

Local

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO

from the Democrat-Herald

April 30, 1972

Baker County voter registration set a record high of 8,001, compared to 7,466 in the January 1972 special election, according to figures released Friday by county clerk Dennis Fuller.

25 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald

April 30, 1997

Baker City expects to endure Oregon's latest attempt to reduce property taxes without laying off any employees or cutting any services.

City officials have made clear, however, how Measure 47 (or Measure 50, the Legislature's version that voters will consider May 20) could affect the city's bottom line.

The city budget board began deliberations Tuesday evening on the budget for the 1997-98 fiscal year, which begins July 1.

10 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald

April 30, 2012

Sam-O Swim Center is a busy place these days with the expansion of swim team to a year-round program.

Up until last fall, the Baker Barricuda Swim Team was a private nonprofit and held only during the summer. Now, as a program of the Baker County YMCA, the team practices year-round and scholarships are available to help with the fee.

Right now 34 swimmers, from age 5 to 18, can practice five days a week and attend swim meets a couple times a month.

Participation does vary with other events, such as teenagers who play fall or spring sports at school.

ONE YEAR AGO

from the Baker City Herald

April 29, 2021

More than four years after voters in Halfway decided by a narrow margin that they don't want a marijuana dispensary in their town in eastern Baker County, the topic has returned to their ballots.

The 257 registered voters in Halfway will decide in the May 18 election whether to allow not only dispensaries but other marijuana-related businesses, including growers, producers and processors.

In November 2016, Halfway voters, by a margin of about 10 votes, approved a measure that banned marijuana dispensaries.

The measure on the ballot this May, by contrast, would allow such businesses.

Amy Olley of Halfway is one of the chief petitioners for Measure 1-107, along with Dianna and Josh Welch.

Olley said she and her husband, Derek, would like to open a marijuana dispensary in Halfway, which is about 55 miles east of Baker City.

The couple initially proposed to open a dispensary in Halfway in 2016, prior to voters passing the measure that banned such businesses.

Amy Olley, 40, said that after voters approved the measure in 2016, she waited to pursue the matter until her three children were school age.

"I'm a mom, and family came first for me," Olley said.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, APRIL 27

1-3-8-25-32-47

Next jackpot: \$4.8 million

POWERBALL, April 27

11-36-61-62-68 PB 4

Next jackpot: \$20 million

MEGA MILLIONS, APRIL 26

5-7-19-46-69 Mega 2

Next jackpot: \$43 million

WIN FOR LIFE, APRIL 27

10-19-54-68

PICK 4, APRIL 28

• 1 p.m.: 0-9-1-0

• 4 p.m.: 9-4-2-5

• 7 p.m.: 9-6-6-3

• 10 p.m.: 5-8-6-4

LUCKY LINES, APRIL 28

3-6-9-14-17-24-26-31

Next jackpot: \$17,000

SENIOR MENUS

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

THURSDAY (May 5): Hot beef sandwich, mashed potatoes with gravy, peas, rolls, green salad, brownies

FRIDAY (May 6): Chicken fried chicken with country gravy, au gratin potatoes, mixed vegetables, rolls, green salad, 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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Noxious weed of the week

BY JEFFREY PETTINGILL

The enemy

Damesrocket (*Hesperis matronalis*)

This spring biennial is in the mustard family. It grows to a height of 36 inches, producing violet to purple flowers. Each flower, like all mustards, produces four petals. The plant's first year of growth produces a thick grouping of leaves and stems. In its second year it develops a cluster of flowers around the tip of the stems. It produces thousands of seeds per plant, which is the only way that the weed spreads.

Originally brought to the U.S. in the late 1700s for ornamental uses, it now can be found quite invasive in disturbed sites such as road shoulders, gravel sites, disturbed lots and fields. We receive many phone calls of people thinking that this is purple loosestrife.

The attack

As this biennial spreads and invades new areas it is very effective at displacing native and desirable plants. Its ability to overshadow desirable plants allows itself to grow into thick mats. Generally found locally as single plants along the roads, it has the ability to



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Damesrocket can form dense mats in disturbed soils.

be spread up and down the roads. It's also often mistaken for fireweed, the native plant that grows in the mountains, except that fireweed grows in higher elevations, typically in shady locations and Damesrocket likes the direct sunlight.

