

Local

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO

from the Democrat-Herald

April 23, 1972

WASHINGTON — U.S. Rep. Al Ullman has moved one step closer to realizing his efforts to preserve the Minam River Canyon in its wild state. The Eastern Oregon Democrat said Rep. Walter S. Baring, D-Nev., chairman of the House Public Lands Subcommittee, has agreed to hold meetings in mid-May — probably May 18 or 19 — on Ullman’s bill to create a Minam Wilderness Area.

25 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald

April 23, 1997

The Baker City Council had no trouble deciding Tuesday night to have the state paint new lines on a section of Campbell Street.

But neither the council nor the city staff had an answer to Megan Christensen’s question.

Christensen, a senior at Baker High School, was among the teenagers who participated in Elks Student Government Day, in which students spend the day with city councilors and city employees.

Her question — whether or not rollerbladers will be allowed in the new bike lanes that will be painted on Campbell — surprised everyone.

10 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald

April 23, 2012

Baker maintained a firm grip on first place in the Greater Oregon League softball standings Friday.

The Bulldogs (5-1 in the GOL) swept La Grande 8-6 and 9-8 at La Grande.

“We played a couple of close games; a couple of big wins,” said Baker coach Al McCauley.

“We hit the ball pretty well up and down the lineup. We got some good help from the bottom of our lineup.”

In the opener, Baker took a 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning.

Jessi Stephens and DJ McCauley hit back-to-back singles with one out. Darion Grove then singled Stephens home.

ONE YEAR AGO

from the Baker City Herald

April 24, 2021

Oregon’s wolf population grew by almost 10% during 2020, and 20 of the state’s 22 wolf packs live in the northeast corner of the state.

Wolves from six of those packs include parts of Baker County in their range.

Those are among the statistics included in the annual wolf report released Wednesday, April 21 by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW).

The report is based on wolf statistics at the end of 2020.

ODFW officials confirmed that at least 173 wolves were in the state at that time, an increase of 9.5% from the 158 wolves tallied at the end of 2019. Those numbers are based on sightings, tracks and photographs from remote cameras, according to ODFW.

ODFW acknowledges that there are likely more than 173 wolves living in the state, as not all wolves are seen, or their presence confirmed by other evidence, during the annual winter census.

Although two wolf packs and two other groups of wolves are living in the Cascade Mountains or in Central Oregon, a large majority of the state’s wolves inhabit the northeast corner.

That’s been true since wolves started migrating into the state from Idaho about 20 years ago.

Of the minimum statewide population of 173 wolves, 151 – 87% — are in the northeast corner, including Baker, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, Grant and Morrow counties.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, APRIL 10

19 – 20 – 26 – 33 – 42 – 47

Next jackpot: \$4.5 million

POWERBALL, APRIL 20

8 – 33 – 55 – 59 – 62 PB 14

Next jackpot: \$400 million

MEGA MILLIONS, APRIL 19

2 – 9 – 33 – 47 – 53 Mega 24

Next jackpot: \$22 million

WIN FOR LIFE, APRIL 20

3 – 25 – 41 – 44

PICK 4, APRIL 21

• 1 p.m.: 5 – 1 – 7 – 7

• 4 p.m.: 4 – 2 – 7 – 8

• 7 p.m.: 1 – 2 – 2 – 2

• 10 p.m.: 9 – 8 – 6 – 8

LUCKY LINES, APRIL 21

1-5-11-15-19-23-26-29

Next jackpot: \$10,000

SENIOR MENUS

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

THURSDAY (April 28): Staff in-service day; closed.

FRIDAY (April 29): Pot roast, red potatoes, carrots, rolls, green salad, ice cream

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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School board hires principal, financial officer

Baker City Herald

The Baker School Board approved the hiring of two new administrators during its meeting Thursday, April 21.

Vanessa Haggett will start as principal of the Eagle Cap Innovative Junior/Senior High School, an alternative program within the district, starting in the fall.

Mark Witty, Baker School District superintendent, said Haggett “really impressed the interview panel. We’re enthusiastic about the future of Eagle Cap Innovative Junior/Senior High School under her leadership.”

Haggett has been a teacher since 2009. She has worked since 2019 for Paisley Public Charter School in Lake

County, where she is head teacher and a science teacher.

As head teacher, her duties are comparable to those of vice principal, including helping with administrative needs, school discipline, and as a substitute for the superintendent/principal.

“I want to make a difference,” Haggett said in a press release.

