

Local

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO

from the Democrat-Herald
March 26, 1972

Years ago when the Baker Bulldogs went to Portland to participate in the state Triple A basketball tournament, the team members were considered a "Cinderella team" if they won one or two games before being edged out.

This is not the case anymore. The Bulldogs took second place after a thrilling game with top ranked Jefferson Saturday night in Portland's Memorial Coliseum.

25 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald
March 26, 1997

The Baker City Council has agreed to spend \$51,839.50 on a machine that will do the city's dirty work.

The machine is a remote-controlled camera that city crews will use to examine sewer pipes for leaks and other problems.

10 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald
March 26, 2012

Robert Ott, the last local link to one of Baker High School's greatest athletic accomplishments, has died.

Ott, 91, died Saturday at Settler's Park.

He was one of the two surviving members of Baker's 1938 state champion basketball team.

The other, Felton "Don" Huntsman, lives in Seattle.

Their teammate, Orville Ragsdale of Baker City, died on May 13, 2009.

ONE YEAR AGO

from the Baker City Herald
March 27, 2021

The air inside the Baker County Library District's main branch in Baker City has never been cleaner, Ed Adamson says, his pride palpable even though most of the particles that are no longer wafting about were never visible to the naked eye.

"We want the public to come in here and feel comfortable," Adamson, the district's facilities specialist, said on Thursday morning, March 25, as he stood near the front desk.

Visitor numbers have been severely reduced during the COVID-19 pandemic, but attendance has increased recently.

March is on track to be the library's busiest month since it reopened in June 2020, but visits are still just 25% or so of the pre-pandemic average of 9,500 per month, said Perry Stokes, the District's director.

But Adamson said that when the library is again the bustling place it had been, the building at 2400 Resort St. will also be a healthier space to spend time browsing the shelves, reading a book or magazine in a tranquil nook, or attending a meeting in one of the conference rooms.

And although COVID-19 was the impetus for the recent improvements, the benefits to library patrons — and to employees, who spend the most time inside — will persist long after the pandemic has ceased, Adamson said.

The installation of a new, more powerful and reliable air ventilation and filtration system, combined with a network of wall-mounted machines that pull from the air viruses, bacteria, mold and pollen, among other infectious agents and allergens, accomplishes much more than just protecting people from COVID-19, he said.

Adamson said this "triple-redundant" system should reduce the incidence of allergic reactions and curb the spread of a variety of germs.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, MARCH 23

3-15-16-28-33-42

Next jackpot: \$3.3 million

POWERBALL, MARCH 23

31-32-37-38-48 PB 24

Next jackpot: \$181 million

MEGA MILLIONS, MARCH 22

8-15-21-27-61 Mega 8

Next jackpot: \$50 million

WIN FOR LIFE, MARCH 23

9-17-37-52

PICK 4, MARCH 24

• 1 p.m.: 7-8-0-7

• 4 p.m.: 3-8-1-3

• 7 p.m.: 1-4-1-4

• 10 p.m.: 7-1-0-4

LUCKY LINES, MARCH 24

3-7-10-13-20-22-27-31

Next jackpot: \$42,000

SENIOR MENUS

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

FRIDAY (April 1): Chicken fried chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, green salad, biscuits, ambrosia, pudding

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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The Baker Heritage Museum, 2480 Grove St. in Baker City, will serve as the temporary home of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center while the Center, five miles east of town, undergoes a major renovation.

Open house April 1 at Heritage Museum

Baker City Herald

Baker Heritage Museum will have a community open house Friday, April 1, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Visitors can meet the new officers of the Baker Historical Society, and get a sneak peek of the National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center's exhibit.

The museum is at 2480 Grove St., just east of Geiser-Pollman Park.

During the open house, the community can renew a historical society membership, learn about volunteer opportunities, and see new work at the museum.

At 4:30 p.m., Historical Society President Ginger Savage will make welcoming remarks, but guests are welcome to come anytime during the four-hour open house, which coincides with new art shows

at Baker City galleries.

Light refreshments will be served.

"It is critically important that the Baker Historical Society gather and acknowledge the years of service by so many steadfast volunteers who have maintained and grown the Historical Society mission," Savage said. "We also need to gather as we come out of the pandemic to recruit new volunteers and new members to support a significant level of new work that needs to be done."

Members of the Baker Museum Commission will also be on hand to share information concerning significant infrastructure issues with the historic Natatorium and immediate fundraising needs.

Cultural partners will be available to discuss the Baker County Culture and Heritage Passport program.

Walk

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Information about the run/walk is posted on the Baker City Soroptimist Club's Facebook page, www.facebook.com/SoroptimistBakerCounty/.

Anyone who would like to help sponsor the run/walk can contact Sheryl, 541-519-5060.

Shared Hope

Macey learned about human trafficking in India, where poverty and lack of education drive the problem.

"(Shared Hope) is the organization that opened my eyes to this problem," she said.

She's shared her passion with her mother-in-law, Sheryl.

In the United States, victims of sex trafficking are often at-risk youth, those in foster care, and runaways.

According to sharedhope.org, age is the biggest factor with pre-teen or adolescent girls the most common victims. Common ways that traffickers target youth is through social media sites, schools, malls, parks, bus stops, shelters and group homes.

Shared Hope works with law enforcement and lawmakers to create harsher punishments for those involved in trafficking.

"You have to start at the root," Macey said.

Shared Hope "grades" each state on its laws about trafficking. These report cards were revised in 2020, and Shared Hope raised the standard for states to achieve an even higher rating.

The report cards are available online at <https://report-cards.sharedhope.org/>.

