

Local

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO

from the Democrat-Herald
April 14, 1972

There is bad news for the Baker area deer hunter: preliminary findings show that the severe winter claimed one-third of the deer population, game biologist Dick Humphreys said here Thursday.

25 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald
April 14, 1997

Union Pacific Railroad is investigating the cause of a train derailment Friday night near Quartz Siding.

Twenty-six empty cars went off the track about five miles east of Baker City at 10:13 p.m., according to John Bromley, Union Pacific Railroad spokesman at Omaha. Damage was estimated at \$440,000. There were no injuries.

Bromley said the empty cars last contained chlorine and there was some residue inside, but there was no leak at the derailment site.

10 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald
April 13, 2012

Baker City now has access to cutting-edge curriculum for health education thanks to a sponsorship through St. Alphonsus Health System.

St. Al's has partnered with HealthTeacher, an online organization that offers a comprehensive curriculum for grades kindergarten through 12.

ONE YEAR AGO

from the Baker City Herald
April 15, 2021

Baker City Council members expressed concern about proposed increases in water, wastewater and other fees during their regular meeting Tuesday evening, April 13 at City Hall.

Jeanie Dexter, the city's finance director, presented the annual fee resolution.

Councilors are scheduled to vote on the resolution during their April 27 meeting. Any fee changes would take effect July 1, the start of the 2021-22 fiscal year.

In her report, Dexter said proposed increases in water and wastewater rates, and a variety of fees at Mount Hope Cemetery, are based on the federal Consumer Price Index, which increased by 1.9% for the 12-month period ending in February 2021.

Councilor Heather Sells asked whether city officials had discussed leaving water rates as they are since some businesses have been closed or severely restricted due to state-imposed guidelines designed to slow the spread of COVID-19.

Dexter said city officials discussed the idea of forgoing rate increases last year.

But this year, she said, officials decided to propose increases identical to the Consumer Price Index because the city needs to cover its own costs for operating the water and wastewater systems.

Dexter noted that the proposed increase of 1.9% for water and sewer fees is lower than several recent increases the City Council has passed.

The Council boosted water rates by 10% in each of three years, 2016-18, and sewer rates by 10% and 12.8% during the past decade.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, APRIL 11

2-7-8-31-37-48

Next jackpot: \$4.1 million

POWERBALL, APRIL 11

5-7-24-31-34 PB 4

Next jackpot: \$302 million

MEGA MILLIONS, APRIL 12

2-8-14-20-31 Mega 17

Next jackpot: \$20 million

WIN FOR LIFE, APRIL 11

1-22-59-71

PICK 4, APRIL 12

• 1 p.m.: 1-8-8-7

• 4 p.m.: 2-9-2-8

• 7 p.m.: 6-4-1-0

• 10 p.m.: 1-9-6-2

LUCKY LINES, APRIL 12

3-7-11-16-17-24-26-29

Next jackpot: \$24,000

SENIOR MENUS

FRIDAY (April 15): Baked cod, 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

THURSDAY (April 21): Beef burgundy over fettuccine noodles, carrots, rolls, potato salad, cookies

FRIDAY (April 22): Pork roast, stuffing with gravy, mixed vegetables, rolls, applesauce, tapioca

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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Baker School Board names BMS principal, assistant principals at Brooklyn, South Baker

Baker City Herald

The Baker School Board on Tuesday, April 12, approved the hiring a new principal for Baker Middle School and assistant principals for Brooklyn Primary School and South Baker Intermediate School.

Amanda Wilde, who is principal at Keating Elementary, will take over the BMS job this fall.

Lori Ford will serve as assistant principal at Brooklyn, and Heidi Stocks will be the assistant principal at South Baker as well as coordinator of auxiliary programming for the entire district.

Ford is a child development specialist at Brooklyn, and Stocks is the math instructional coach for grades K-6 for the district.

Wilde, who has been head teacher and principal at Keating, the K-6 school east of Baker City, grew up in the district and attended BMS. She taught third-grade at Brooklyn for 12 years before taking the job at Keating.

She and her husband have a

ranch in the Keating Valley.

"I am grateful for my experience at Keating Elementary School," Wilde said in a press release from the district. "While at Keating, I have developed wonderful relationships with the students and families. I will miss them, but look forward to seeing their faces again at Baker Middle School. I am honored and excited to work with such a talented staff at Baker Middle School. I look forward to embracing the next part of my journey in secondary education and making every student's middle school experience as memorable as my own experience was."

Mark Witty, Baker School District superintendent, said Wilde "has been a valuable member of the District leadership team,

and I look forward to seeing her continued leadership in this new role."

Wilde's annual salary will be \$105,534.

Stocks also grew up in Baker County, attending Haines Elementary and graduating from Baker High School.

Her first teaching job was in the math department at Baker High School, where she also served as the department chair.

She and her husband are raising their three children on the cattle ranch where she grew up.

"I love this community," Stocks said. "And I am so excited to serve our students in these new roles next year."