“I look forward to helping students succeed in creative and practical ways and supporting teachers to do their best work. The flexibility of an Eagle Cap Innovative Junior/Senior High School education

is so exciting, offering students in-person and online learning opportunities, along with career and technical education at the middle and high school levels.”

Financial officer

The board also approved hiring Regina Sampson as the district’s chief financial officer and business manager.

“We are so fortunate to have Ms. Sampson joining our team,” Witty said.

“She has over 20 years of accounting experience in both the public and private sectors, with particular



Haggett



Sampson

Local Briefing

County commission candidate debate Saturday

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.

Donkey basketball set for April 27 at BHS

A donkey basketball game is scheduled at Baker High School on Wednesday, April 27, at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$9 for adults

and \$7 for students seventh through 12th grades, or \$5 for kindergarten through sixth grade.

Proceeds will be donated to a Baker High School family in need.

Mayce Day fundraiser set for April 27

Mayce Day Drink Pink, a fundraising sale of smoothies and other drinks to benefit the J. Mayce Memorial Scholarship, is set for Wednesday, April 27.

The scholarship honors Mayce Collard, a 16-year-old Baker High School student who died in a car accident in February 2007.

The menu includes smoothies for \$5 (wild berry or strawberry); cremosas for \$4 (strawberry, raspberry, huckleberry) and lemonade for \$4 (same flavors as cremosas). Orders should be placed by 6:30 p.m. on April 26, and should include name, address and desired delivery time. Orders can be placed by texting to 541-403-2605 or by email to jozie.ramos.2023@bakersd.org.

Knights of Columbus helping Ukrainian refugees

The Knights of Columbus, a Catholic fraternal service organization with an active chapter in Baker County, is supporting efforts to help Ukrainian refugees. To learn more, go to kofc.org/Ukraine.

News of Record

DEATHS

Deward Thompson: 64, of Durkee, died April 19, 2022, at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami’s Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services, P.O. Box 543, Halfway, OR 97834. Online condolences can be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com
Teddy Lee Perkins: 51, of Missoula, Montana, and a former Baker City resident, died on April 15, 2022. He was laid to rest on April 21 at Western VA Cemetery in Missoula.

Priscilla Kominarek Alexander: 75, of Baker City, died April 18, 2022. Her funeral will take place Wednesday, April 27, at 2 p.m. at Gray’s West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave. Vault interment will take place at Mount Hope Cemetery following the service. To leave an online condolence for Priscilla’s family, go to www.grayswestco.com.

FUNERALS PENDING

Louis Tholen: Memorial service will be Saturday, April 30, at 10 a.m. at St. Francis de Sales Cathedral, First and Church streets in Baker City. There will be a gathering for friends and family in the church hall after the service. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you consider donating to the Building Maintenance Fund for St. Francis de Sales Cathedral 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
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 shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

POLICE LOG

Baker City Police Arrests, citations
FAILURE TO APPEAR (Union County warrant): Markus Damian Dethloff, 22, Baker City, 6:16 p.m. Thursday, April 21, in the 1200 block of Campbell Street; cited and released.
Baker County Sheriff’s Office Arrests, citations
VIOLATION OF RESTRAINING ORDER: Daniel Allen Clary, 42, Haines, 6:55 p.m. Thursday, April 21, in Haines; cited and released.

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Reelect David Baum Oregon Trail Electric Board, Position 8

STATEMENT TO VOTERS: The electric utility industry is seeing significant changes due to increased demand, new technologies, government mandates, high prices of natural gas and oil, and weather renewables (solar and wind). Weather renewables work only when the Sun is shining and the Wind is blowing.

Currently OTEC purchases 100% of its electrical power from Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) and some of the lowest electrical rates in the country. But BPA is being challenged with increasing costs, reduced revenue, and threat of the removal of the four lower Snake River dams. As the board member involved with the Wildfire Mitigation Plan, we have aggressively pushed forward with the drafting and finalization of a Wildfire Plan.

As we negotiate a new contract with Bonneville (BPA), my legal experience is a valuable evaluation tool. My focus will be to continue to work diligently in areas of Power Supply, Transmission and Distribution. I will strive to keep your electrical rates low.

Our CEO, Les Penning and staff with board support will not be raising your electrical rates for 2022.

It’s been a pleasure and a privilege to serve as your representative on the board of Directors. I have gained a significant knowledge and experience about cooperatives during this time. I will continue to work hard at keeping electric rates low while providing safe and reliable electricity to our members along with excellent customer service. I have knowledge, experience, energy and time to serve.

I ask for YOUR VOTE and look forward to our future challenges.

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