

# Local

## TURNING BACK THE PAGES

### 50 YEARS AGO

from the Democrat-Herald

April 25, 1972

Hampered by crunchy snow, elk hunters in the 1971 season saw their success figures generally skid downward in the four Baker area units as 40 percent fewer animals were harvested than in 1970, according to recently released figures by Dick Humphreys, Oregon Game Commission biologist.

Fewer hunters took the field in the last campaign and enjoyed less success in the kill column than in 1970. Last year 6,510 hunters worked the four units, and brought back 930 elk, 14.3 percent success. However, in 1970, 7,560 gun-toters searched the forest giants, with 1,561 scoring — 20.6 percent success.

### 25 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald

April 25, 1997

The modus operandi (MO) was the same at all 18 burglaries and attempted burglaries discovered in Baker City Thursday morning.

Pop out the lock, rifle through desk drawers and take any cash found. Computers, drugs and other valuables were untouched, according to those who found themselves victims.

### 10 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald

April 27, 2012

Baker County Sheriff Mitch Southwick is worried that proposed cuts in the federal budget will weaken local law enforcement's ability to stop illegal marijuana-growing operations.

An anticipated decrease in the National Guard Counterdrug Program would sharply curtail flights that have been a crucial tool in finding pot grows in Baker County.

### ONE YEAR AGO

from the Baker City Herald

April 27, 2021

A group of Baker County employees and volunteers were prepared to help more than 1,100 people get their first dose of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine Saturday, April 24 at the Fairgrounds.

The workers ended up spending far more time waiting than they did inoculating.

A total of 62 people showed up for the free, drive-thru vaccination clinic, which was scheduled from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., said Mark Bennett, a county commissioner and the county's incident commander during the pandemic.

"It was extremely disappointing," Bennett said on Monday morning, April 26, after the county inoculated just one-half of one percent of the residents who could have received their first of two doses.

Nancy Staten, director of the Baker County Health Department, said last week that the county had 1,160 doses available for Saturday's clinic, the first drive-thru event of its kind in the county.

Bennett said the total of 62 inoculations actually underestimates, slightly, the benefits to Baker County, which is below average among Oregon counties for vaccination rate. Of the 35 other counties, 19 have a higher vaccination rate per 10,000 residents than Baker County, according to the Oregon Health Authority (OHA).

That's because a few of the people who got their first dose Saturday don't even live in the county.

Or in Oregon, for that matter.

## OREGON LOTTERY

### MEGABUCKS, APRIL 23

5-22-29-30-35-41

Next jackpot: \$4.6 million

### POWERBALL, APRIL 23

10-39-47-49-56 PB 8

Next jackpot: \$421 million

### MEGA MILLIONS, APRIL 22

7-28-29-58-59 Mega 10

Next jackpot: \$31 million

### WIN FOR LIFE, APRIL 23

3-18-53-77

### PICK 4, APRIL 24

• 1 p.m.: 9-9-5-7

• 4 p.m.: 1-7-5-7

• 7 p.m.: 5-5-0-5

• 10 p.m.: 0-6-5-3

### LUCKY LINES, APRIL 24

4-6-9-16-17-21-27-31

Next jackpot: \$13,000

## SENIOR MENUS

**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

**MONDAY (May 2):** Baked ham with country gravy, scalloped potatoes, mixed vegetables, rolls, fruit cup, pudding

**TUESDAY (May 3):** Ground beef steak with onions, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn, rolls, green salad, ice cream

**WEDNESDAY (May 4):** Chicken cordon bleu with hollandaise, rice pilaf, green beans, rolls, cottage cheese with fruit, bread pudding

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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## Local Briefing

### Richard Sheehy's 100th birthday celebration April 30

A 100th birthday celebration for Richard James Sheehy Sr. of Baker City is set for Saturday, April 30, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Baker Elks Lodge, 1896 Second St.

Everyone is welcome to stop by the Elks Lodge, say hello to Richard and have a sandwich and a piece of birthday cake.

Sheehy was born May 3, 1922, at the old St. Elizabeth Hospital. His daughter, Jacque, and his son, Dick Jr., were both born in the same hospital.

Sheehy, a 1940 graduate of Baker High School, lived on Swayze Creek near Durkee before entering military service. He herded a band of sheep from Durkee Valley to the site of the Ash Grove Cement plant and then on to Baker.

He enlisted in the Navy and went to San Diego. He had never been out of Durkee except when he rode the school bus to Baker. He traveled from San Diego to New Jersey, and then to New Orleans, where he was assigned his PT boat on Lake Ponchartrain. His and other boats were equipped with radar, the first time it had been used.

After visiting Key West and Nassau, Sheehy sailed through the Panama Canal and returned to San Diego. He was en route to Alaska when he learned the Japanese had left Alaska. He then was ordered to sail to Hawaii. The PT boats were placed on an oil tanker

and sailed to Honolulu.

One day in the chow line at San Diego, Sheehy saw Bob Vandecar, a friend from Durkee. Later, in Honolulu, while getting ammunition, he met Ross Stull, his closest neighbor on Swayze Creek.

Sheehy tended torpedos until he was sent home to go to school in Seattle. After attending University of Washington he returned to Baker. His sister, Ruth, was a telephone operator and arranged a job with the telephone company.

He climbed poles and installed telephone lines from Pendleton to the Snake River.

He then went to work for Basche-Sage Hardware in retail sales on the floor, and then working as treasurer until Basche-Sage closed. He then worked for Baker County as an assessor, driving all over the county because he know the country so well.

