

Local

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO

from the Democrat-Herald

March 31, 1972

LA GRANDE — The addition of eight areas to the Eagle Cap Wilderness was favored by most of the testimony received Wednesday night at a public meeting of the U.S. Forest Service here.

25 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald

March 31, 1997

Sunday was what Winnie the Pooh would have called a blustery day.

Winds gusted as high as 52 mph at the Baker City Municipal Airport. Gales created small dust clouds and snapped tree limbs across the city.

No major damage was reported, said Randy Jones, the city's public works director. He did, however, find a limb in his own back yard.

10 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald

March 30, 2012

The days of a simple handwritten family tree may be gone — thanks to computers, the Internet and small publishers, you can hand your family members a bound book of your life.

"I'm so glad I did it for my kids," said Virginia Buchfinck, 92, whose volume is titled "Changes, Challenges and Celebrations."

Mel Cross' memoir, "The Life and Good Times of Mel Cross Jr.," can now be found at Betty's Books and the Baker County Public Library.

"It was fun to do, and my kids are thrilled to have it," he said.

Buchfinck's project started with an inquiry about her childhood from her great-granddaughter.

ONE YEAR AGO

from the Baker City Herald

March 30, 2021

About 450 Baker County residents had their second dose of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine Friday during the Baker County Health Department's third major clinic at Baker High School.

Nancy Staten, the health department's director, said another 108 people had their first dose administered. Staten said 91 volunteers helped put on the clinic, which followed similar events on Feb. 26 and March 12.

Mary Tomlinson, who was getting her second dose, said she doesn't plan on making any immediate changes to her lifestyle.

"I will wait for two weeks and then I will follow CDC guidelines and meet with those who've had two shots also and who I know are careful," Tomlinson said. "We're going to wait a while before doing things like indoor gatherings with people we don't know. That still seems unsafe."

Judith Lutz, who also received her second dose at the clinic, said that although she spends much of her time at home, she feels relieved about being fully vaccinated.

Janet Van Diepen of Baker City said she might visit her daughter after receiving her second dose.

"She hasn't let me come visit her during this whole thing. But other than that, I haven't really made any lifestyle changes," Van Diepen said.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, MARCH 28

3-12-17-20-36-37

Next jackpot: \$3.5 million

POWERBALL, MARCH 28

11-18-39-58-62 PB 3

Next jackpot: \$206 million

MEGA MILLIONS, MARCH 29

7-22-36-45-47 Mega 12

Next jackpot: \$70 million

WIN FOR LIFE, MARCH 28

1-40-59-74

PICK 4, MARCH 29

• 1 p.m.: 9-0-6-4

• 4 p.m.: 2-4-9-5

• 7 p.m.: 1-5-8-3

• 10 p.m.: 3-8-4-9

LUCKY LINES, MARCH 29

3-6-9-16-19-24-28-29

Next jackpot: \$10,000

SENIOR MENUS

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

THURSDAY (April 7): Barbecued ribs, scalloped potatoes, carrots, rolls, green salad, bread pudding

FRIDAY (April 8): Roast turkey, stuffing, corn, rolls, Jell-O with fruit, cheesecake

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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Blood

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As of Wednesday, March 30, she already had 122 donor appointments.

The most recent local blood drive, on Jan. 24, yielded 95 units of blood (one unit is about one pint).

The April 4 event looks as though it might surpass even the two-day drive in Baker City on Nov. 8 and 9, which brought in about 132 units.

"We have a lot of people who want to give blood," Evans said.

The April 4 drive will take place from noon to 6 p.m. at the Nazarene Church, 1250 Hughes Lane.

To make or cancel an appointment, or for questions, call Evans at 541-523-5368.

She also encourages donors to schedule appointments online at redcross-blood.org, and to use the site redcrossblood.org/rapidpass

to answer questions required prior to donating.

Donors and volunteers working at the blood drive will be required to wear face masks. People who have had a COVID-19 vaccination are eligible to donate blood. They will need to list the manufacturer of the vaccine they have received.

This is the first local blood drive since early in the pandemic in which the Red Cross will also test donated blood for COVID-19 antibodies.

Donors can request that result, which will not be made public, Evans said.

The antibody test can tell donors whether their plasma could potentially be used to treat COVID-19 patients who have weakened immune systems.

