baker County Library District. The library will be open after regular Saturday hours exclusively for participants of this special program, said Perry Stokes, library director.

The Human Library is an event where readers can “borrow” human books and have open conversations about topics they usually do not have an opportunity to discuss. The goal of the program is to challenge preconceived biases and encourage honest and respectful dialog. Each “Book” is a volunteer who has unique experiences to share. Through a 30-minute conversation with readers, the human books challenge stigmas and stereotypes

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/news-events/lib-cal/human-library-program.



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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 Dewey 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 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 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

Auburn Avenue; cited and released.
SECOND-DEGREE CRIMINAL TRESPASSING: Kristi Ann Moudy-Koos, 45, transient, 9:57 a.m. Monday, March 21, in the 3100 block of 10th Street; cited and released.

Baker County Sheriff’s Office

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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★ March 25-31 ★

THE LOST CITY (PG-13)
Friday 4:10, 7:10
Sat & Sun 1:10, 4:10, 7:10
Mon-Thurs 7:10

THE BATMAN (PG-13)
Friday 6:30
Sat & Sun 1:20 6:30
Mon-Thurs 6:30

SPIDERMAN NO WAY HOME (PG-13)
Friday 4:00, 7:00
Sat & Sun 1:00, 4:00, 7:00
Mon-Thurs 7:00

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