

Local

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO

from the Democrat-Herald

April 11, 1972

No economic impact is predicted to be generated by likely candidate wilderness study areas, despite fears by local businessmen, John Rogers, Wallowa-Whitman National Forest supervisor, said Monday.

"There has been a misunderstanding," Rogers said. "The only area we are recommending is number nine around the Eagle Cap Wilderness. Based on this analysis we are doing now, there would be no job loss."

25 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald

April 11, 1997

An eight-man, four-woman jury found Josip Dvornekovic guilty of attempted murder and second-degree assault Thursday after six hours of deliberation in Baker County Circuit Court.

The jury returned its unanimous verdict about 3 p.m. Deliberations began about 9 a.m. after the jury received its instructions from Judge Milo Pope. District attorney Greg Baxter and defense attorney Kathleen Bergland presented their closing arguments Wednesday afternoon.

10 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald

April 12, 2012

This year hasn't had nearly as soggy a start as 2011 did, but the situation at Brownlee Reservoir, Baker County's most popular boating and fishing spot, is pretty much the same.

Which is to say, dry.

Brownlee, the 53-mile-long reservoir on Baker County's eastern flank that forms the border between Oregon and Idaho, is about 50 feet below full today.

ONE YEAR AGO

from the Baker City Herald

April 13, 2021

Grace Davis wants future Pine Eagle High School students to have a real track, and she's dedicated her senior project to raising the necessary money.

Davis lives in Oxbow, along the Snake River at the Oregon/Idaho border, and is a senior at Pine Eagle in Halfway, about 17 miles west of Oxbow.

"I chose this as my senior project because I've been a track and field athlete ever since my freshman year and I know how much it would mean to have an official track to future generations of Pine Eagle athletes," she said.

She has younger siblings following in her track footsteps.

"I would love to see them run on a completed track in their high school years," she said.

Davis launched her project in January 2020 by writing a paper on her goal. She started fundraising in May 2020 with a raffle for flights at the annual fly-in held in Richland.

Her goal is to raise \$50,000 for a "good quality surface on the track." All donations will be used for the upgrade.

Davis also set up a GoFundMe account. As of Monday, April 12, the account had raised \$2,035.

"If we end up getting more money than needed, the excess will be put toward making our field events qualified for competitions," she said.

She must present her senior project by the end of April.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, APRIL 9

6-20-27-30-43-44

Next jackpot: \$4 million

POWERBALL, APRIL 9

6-16-31-62-66 PB 18

Next jackpot: \$288 million

MEGA MILLIONS, APRIL 8

8-11-29-32-40 Mega 2

Next jackpot: \$106 million

WIN FOR LIFE, APRIL 9

1-24-58-724

PICK 4, APRIL 10

• 1 p.m.: 2-5-9-0

• 4 p.m.: 9-3-0-3

• 7 p.m.: 8-5-2-3

• 10 p.m.: 8-3-7-9

LUCKY LINES, APRIL 10

3-8-12-13-18-22-27-30

Next jackpot: \$22,000

SENIOR MENUS

WEDNESDAY (April 13): Chicken broccoli fettuccine, green beans and tomatoes, garlic bread, fruit and cottage cheese, ice cream

THURSDAY (April 14): Beef stew, broccoli, rolls, green salad

FRIDAY (April 15): Baked cod cup, clam chowder, capri vegetables, rolls, coleslaw, bread pudding

MONDAY (April 18): Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, mixed vegetables, rolls, fruit cup, brownies

TUESDAY (April 19): Chicken strips, tater tots, corn, rolls, Jell-O with fruit, pudding

WEDNESDAY (April 20): Meatloaf, mashed potatoes with gravy, mixed vegetables, rolls, green salad, lemon squares

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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HIV testing campaign ramps up across Eastern Oregon

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PENDLETON — A campaign to raise awareness about HIV testing is underway in Eastern Oregon.

Eastern Oregon Center for Independent Living, based in Ontario, has partnered with End HIV Oregon for a new advertising campaign between April and July that will focus on Pendleton, Hermiston, La Grande, Ontario and their surrounding towns.