The defense

As this is a biennial plant, mechanical removal is quite

effective. It is easily pulled in moist soil or terminated by a plow or disc, which means it doesn't become a great issue in row crops. Once mechanical control is not feasible, generally due to size of infestation, many herbicides are effective in the early spring (2,4-Ds etc). Once the plants start to become large or in their second year of growth,

stronger products such as Telar XP, Escort XP, or Open-sight should be used. The latter products are great as there are not grazing restrictions required. Contact the County Weed Control Office should you need more information.

■ Jeffrey Pettingill, supervisor of the Baker County Weed District, can be reached at 541-523-0618 or 541-519-0204.

Local Briefing

Free self-defense class for women set May 2

A free self-defense class for women, "Fight Like A Girl!" is scheduled for Monday, May 2 from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Baker County YMCA gymnasium, 2010 Church St. in Baker City.

Instructors Betty Peacock and Jennie Steege will teach women basic moves that are easy to remember and to use. Some topics covered are sensitive, and the class is designed for ages 16 and older. Girls ages 14-15 must be accompanied by an adult.

'Eat Healthy, Be Healthy' free seminar May 4 at YMCA

A free seminar, "Eat Healthy, Be Healthy," is set for Wednesday, May 4 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Baker County YMCA Fitness Center Studio 1, 3715 Pocahontas Road.

Jeane Diaz, who has more than 35 years of experience as a registered dietician, will explain proper eating habits and dispel some myths spread on TV and social media about fad diets. Diaz is working at Saint Alphonsus Medical Centers in Baker City and Ontario, and her passion is diabetes education.

Rotary Club selling raffle tickets through May 16

The Baker City Rotary Club is selling raffle tickets through May 16 for the chance to win three prizes. Grand prize is \$4,500 of AAA travel. This never expires

and can be used to travel to the destination of your choice. Second prize is a condo for a week in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, plus \$1,000 for travel expenses. Third prize is a \$500 gift certificate at Best Buy.

The drawing will be held May 21, and winners don't need to be present to win.

Money raised supports the Rotary Foundation and local projects such as the annual Easter egg hunt, the Baker County Community Literacy Coalition, scholarships for local kids, and providing bike helmets to kids in Baker County.

Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased from Rotarians, as well as at Grocery Outlet and Safeway in Baker City, or by calling Ken Krohn at 541-519-5952.

Bible class on '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.

News of Record

FUNERALS PENDING

Wayne Stevens: Graveside service with military honors will be Saturday, May 7, at 11 a.m. at Mount Hope Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, and for those who would like to make a donation in Wayne's memory, his family suggests the Hilary Bonn Benevolence Fund 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.

Ray and Karen Wilson: Graveside service will be Saturday, May 7, at 1 p.m. at Pine Haven Cemetery in Halfway. Online condolences can be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

Rodd Bunch: A celebration of Rodd's life will take place May 14, at 11 a.m. in the Durkee Community Building. Contributions in his memory can be made to the Muscular Dystrophy Association, Snake River chapter, or the Baker County Livestock Producers Foundation Scholarship, or a charity of your choice 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.

Jackie Emele: A celebration of Jackie's life will take place May 14, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at her home in Baker City. For those who would like to make a donation in honor of Jackie, her family suggests the Baker County Livestock Producers Foundation Scholarship, or Best Friends of Baker, 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 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

CRIMINAL TRESPASSING: John Marsik Guthrie Jr., 50, Baker City, 9:20 p.m. Thursday, April 28, in the 1200 block of

Campbell Street; cited and released.

PROBATION VIOLATION: Amanda Renee Crews, 44, Baker City, 3:53 a.m. Thursday, April 28, in the 1500 block of Campbell Street; jailed.

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF INTOXICANTS: Michaela Lisa Clarke, 55, Baker City, 6:39 p.m. Wednesday, April 27, on Highway 7 at Indiana Avenue.

ATTEMPTED STRANGULATION, DOMESTIC BATTERY (Idaho warrant): Anthony Christopher Cornford, 39, Baker City, 5:19 p.m. Wednesday, April 27, in the 2800 block of Broadway Street; jailed.

Baker County Sheriff's Office

Arrests, citations

PAROLE VIOLATION: Lester Lee Jones, 50, Baker City, 10:50 a.m. Wednesday, April 27, in the 3400 block of 13th Street; jailed.

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