People can have a positive result in an antibody test either because they were naturally exposed to the virus, or from a vaccination.



Samantha O'Conner/Baker City Herald, File

Dan Lyon donated blood on Nov. 9, 2021, in Baker City.

Local Briefing

Youth track program starts April 5

The Baker High School track team will again offer a youth track program for children from kindergarten to sixth grade. The first practice is April 5, from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Practices will be held Tuesdays, and meets on Thursdays. The first meet is April 14, and the last one is May 5.

The cost is \$25 per athlete. Proceeds support the BHS track team.

For more information, contact Suzy Cole at 541-524-2641 or suzy.cole@bakernsd.org.

Weed control workshop set for April 8

NORTH POWDER — A weed control workshop for interested landowners is planned April 8 from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the North Powder Fire Station, 320 E. St.

The open forum is for landowners in Baker and Union counties who are interested in learning how to control broadleaf noxious weeds and invasive annual grasses. More information is available by calling Jeffrey Pettingill at the Baker County Weed Control District, 541-519-0240, or Brian Clapp at the Union County Weed Control District, 541-805-5539.

Baker City planning cemetery clean up

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 set for April 9

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 organized through a partnership between Neighbors of Baker and Baker County Library Dis-

trict. 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.

Saint Alphonsus Auxiliary offers scholarship

Saint Alphonsus Auxiliary-Baker City is offering a \$1,500 scholarship to a college student who is enrolled in a health care profession course, is a graduate of a high school in Baker County or current Baker County resident, and who will be at

least a sophomore in the fall of 2022. Applications are available at the front desk at Saint Alphonsus Medical Center-Baker City, 3325 Pocahontas Road, or from a member of the Auxiliary Scholarship Committee — Peggy Payton, 541-519-8118, Marilyn Bloom, 541-523-2750, or Marilyn Delfatti, 541-523-4598. Applications are due by May 15, and the recipient will be notified by June 15.

Auxiliary members assist at the annual blood draw and other hospital events, and they attend the gift shop at the Baker City hospital. New members are always welcome. More information is available by calling Payton, at the number above, or Laura Huggins at 541-524-7732.

Baker Rural Fire Dist. plans open house

The Baker Rural Fire District will have an open house on Saturday, April 9, at its new station, 3855 23rd St., from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The event features tours of the building, information about district services, tax levy information, and booths by LifeFlight, FireWise Community and Charlie's Angels Car Club. Representatives will be on hand from OTEC, Baker City Fire Department, Oregon Department of Forestry, BLM, Baker County Emergency Management, and the Oregon State Fire Marshal. Snacks will be provided by Elkhorn Grills and Campbell Vanderwiele.

For information, call Collin Kaseberg at 541-519-7257.

News of Record

DEATHS

Steven Allen Douglas Strom: 63, of Baker City, died March 21, 2022, due to a presumed diabetic hypoglycemia-induced coma. He died with his wife at his side in his home. His health had declined very quickly after receiving his COVID-19 vaccinations. Steven was born in Silverton. He served in the U.S. Army in 1967. He moved to Baker City in 1989 where he met his wife of 32 years, Mollie Kathleen Strom (VanCleave). He worked many years at Phillips-Long Ford. He was later employed by the North Powder Lumber and then Marvin Wood Products. He enjoyed taking long drives around Baker City with his wife and late dog, Chuck. He spent lots of time with his only grandson Troy Strom. He was preceded in death by his father, William, his mother, Judith (Ollis), and his brothers, Michael and Julius.

He is survived by his brother, Norman, his sisters, Rosemary ("Kathi" West), and Mignon ("Mag" Bruno); his wife, Mollie, his sons, Jeff and Allen, his daughter-in-law, Michelle (Betinol), and his grandson, Troy.

FUNERALS PENDING

Adriene Oster: Celebration of her life, Saturday, April 2 at 2 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church, 1995 Fourth St. in Baker City. Online condolences can be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.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.

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

SECOND-DEGREE THEFT (Baker County Justice Court warrant): Patrick James Cowdry, 48, Baker City, 8:57 a.m. Monday, March 28, in the 3200 block of 14th Street; cited and released.

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Mon-Thurs 7:20

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Friday 4:10, 7:10
Sat & Sun 1:10, 4:10, 7:10
Mon-Thurs 7:10

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