

Local

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO

from the Democrat-Herald

March 28, 1972

One of the Baker Bulldogs most enthusiastic fans is 88-year-old Cecil Sturgill of Wingville.

Sturgill's interest in basketball can be traced to the early 1920s. In 1926 he took the Bulldog team to the state tournament in Salem. For this he received the huge sum of \$100 to cover all the team's expenses.

25 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald

March 28, 1997

Baker Valley Christian Assembly will conduct its first Sunday service in its new church this Easter. The building is at 3720 Birch Street, between Idlewood Drive and Park Street.

Easter services will begin with an indoor sunrise service at 6:30 a.m., followed by a breakfast at 7:30 a.m. Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m., and the worship service begins at 11 a.m.

10 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald

March 29, 2012

The Wallowa-Whitman National Forest has released detailed plans for Snow Basin, a multi-year endeavor in eastern Baker County that forest officials say would improve forest health and also produce more timber than any project on the forest in the past decade.

The Wallowa-Whitman's goal in Snow Basin, which encompasses about 28,500 acres north of Richland and west of Halfway, is to return to historic conditions with "open, park-like stands dominated by single-storied forests of large ponderosa pines surrounded by small patches of mixed conifers," said Monica Schwalbach, forest supervisor.

To accomplish that goal, forest officials are proposing to cut many of the fir trees that have encroached on areas where in the past pines and tamaracks predominated.

ONE YEAR AGO

from the Baker City Herald

March 30, 2021

A powerful storm barged into Baker County Sunday night, March 28, rapidly replacing the summer preview that prevailed earlier in the day with chilly wind gusts more typical of winter.

The temperature plummeted 13 degrees in 10 minutes at the Baker City Airport as a cold front moved through, dropping from 52 degrees at 10 p.m. to 39 degrees at 10:10 p.m.

The temperature dropped from 62 degrees at 8 p.m. to 38 degrees at 10:12 p.m.

A peak wind gust of 59 mph happened at 10:24 p.m., according to National Weather Service records.

Light snow was falling at the airport at that time.

The temperature plunge happened several hours after southwest winds brought balmy air into the area. The high temperature of 75 degrees at the airport tied the record for March 28, set in 1966. The average high temperature for the date is 52.

Sunday was the warmest day at the airport in almost half a year. The high temperature on Oct. 9, 2020, was 81 degrees.

Tom Fisk, operations supervisor for the Baker City Public Works Department, said the city received one call about wind damage from the Baker City/County 911 Dispatch Center Sunday evening about 10:30.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, MARCH 26

7-9-18-24-42-48

Next jackpot: \$3.4 million

POWERBALL, MARCH 26

2-10-50-59-61 PB 6

Next jackpot: \$195 million

MEGA MILLIONS, MARCH 25

3-13-42-51-58 Mega 17

Next jackpot: \$60 million

WIN FOR LIFE, MARCH 26

20-29-34-62

PICK 4, MARCH 27

• 1 p.m.: 9-6-4-0

• 4 p.m.: 1-2-5-8

• 7 p.m.: 9-1-6-6

• 10 p.m.: 8-5-0-7

LUCKY LINES, MARCH 27

3-6-11-16-19-23-28-30

Next jackpot: \$45,000

SENIOR MENUS

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

MONDAY (April 4): Baked ham, candied yams, green beans, rolls, green salad, cookies

TUESDAY (April 5): Orange-glazed chicken, rice, mixed vegetables, rolls, broccoli-and-bacon salad, lemon squares

WEDNESDAY (April 6): Stuffed green peppers, corn, garlic bread, carrot-raising salad, apple crisp

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?: Community health workers

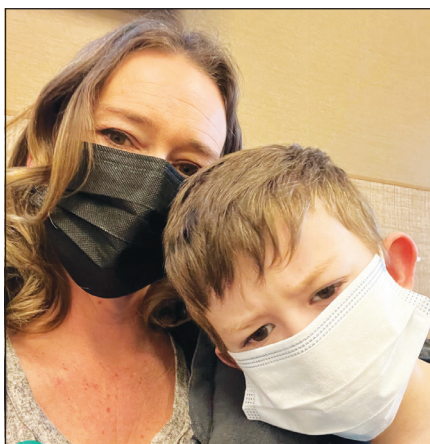
BY MARK BOGART

For the Baker City Herald

Alex is six years old. He has a medical condition involving a hormone deficiency which affects his growth, his vision, and his hearing. His mom, Rachele Mclean, has spent nearly a year trying to get a hearing aid for him but, between his medical providers and insurance providers, she was getting nowhere.