He married Darlene Bunch in February 1948. She died in 2016. They were married for 68 years.

After retirement he and Darlene spent as much time as possible at their cabin on East Eagle Creek.

### Donkey basketball April 27 at Baker High School

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.

### Fundraiser for J. Mayce Memorial Scholarship

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 joz.amos.2023@bakersd.org.

### Fundraising dinner April 30 for youth minister

The Knights of Columbus will have a steak dinner in Baker City on April 30 to raise money for its sponsorship of a youth minister who works with students at the University of Idaho.

Pastor Bryson Thomas has a full-time ministry position at the university. She is a former Baker City resident, said Matt Reidy, a member of the Knights of Columbus.

The steak dinner, which includes baked potatoes from Ward Ranches in Baker Valley, salad and dessert, will be served at the St. Francis de Sales Ca-

thedral parish hall, 2235 First St. There will be two sittings: 4:30 p.m. to 5 p.m., and 5:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Cost is \$25 for adults and \$15 for children 12 and younger. Tickets must be bought in advance, either at the parish hall, which is open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., or by calling Reidy at 505-290-0237.

### Bible class, 'The Key of David,' set for May 7

A Bible class with the theme "The Key of David" is planned for Saturday, May 7 at 2 p.m. at the Baker County Library, 2400 Resort St. Gary Robinson and Blaine McKnight will be teaching the class.

### Volunteers sought for Hells Canyon clean up

OXBOW — Idaho Power Company is looking for volunteers to help with its annual Hells Canyon Clean Up event on Saturday, April 30.

Volunteers will meet at the Oxbow School before 9 a.m. PDT, rain or shine. They will then head out to pick up trash along the Snake River, roads and campsites. Volunteers should wear sturdy walking shoes and bring gloves, sunscreen and water. A free barbecue for volunteers will take place at Idaho Power's Copperfield Park following the clean up, which commemorates Earth Day.

"Conditions are great for camping in the canyon right now," said Jared Farrens, a resource professional for Idaho Power. "To reserve a spot, visit idahopower.com/recreation, and then join us for the clean up Saturday morning."

## News of Record

### DEATHS

**Eldon Deardorff:** 86, of Richland, died April 24, 2022, at his home, surrounded by his family. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Online condolences can be shared at [www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com)

**James Thompson:** 76, of Baker City, died April 24, 2022, at Ashley Manor. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Online condolences can be shared at [www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com)

**Aleta Combes:** 72, of Baker City, died April 23, 2022. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Online condolences can be shared at [www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com)

**Lynn Lamont Miller:** 70, of Baker City, died April 20, 2022, at Saint Alphonsus Medical Center in Boise. A visitation will take place Thursday, April 28, at 10 a.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ Latter-day Saints Relief Society Room, 2625 Hughes Lane in Baker City. Directly following the funeral service, his interment will be at Mount Hope Cemetery. A reception will be held in the Church of Jesus Christ Latter-day Saints multi-purpose room after the interment. Memorial contributions in honor of Lynn can be made to assist with his burial expenses. You can donate through the website at [www.grayswestco.com](http://www.grayswestco.com) or by sending a check to Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814; please write "Lynn Miller" on the reference line.

**Verba Jean Hampton:** 85, of Ovid, Idaho, died April 12, 2022, at the Portneuf Medical Center in Pocatello, Idaho. The graveside service will take place Thursday, May 5, at 2 p.m. at the Elgin Cemetery in Elgin. To leave an online condolence for Verba's family, go to [www.grayswestco.com](http://www.grayswestco.com).

### FUNERALS PENDING

**Priscilla Kominarek Alexander:** 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](http://www.grayswestco.com).

**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](http://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](http://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](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com).

### POLICE LOG

#### Baker City Police

#### Arrests, citations

CONTEMPT OF COURT (Baker County Justice Court warrant): Kody Allen McManus, 26, Baker City, 3:54 a.m. Monday, April 25, in the 1500 block of Campbell Street; cited and released. VIOLATION OF RESTRAINING ORDER, CONTEMPT OF COURT (Baker County Justice Court warrant): Stacy Lee Lindstrom, 43, Baker City, 5:37 p.m. Saturday, April 23, in the 1500 block of Indiana Avenue; jailed.

FAILURE TO APPEAR, UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF METHAMPHETAMINE:

Brandon Robert Radle, 34, Baker City, 7:29 p.m. Friday, April 22, at Auburn Avenue and Main Street; jailed.

POSSESSION OF A STOLEN VEHICLE, PROBATION VIOLATION (Union County warrant): Shawn Lee Presock, 39, Baker City, 6:07 p.m. Friday, April 22, in the 800 block of Foothill Drive; jailed.

IDENTITY THEFT, FRAUDULENT USE OF A CREDIT CARD, SECOND-DEGREE THEFT: Crystal Lee Charbonneau, 35, Baker City, 6:07 p.m. Friday, April 22, in the 800 block of Foothill Drive; cited and released.

#### Baker County Sheriff's Office

#### Arrests, citations

UNLAWFUL USE OF A WEAPON: Shane Raymond Boylan, 29, Haines, 2:06 p.m. Sunday, April 24, in the 800 block of Roberts Street in Haines; jailed.

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF INTOXICANTS: Mikell James Harrison, 18, Baker City, 9:56 p.m. Friday, April 22, on Old Auburn Lane.

#### Oregon State Police

#### Arrests, citations

ROBBERY (Malheur County Circuit Court warrant): David Anatoliy Barbin, 33, Everett, Washington, 11:06 a.m. April 21 on Interstate 84, Milepost 305 eastbound; jailed.

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