South Baker Principal Phil Anderson said Stocks "has been such an asset to the District. I feel very fortunate that

she's chosen to join the team at South Baker in addition to continuing to provide service to the entire district when it comes to auxiliary programming."

Stocks' annual salary will be \$82,412.

Ford and her husband both grew up in Burns. She was an elementary school teacher for six years in Monroe, near Eugene, before moving to the Baker School District.

"My husband and I are so grateful to be back in Eastern Oregon and raising our three children in a place and way similar to our own childhoods," Ford said. "I love being part of the Brooklyn Primary team and look forward to continuing to serve our amazing students and their families in this new role."

Brooklyn Principal Katy Collier said Ford is "already such a valuable member of the Brooklyn team. Stepping into this new leadership role is a natural fit for her."

Ford's annual salary will be \$82,412.

Local Briefing

Raffle, online auction raising money for BHS senior party

The Baker High School seniors are selling Bare Necessities raffle tickets and running an online auction to raise money for the Class of 2022 drug- and alcohol-free party. Tickets for the raffle, which includes more than 40 prizes, are available from any BHS senior, at Kicks Sportswear, 1801 Main St., Maurice's, 1090 Campbell St., or by calling 541-403-1480. The online auction runs through April 15. Items include 80 pounds of ground beef, a Bulldog hope chest package, a wine and cheese basket, Seattle Mariners basketball tickets, a date night package at Wildhorse Resort, and many more

items. To access the auction, go to <https://www.32auctions.com/BHS2022>.

Workshop on caring for a lawn set for April 23

A three-hour workshop on growing and maintaining a lawn is set for April 23 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Baker County Community Events Center, 2600 East St.

Participants can register by calling the OSU Extension Service at 541-523-6418 and pay at the door. Cost is \$10 per person.

David Cowan, an OSU Extension master gardener since 2005, will conduct the workshop. Topics include the role turf can play in a sustainable landscape, tips for proper in-

stallation and revitalization, sound cultural practices for maintaining a lawn, minimizing the risk of pests, and suggestions for selecting useful turf care tools.

Herbicide giveaways begin this month at several sites

The Baker County Weed District is starting its free herbicide giveaway events this month.

Residents can pick up five gallons of premixed herbicide, enough to cover about 4,000 square feet. The product can be tailored to deal with specific weeds.

The schedule:

• Baker City: First and third Thursday of the month

from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Weed District office, 1050 S. Bridge St.

• Huntington: Fourth Thursday of the month, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., Lions Park.

• Unity: Fourth Thursday of the month, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Wayne Morin Place in Herford.

• Richland: Second Thursday of the month, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., Baker County lot at the triangle east of town.

• Halfway: Second Thursday of the month, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Baker County's shop in Halfway.

• Sumpter: Third Tuesday of the month, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Volunteer Park.

More information is available by calling the Weed District at 541-523-0618.

Pinwheels

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Each participant will receive a workbook. To register, to go <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/294778579667>, call Building Healthy Families at 541-426-9411 or email mdalton@oregonbhf.org.

Pinwheels

In 2008, Prevent Child Abuse America introduced the pinwheel as the national symbol for child abuse prevention.

Starting in 2016, a year after joining the Protect Our Children project, Building Healthy Families began coordinating the April awareness/prevention campaign in Baker and Wallowa counties. Pinwheel gardens and other promotional materials are made available to businesses, schools, churches, organizations, medical facilities and others.

Having the pinwheels and information visible is one way to make more people aware of the need to protect children

from child abuse, Dalton said.

CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) has partnered with Building Healthy Families to promote the project, and there are currently more than 30 pinwheel gardens in Wallowa County and 16 in Baker County.

Erin Taggart, director of Wallowa County CASA, is a trained facilitator for the "Stewards of Children" training.

"She and her family are the creative designers of new and innovative ideas for pinwheel

displays," Dalton said.

Susan Polumsky is the pinwheel coordinator for Wallowa and Baker counties, and works with Jillian Hawkins at the Baker County BHF office.

"Collecting data is Susan's specialty and she maintains lists of locations, number of pinwheels at each location and is constantly looking for a location that is not on the current list," Dalton said.

To request pinwheels, contact Polumsky at 541-426-9411 or spolumsky@oregonbhf.org.

News of Record

FUNERALS PENDING

Barbara Sherman: Celebration of life service will take place Saturday, April 16, 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.colestributecenter.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.

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 County Sheriff's Office

Arrests, citations

SECOND-DEGREE THEFT, SECOND-DEGREE CRIMINAL TRESPASSING: Ty Robert Lewis, 18, Cascade, Montana, 8:13 p.m. Tuesday, April 12, on Brown Road; jailed.

BAKER COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT WARRANT: Zachariah Todd Hensen, 38, Baker City, 7:44 a.m. Tuesday, April 12, at the sheriff's office; cited and released.

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Mon-Thurs 7:00

SONIC
THE HEDGEHOG 2 (PG)
Friday 4:10, 7:10
Sat & Sun 1:10, 4:10, 7:10
Mon-Thurs 7:10

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