

Local

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO

from the Democrat-Herald

April 18, 1972

The seasonality of the Baker area's economy once again showed through as unemployment jumped last month from 930 to 1,050, an increase of 11.8 percent.

25 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald

April 18, 1997

Baker City voters will decide May 20 whether or not to amend the city charter to allow the city to sell certain industrial properties without voter approval.

The measure, 1-20, is one of two the city has on the ballot for next month's special election. The other measure, 1-19, asks voters to give the city authority to sell 16 acres near the proposed site for nine new holes at the Baker City Golf Club.

10 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald

April 18, 2012

The Wallowa-Whitman National Forest's plan to ban motor vehicles from 3,600 miles of roads later this spring has hit a speed bump of sorts.

And this impediment was thrown up by the very forest official who unveiled the plan March 15.

Wallowa-Whitman Supervisor Monica Schwalbach announced Tuesday, by way of a letter, that she was withdrawing her decision on the widely unpopular Travel Management Plan.

The vehicle ban was scheduled to take effect in June, when the forest makes available to the public free maps showing which roads and trails are open to motor vehicles.

ONE YEAR AGO

from the Baker City Herald

April 20, 2021

Baker City has installed six security cameras in Geiser-Pollman Park, the city's largest park, and six more cameras in Central Park.

The latter park is beside the Powder River between Washington and Valley avenues.

The cameras are intended to help prevent vandalism and other criminal activity in the parks, said Joyce Bornstedt, the city's technical administration supervisor and parks department director.

"They're pretty amazing," Bornstedt said of the cameras. "They're going to be a really valuable tool not only for the parks department but for the police department as well as we're trying to get a handle on the unfavorable behaviors and crimes that are happening in our parks. We're excited about that."

City Councilor Johnny Waggoner Sr., who is the Council's representative on the city's parks board, told councilors during their April 13 meeting that he's optimistic that the cameras, and the closer police scrutiny they make possible, will reduce vandalism to playground equipment and the Powder River Pavilion in Geiser-Pollman Park, and other items in the two parks.

"There is an app for the law enforcement to use; they can monitor those cameras on their phones," Waggoner said. "They will be able to go back and see where people were, who was doing what. Maybe we can not have so much destruction to the pavilions and carvings on the picnic tables, and playground equipment torn up."

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, APRIL 16

1-7-26-35-43-44

Next jackpot: \$4.3 million

POWERBALL, APRIL 16

15-21-32-62-65 PB 26

Next jackpot: \$348 million

MEGA MILLIONS, APRIL 15

4-17-20-46-64 Mega 23

Next jackpot: \$20 million

WIN FOR LIFE, APRIL 16

2-20-53-57

PICK 4, APRIL 17

• 1 p.m.: 3-8-2-8

• 4 p.m.: 8-6-7-4

• 7 p.m.: 0-2-9-3

• 10 p.m.: 1-0-9-7

LUCKY LINES, APRIL 17

1-7-10-14-19-24-25-29

Next jackpot: \$29,000

SENIOR MENUS

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

MONDAY (April 25): Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes

with gravy, peas and carrots, biscuits, green salad, peach crisp

TUESDAY (April 26): Pork tips over fettuccine, peas, rolls,

ambrosia, sherbet

WEDNESDAY (April 27): Spaghetti, mixed vegetables, garlic

bread, green salad, birthday cake

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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Snow problem for Easter egg hunt



Ian Crawford/Baker City Herald

Bundled up kids gathered plenty of plastic eggs during a snowy hunt on Saturday morning, April 16, 2022, at Geiser-Pollman Park.



Ian Crawford/Baker City Herald

Baskets full of plastic eggs were common sights during a snowy Easter egg hunt on Saturday morning, April 16, 2022, at Geiser-Pollman Park.



Ian Crawford/Baker City Herald

Three inches of slushy snow was no impediment to dozens of youngsters who turned out for the Easter egg hunt on Saturday morning, April 16, 2022, at Geiser-Pollman Park. It was the first such hunt since 2019. The previous two were canceled due to the pandemic.

Local Briefing

Baker City man to talk about trip to climate change conference

PENDLETON — The Eastern Oregon Climate Change Coalition is set to host its monthly informational presentation on Tuesday, April 19.

Peter Fargo, a Baker City resident and co-founder of ClimateVigil.org, will provide a recap of his time as an official observer for the

2021 United Nations Climate Change Conference.

Fargo observed the UN meeting, in which member nations pledged to work collectively toward reducing emission of greenhouse gases and limiting the rise of the global average temperature. His speech at the virtual meeting, titled "Mr. Fargo Goes to Glasgow," will summarize the UN meeting and reflect on impacts on Eastern Oregon.

The coalition hosts the free program virtually, Tuesday, April 19, at 7 p.m. To request Zoom login information, email eastoregonclimatechange@gmail.com or go to www.eoc3.org for information about joining the zoom meeting. The zoom link will be sent out via email on April 18.

County commission candidates plan to attend April 23 debate

All five candidates for the Baker County Board of Commissioners have confirmed they will participate in a debate on Saturday, April 23, at 6 p.m. at the Sunridge Inn, 1 Sunridge Lane. The public is invited to attend the event, which is sponsored by Baker County United. The primary election is May 17.

Candidates will be responding to questions submitted in advance, and also taking questions from the audience.

Three candidates are vying to replace Bill Harvey as commission chairman, the only full-time position — Shane Alderson, Dan Garrick and Joe Johnson. There are two candidates for commission position 2, a part-time position held by Mark Bennett — Kody Justus and Christina Witham. Neither Bennett nor Harvey is seeking reelection.

In both commission races, if one candidate receives more than half the voters, that person would be elected. If no candidate receives at least half of the voters, the top two candidates in both races would advance to a runoff in the Nov. 8 general election.

News of Record

FUNERALS PENDING

Rusty and Donny Brodhead: Memorial service will military honors will take place Friday, April 22, at 11 a.m. at the North Powder Cemetery. Online condolences can be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

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.coletributecenter.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 City Police

Arrests, citations

SECOND-DEGREE CRIMINAL TRESPASSING: Jason Richard Harris, 49, Baker City, 4:13 a.m. Monday, April 18, in the 500 block of Campbell Street; cited and released.

CONTEMPT OF COURT (Baker County Circuit Court warrant): Mary Ellen Prevo,

51, Baker City, 9:02 p.m. Sunday, April 17, in the 1500 block of Campbell Street; jailed.

Baker County Sheriff's Office

Arrests, citations

CARELESS DRIVING (Baker County Justice Court warrant): Lynn Michelle Chantel, 54, Durkee, 12:20 p.m. Friday, April 15, on Express Road; cited and released.



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