A volunteer army

Jo Lembo, director of Na-

tional Outreach & Faith Initiatives for Shared Hope, said the organization has a "volunteer army" — called Ambassadors of Hope — of 1,400 people across the country.

"Our ambassadors come back to us from the field," Lembo said.

For instance, an ambassador can request posters that detail the warning signs of sex trafficking, or literature about Internet safety.

The key, Lembo said, is to educate the public about human trafficking. This knowledge is especially important for juries who are presented with a possible trafficking case.

"Until we know, we can't know," Lembo said. "It's all about education."

The Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 established methods of prosecuting traffickers, preventing human trafficking, and protecting victims and survivors of trafficking.

Lembo said that as of 2020, every state had a law that makes human trafficking a federal offense.

Years ago, when Lembo first met Shared Hope founder Linda Smith, she heard something that she will never forget:

"The more people who know the signs of trafficking, the smaller the world is for those buy and sell our children"

Events like the Walk for Awareness in Baker City, she said, help educate everyone about human trafficking.

"When I talk to people and educate them, they talk to people. And kids are safer," she said.

Anyone who suspects sex trafficking can contact the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children at 1-800-THE-LOST or online at www.cybertipline.com.

News of Record

DEATHS

Catherine 'Elaine' Wood: 97, of Baker City died March 23, 2022, in Baker City with her family at her side. A private family graveside service will take place. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home and Cremation Services. Online condolences can be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com

Norma Magill: 85, of Baker City died March 22, 2022, at home, surrounded by her family. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home and Cremation Services. Online condolences can be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com

FUNERALS 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 and Cremation Services, P.O. Box 543, Halfway, OR 97834. Online condolences can be made at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

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.

POLICE LOG

Baker City Police
Arrests, citations
SECOND-DEGREE DISORDERLY CONDUCT: Tami Deann Dudley, 41, Baker City, 1:19 p.m. Thursday, March 24, at 3165 10th St.

Baker County Sheriff's Office
Arrests, citations
PROBATION VIOLATION: Brandon Douglas Culbertson, 33, Baker City, 12:42 p.m. Wednesday, March 23, in the 2200 block of Main Street; jailed.

Baker City man, already in prison, faces new charges

BY JAYSON JACOBY

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A Baker City man who is in a state prison on a first-degree attempted robbery conviction has been indicted on additional felony burglary and theft counts for incidents that happened last September.

Alexander Prentice Griffin, 30, pleaded guilty on Oct. 14, 2021, to the attempted first-degree robbery charge.

He admitted breaking into Dennis Glerup's Baker City home on Sept. 17, 2021, and stealing a .44 Magnum pistol that belongs to Glerup.

Glerup told police that the robber, who was wearing a mask, pointed the pistol at Glerup's head, then fled.

Visiting Judge Russell B. West sentenced Griffin to 75 months in state prison. Several other counts were dismissed in a plea agreement with the district attorney's office, including first-degree burglary, first-degree theft, menacing, pointing a firearm at another and first-degree criminal trespassing. Griffin is eligible for an early release, as the conviction doesn't carry a mandatory minimum sentence.

While investigating the robbery at Glerup's home, Baker City Police linked that incident to a Sept. 15, 2021, burglary at a vacant home and shed at 2610 Clark St., where tools, copper, and other items were taken.

Police obtained a search

warrant for a travel trailer where they believed Griffin was living, and on Sept. 17 they found several items that had been stolen from the Clark Street home, as well as Glerup's pistol.

On Thursday, March 24, the Baker County grand jury indicted Griffin on three counts, all related to the burglary at the Clark Street home.

Griffin is charged with first-degree burglary, a Class A felony, second-degree burglary, and first-degree theft, both Class C felonies.

According to the indictment, the value of items taken from the Clark Street home exceeds \$10,000. The items belonged to Jared Johnson.

Greg Baxter, Baker County district attorney, said that although Griffin is already in prison, the new charges are a separate case, and he believes it's worth pursuing to secure potential restitution for Johnson.

Baxter said he's not sure whether Griffin, who is at the Santiam Correctional Institution near Salem, would be returned to Baker County if a trial were scheduled on the new charges.

If the charges are settled without a trial, as was the case with the attempted robbery conviction, Baxter said it would be up to a judge to determine whether Griffin would have to be returned to Baker County or whether the matter could be handled remotely.

Truck

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Commercial customers, who pay based on the amount of water they use rather than a flat rate, will have an increase of 10 cents per unit, from \$2.71 to \$2.81.

Other fee increases:

- 5% for a variety of fees at Mount Hope Cemetery.

The cost for a gravesite will increase from \$435 to \$451, and a standard burial fee will rise from \$776 to \$805.

- Building permit fees will increase by 5%.

Pavement and capital plans

Councilors unanimously approved the annual pavement management plan, which includes paving and other street projects for the fiscal year starting July 1, and the capital plan, which includes water, wastewater and stormwater projects.

In the introduction to the pavement management plan, Owen wrote that the city will expand crack fill-

ing and patching of streets, along with chip sealing and fog sealing of sections of several streets.

That includes both chip sealing and fog sealing Auburn Avenue from Resort to Birch streets, and fog sealing the section of Washington Avenue, from Clark Street to Birch Street, the section that was rebuilt last summer.

The city also plans to pave a short section of Indiana Avenue, from Reservoir Road up the hill west to near Scenic Vista Lane. The City Council approved the \$50,000 project in June 2021.

Owen acknowledges in the pavement management that the project is "somewhat controversial" because residents in that area won't pay part of the cost, as the city typically requires in what are known as Local Improvement Districts.

Owen notes that the paving project isn't as extensive as typical, with "modest base work" and a paved surface 20 feet wide, less than a typical street.

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