"We've seen an uptick in HIV-positive cases in rural Eastern Oregon, and sexually transmitted disease cases, and so we thought it was just perfect timing," said Kirt Toombs, CEO and founder of EOCIL. "We've been working on this campaign since 2012, and we thought this was a good time to raise awareness."

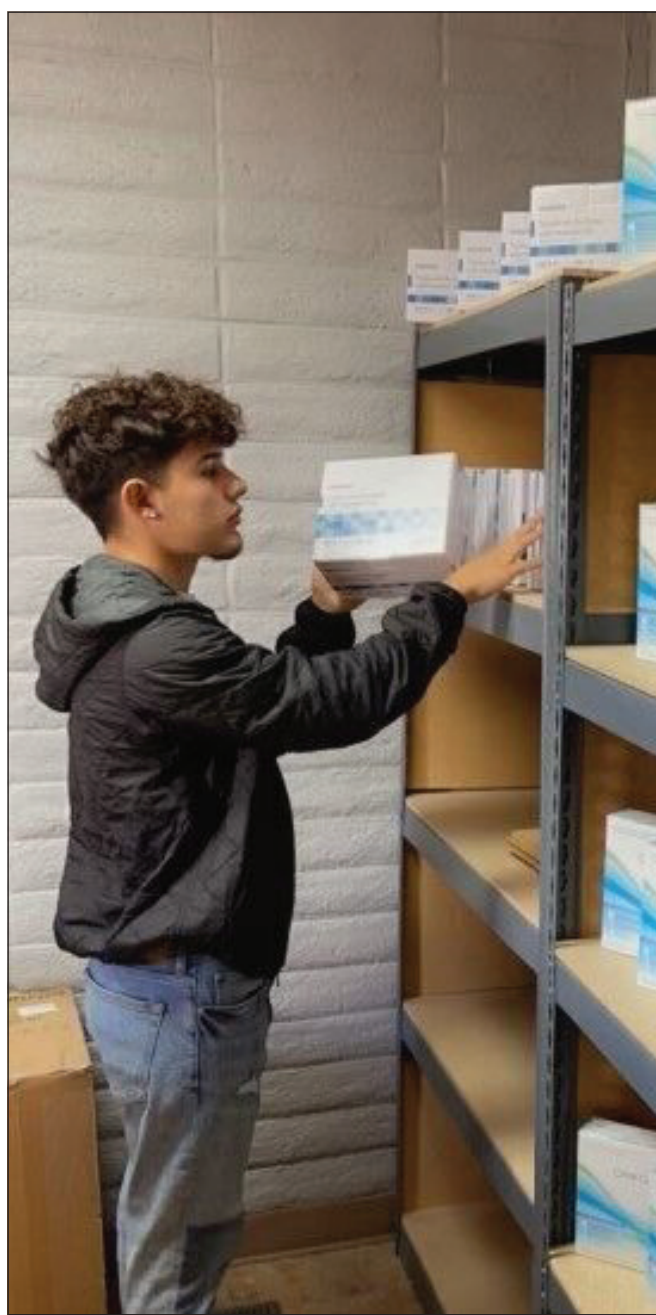


Toombs

According to the press release, national physician groups recommend that everyone be tested for HIV at least once. But most adult Oregonians have never been tested for HIV. People in more rural parts of the state are even less likely than people living in urban areas to be tested in a timely manner, according to the press release.

Toombs said testing and awareness are especially important because of the increase in positive cases in Eastern Oregon.

"It's almost quadrupled," he said. "Even though the numbers are low, we've gone from three cases to almost, I believe, 12 cases. And so that's quite a bit, and that's definitely



Issak Garcia, Eastern Oregon Center for Independent Living's HIV prevention specialist, stocks shelves with home test kits for HIV.

made us take a look at what needs to happen around raising awareness and making tools available."

The campaign will utilize radio ads, billboards and newspaper ads to raise awareness about testing. Toombs said testing already is available, but awareness has been lacking.