Bogart



Contributed Photo

Rachele Mclean with her son, Alex.

"The insurance was a mess," she said.

Last fall Rachele enrolled Alex in the Early Intervention program at Baker Early Learning Center (BELC), located in the former North Baker Elementary School. BELC Director Angela Lattin introduced her to Kathie Pointer, and within a few days Alex had a new hearing aid.

Rachele described the moment when the hearing aid was first turned on as "a magical experience." Both Alex and his mom had tears in their eyes as Alex exclaimed, "I can smell!" (The doctor explained that this type of confusion is common in children who are experiencing sensory and language challenges.)

Soon Alex was showing improvement in his pronunciation of words. Now he has an appointment for a CT scan to determine if his hearing can be corrected surgically.

For many of us, health care situations are taxing, if not absolutely overwhelming. That was the case for Rachele, whose son has about 20 doctors, four just for his hearing. Fortunately, Saint Alphonus Medical Center has a community health worker (CHW), Kathie Pointer, whose job is to help patients of all ages overcome barriers to their health care needs. And fortunately, part of her job includes serving children at BELC and other schools in Baker School District 5J.

More good luck — although Pointer works for Saint Alphonus Health Care Systems, the hearing assistance came through the Elks Hearing and Balance Center, which partners with St. Luke's Hospital, not Saint Alphonus. But the competition between the two health care systems didn't interfere with Pointer's mission. In fact, St. Luke's Eastern Oregon Medical Associates (EOMA) in Baker City has its own CHW, Raven Davis. Pointer said the two often work cooperatively because many patients are connected to both systems.

The role of a CHW

I recently interviewed Pointer, who splits her time between her offices at Saint Alphonus Medical Center and at BELC. Lattin, the director at BELC and of auxiliary programs for District 5J, joined us for the interview. They shared information about Pointer's role in serving patients throughout the community.

The primary role of a community health worker is to help people access the care they need to improve their health. This might include finding a provider matching the patient's physical or mental health needs and, at times, coordinating appointments. The CHW can also help patients acquire medical equipment, such as a hearing aid.

Rebecca Lemmons, regional director of Community Health and Well-Being for Saint Alphonus, explained that the help can go beyond medical services to factors such as transportation, food, housing and early learning opportunities which are vital to good health.

Within the school system, Lattin said Pointer can "take something off their plate" for parents who are overwhelmed. She added that Pointer is also a great resource for school administrators and staff because she is a problem solver who knows where to find the right resources to fit a wide variety of needs.

Partnerships

To serve children and their families, Saint Alphonus provides CHW services one or two days a week in an office at BELC, but Pointer can also be reached at the hospital on other days. (Note: During the COVID-19 pandemic much of her work has actually been done from her home.) Lattin said the CHW program has served the school district well, pointing

How? An occasional feature

Mark Bogart, a Baker High School graduate and retired Baker School District teacher and principal, is writing an occasional feature for the Baker City Herald explaining how things work.

out that students in every 5J school have received some type of service.

In addition to School District 5J, other partners include New Directions Northwest, Community Connection, Intermountain ESD, Head Start and the new YMCA day care, as well as private providers of physical and mental health services.

Confidentiality, Trust and Relationships

In talking about her job, Pointer emphasizes relationships and seeing the whole person, not just specific medical needs. She grew up in Baker City and has worked for Saint Alphonus for 25 years. This gives her a "deep understanding" of the community, Lemmons explained. "We are incredibly proud to have her passion and leadership," she added. Pointer is certified as a CHW through the State of Oregon and has met all of the training requirements through Trinity Health and Saint Alphonus.

