

Local

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO

from the Democrat-Herald

April 2, 1972

An exclusive farm use zone may require farm parcels to be a minimum of 40 acres, according to an agreement reached at last week's county planning commission meeting in Haines.

25 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald

April 2, 1997

Molly E. Judy of Baker City observed her 103rd birthday on March 31. She is the former Molly Dickson and was born in 1894, when Grover Cleveland was president of the United States.

She spent her childhood days in Granite and is a devout Christian who reared her children by those principles, according to her family.

10 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald

April 2, 2012

The museum in the home of Baker City's longtime philanthropist, the late Leo Adler, has received a pair of grants, totaling \$14,775, that will pay to repaint the exterior of the 123-year-old home this spring.

The Adler House Museum was awarded \$6,775 from the Kinsman Foundation of Milwaukie, Ore., and \$8,000 from the Leo Adler Community Fund, according to a press release from the Baker County Museum Commission.

ONE YEAR AGO

from the Baker City Herald

April 3, 2021

The Cribs for Kids program is going on five years in Baker County with the number one goal of saving babies.

"We want to reduce the number of deaths postpartum and out of the hospital," said Sommer Sargent, OB supervisor at Saint Alphonsus Medical Center-Baker City.

Cribs for Kids was founded in 1998 to provide education on "safe sleep" for infants. According to the organization, about 3,500 babies die in their sleep every year.

These deaths are classified as SUID, or Sudden Unexpected Infant Death. Some are due to SIDS — Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, of which the cause is unknown.

However, the organization reports that many infant deaths are due to suffocation or strangulation in unsafe sleeping environments, including babies sleeping with a parent or other adult.

Saint Alphonsus adopted the Cribs for Kids program in 2016.

In 2009 the Baker County medical examiner, Dr. James Davis, said seven babies in the county had died over the past seven years after sleeping beside a parent, including three deaths in three months in 2009.

Two other babies died in similar circumstances in 2015, and one in 2016.

The education about safe sleep relies on community partnerships, Sargent said.

"We (the hospital) should never be the first or last place they hear about safe sleep," she said.

Providing information about safe sleep is part of pre-natal and post-natal appointments with doctors.

The Department of Human Services, Baker County Health Department, Rachel Pregnancy Center and first responders also dispense recommendations on keeping infants safe while sleeping.

At the hospital, patients are provided with printed materials, as well as a HALO sleep sack to take home thanks to grants from the Saint Alphonsus Foundation and hospital auxiliary.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, MARCH 30

4 - 19 - 22 - 37 - 44 - 46

Next jackpot: \$3.6 million

POWERBALL, MARCH 30

3 - 7 - 21 - 31 - 37 PB 11

Next jackpot: \$222 million

MEGA MILLIONS, MARCH 29

7 - 22 - 36 - 45 - 47 Mega 12

Next jackpot: \$70 million

WIN FOR LIFE, MARCH 30

10 - 26 - 54 - 75

PICK 4, MARCH 31

• 1 p.m.: 6 - 3 - 7 - 6

• 4 p.m.: 4 - 2 - 1 - 7

• 7 p.m.: 5 - 6 - 3 - 3

• 10 p.m.: 5 - 1 - 6 - 6

LUCKY LINES, MARCH 31

2-5-9-14-18-24-27-29

Next jackpot: \$12,000

SENIOR MENUS

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-raisin 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

MONDAY (April 11): Baked ziti, garlic bread, zucchini and tomatoes, ambrosia, brownies

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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Weed of the week: Crabgrass

BY JEFFREY PETTINGILL

The enemy

Crabgrass (*Digitaria ischaemum* L.) is a summer annual that invades properties covered in turf. Its inflorescence (seed head) is made up of three to five long spikelets which resemble the track of a goose. This gets mistaken for quackgrass, which is a totally different plant. This weed normally lies flat on the ground with flat leaves that have a purple tinge. Crabgrass has been known to be a serious problem in the Tri-cities area and Boise, but has been in Eastern Oregon on a very small scale for at least 30 years.

The attack

Crabgrass is very aggressive at invading establishing lawns. It gets its foot into a lawn in the outer areas such as near sidewalks and driveways where there is usually disturbed soil. The plant invades earlier in the summer and is the first to "brown out" in the fall, after the first frost. As the plant grows flat or prostrate, it covers up the desirable grass and slowly takes it over. The seeds can last 3 to 4 years in the soil. It is also spread by mowers as that it attaches to the underside of the lawn mower.

The defense

Clean the dirt off your shoes before you leave an infested area. Hand pulling is a small option, but difficult due to the intensity of the patches once established. Pre-emergent herbicides are the best plan of action. If you suspect an invasion, first have the plant properly identified and in most cases you may want to call in a professional lawn care



Photo by Richard Old
www.xidservices.com

Rich Old/Contributed Photo

Crabgrass is often mistaken for quackgrass, but they are separate species.

service to have the property sprayed. Products such as Barricade and Dimension are available in very large quantities to private landowners or they can also be found blended in with a fertilizer, which is available at most nurseries. These products can be applied in the late fall or early spring. The key is to get these products in the soil prior to the germination of the weed. This weed does not germinate until the soil temperatures reach 55 degrees (about when forsythia blooms).



Rich Old/Contributed Photo

Crabgrass has a seed head made up of three to five long spikelets which resemble the track of a goose.

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@bakersd.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 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.

Public hearing April 6 on county ambulance ordinance

The Baker County Board of Commissioners will have a public hearing on Wednesday, April 6, at 9 a.m. at the Courthouse, 1995 Third St., to gather comments about a proposed ordinance updating the county's ambulance service area plan.

That's the plan that designates ambulance providers for the county's four ambulance service areas.

By far the largest of those is the Baker area, which includes Baker City and about two-thirds of the remainder of the county. The Baker City Fire Department is the current ambulance provider.

However, the Baker City Council on March 22 voted to send a notice to Baker County that the city intends to cease ambulance service on Sept. 30, 2022. City Manager Jonathan Cannon said the county is not collecting enough from its ambulance billing to continue to pay for the service.

If that happens, the county would be responsible for choosing a new provider for the Baker ambulance service area.

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 Vanderviele.

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

News of Record

DEATHS

Karen C. Inman: 83, of Tallahassee, Florida, died March 21, 2022. Her funeral will take place in Tallahassee on April 6, and a graveside service will be at Mount Hope Cemetery in Baker City on April 9 at 11 a.m. The Rev. Aletha Bonebrake of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church will officiate the service. To leave an online condolence for Karen's family, go to www.grayswestco.com.

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 1976. 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
PROBATION VIOLATION: Juan Pablo Burgos, 60, Baker City, 9:05 p.m. Thursday, March 31, in the 900 block of Campbell Street; jailed.

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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