"We serve 13 counties here in Eastern Oregon and so we have the tools available, but I

think what was missing is that we needed to make people aware that they're available," he said.

One of the major points of the campaign is to highlight that everyone has an HIV status, whether they've been tested or not.

"We all have an HIV status, and we should all be tested for HIV at least once, if not more frequently," said Joseph Fiumara, director for Uma-

More Information

For more information about HIV testing, prevention and treatment in Oregon, visit endhivoregon.org.

tilla County Public Health, in a press release. "I'm thrilled to see this campaign launch here to continue building healthier communities in our part of the state."

EOCIL provides HIV prevention and case management services in Baker, Gilliam, Grant, Harney, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, Wasco and Wheeler counties. Among those counties, 222 people are living with HIV, according to the EOCIL press release.

As well as raising awareness with the intent of improving the number of tests administered in rural Eastern Oregon, Toombs said reducing stigma associated with the virus is paramount, and advances in medicine and technology have made living with the virus easier.

"It's night and day from 30 years ago," he said. "We're coming up on the anniversary of the passing of Ryan White (Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency Act), and so it makes us look back at where we were 30 years ago, and where we are now. Science is just amazing, and (with) the medical care that people are getting now — we're living longer and healthier lives."

Those medical advances include PrEP, a prophylactic drug that reduces HIV transmission rates by 99%, according to medical studies. Therapy drugs HIV-positive individuals use also can completely eliminate the transmission of HIV if the virus is undetectable by tests, through a process called Undetected = Untransmittable.

"We shouldn't have to fear having an HIV test or getting treatment," Toombs said, "or having access to prevention tools that are available to us."

News of Record

FUNERALS PENDING

Barbara Sherman: Celebration of life service will take place Saturday, April 23, at 11 a.m. at Coles Tribute Center, 1950 Place St. Donations can be made to Best Friends of Baker, through Coles Tribute Center. To leave a condolence in memory of Barbara, go to www.colistributecenter.com.

Mardelle LaDorise Webb Allen Ebell: A traditional funeral service will take place Saturday, April 16, at 2 p.m. at the Pine Valley Presbyterian Church in Halfway. Interment will follow at Pine Haven Cemetery. Online condolences can be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

Ron Anderson, Sharon Joy Anderson: They passed away in November 2021 in Las Vegas. They lived in Baker City for most of the year, escaping the cold weather of Eastern Oregon to their property in Pahrump, Nevada, during the winter. Ron and Sharon loved to travel and pan gold, and they were avid rockhounds. They enjoyed taking walks, morning coffee with friends, Copper Belt Winery and dances at the VFW. Ron and Sharon are very much missed by their friends and family who they both loved and cherished dearly. There will be a celebration of their lives on April 14 at 2 p.m. at the Eagles, 2935 H St. in Baker City.

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.

Ivan Harry Bork: A celebration of his life and potluck will take place Saturday, May 28, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the ballroom at the Baker Heritage Museum, 2480 Grove St. For those who would like to make a donation in honor of Ivan, the family suggests Hunt of a Lifetime through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services, P.O. Box 543, Halfway, OR 97834. Online condolences can be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

POLICE LOG

Baker City Police
Arrests, citations
PUBLIC URINATION (Baker City ordinance offense): Hassan Hilal Saleh Al Chokhali, 33, Hillsboro, 2:08 a.m. Saturday, April 9, at Main Street and Washington Avenue; cited and released.
DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF INTOXICANTS, VIOLATION OF RESTRAINING ORDER: Timothy Patrick Hopkins, 52, Baker City, 1:54 p.m. Friday, April 8, at the police department; cited and released.
Baker County Sheriff's Office
Arrests, citations
TELEPHONIC HARASSMENT: Nicole Yvonne Wilkerson, 45, Baker City, 6:02 p.m. Sunday, April 10, on South Rock Creek Lane; cited and released.
DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF INTOXICANTS: Jeffrey Dale Grende, 45, North Powder, 11:10 p.m. Saturday, April 9, at 10th and G streets in Baker City.

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