This brings us to an important element in the partnerships — confidentiality. The CHW's are careful to not disclose personally identifiable information to others without approval of their clients/patients. Lattin pointed out that confidentiality is a key element in building the trust relationships needed for the CHW to be successful.

Oversight and Funding

Lemmons explained that CHW services are free to all members of the community, not just students. Saint Alphonus operates the program through its Community Health and Well-Being Department. That department provides supervision, training and support for CHWs across Idaho and parts of Oregon. Lemmons helps Pointer with establishing and maintaining community partnerships and conducting Community Health Needs Assessments to determine how best to provide resources to support local residents.

While Pointer can be reached through the hospital or BELC, she recommends calling the SAHS Community Resource Helpline at 541-524-7790.

Stampede

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Stampede history

The Stampede's collection includes photos of rodeos from 1915 and 1916 — although those events weren't quite like today's two-day rodeo held every year on July 3 and 4.

"It was just fun to get together on a Saturday afternoon," Taylor said of those first rodeos in Haines.

In 1922, the rodeo moved to the grounds, on the east side of Highway 30 at the south end of Haines, where the event still takes place.

"As much as we can figure, there were breaks during the war years," Taylor said. "And it started up again after World War II."

Taylor, who grew up in Fossil, remembers coming to the Haines rodeo in the 1960s.

"It was one of the better rodeos in the state. It still is," he said.

The rodeo continued in that location until 1985, when the event moved to the Slash D arena for two years.



Lisa Britton/Baker City Herald

The Eastern Oregon Museum, 610 Third St. in Haines, will open for the season on Memorial Day weekend.

The rodeo was canceled for three years until volunteers revived the July tradition.

"We started the rodeo again in 1991. We actually purchased the land," Taylor said. "We haven't missed a year since."

News of Record

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 Tam's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services, P.O. Box 543, Halfway, OR 97834. Online condolences can be made at www.taminspinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

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.

POLICE LOG

Baker City Police

Arrests, citations

STRANGULATION (domestic violence), FELON IN POSSESSION OF A FIREARM: Daniel Dale Zimmerman, 40, Baker City,

7:20 a.m. Sunday, March 27, in the 2200 block of Mitchell Avenue; jailed.

CONTEMPT OF COURT (5 Baker County Justice Court warrants): John Marsik Guthrie Jr., 50, Baker City, 10:08 a.m. Saturday, March 26, at Chestnut Street and Washington Avenue; cited and released.

SECOND-DEGREE ASSAULT: Harvey Kelly Ropp, 48, Baker City, 8:28 a.m. Saturday, March 26, at the police department; jailed.

SECOND-DEGREE CRIMINAL TRESPASSING: Christina Jean Hinkley, 31, Scio, Oregon, 9:05 p.m. Friday, March 25, in the 3600 block of Midway Drive; cited and released.

Oregon State Police

Arrests, citations

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF INTOXICANTS: George H. Overland, 58, Hermann, Missouri, 1:40 p.m. Sunday, March 27, on Interstate 84, Milepost 305 eastbound.

These days, the rodeo draws an average of 375 participants from Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Nevada.

Colleen Taylor said the rodeo pays out more than \$40,000 in prize money, which all comes from entry fees.

Operating costs and improvements to the rodeo grounds are funded by the demolition derby, which is held every August (this year's event is Aug. 13).

A new addition to the grounds this year is an elevated seating area, next to the grandstand, that is covered and accessible for those with mobility limitations.

The Haines Stampede is set for July 3 and 4. On the first night, gate fees are donated to the Shriners' Hospital for Children.

On July 4, the rodeo coincides with the Haines Fourth of July celebration, which includes a parade, art in the park, and fireworks at dusk.

The next weekend, July 9-10, is the Haines Junior Rodeo for youth up to age 18.

For information about the Haines Stampede, or to buy tickets to the rodeo, visit www.hainestampede.com.

St. Stephen's Preschool Registration for 2022-23

2177 First St. Baker City

Enter on parking lot side

Friday, April 8, 4-7 p.m. and Saturday, April 9, 9-noon

Call 541-523-4812 or 541-519-4526 for more information

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