

Local

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO

from the Democrat-Herald
May 5, 1972

PORTLAND — The Most Rev. Thomas J. Connolly, Bishop of Baker, will receive an honorary doctor of humane letters at the University of Portland's 70th Commencement here Sunday afternoon.

25 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald
May 5, 1997

"Building the best workforce through a partnership — education and industry working together."
Those were the words printed on the banner hanging from the front of the podium Friday, and echoed during speeches at the grand opening of the Northeast Oregon Technical Training Center, 4000 23rd St.

10 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald
May 4, 2012

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality is not planning to take further action related to an accidental spill of about 80 gallons of home heating oil in a Baker City backyard in January 2011.
Although tests of soil and groundwater samples in 2011 and in February of 2012 showed that the diesel oil had spread an unknown distance from the spill site at 3080 Second St., the contamination was not at levels that pose a significant health risk to the public, according to DEQ.

ONE YEAR AGO

from the Baker City Herald
May 6, 2021

Wildfire Awareness Week is designed to remind people about the threat of wildfires yet to come, but this year it seemed that the event might be a trifle late in bringing its message in Baker County.
With most of the county in either moderate, severe or extreme drought, and following the second-driest March on record at the Baker City Airport, the fire risk is higher than usual as the annual awareness week began Monday, May 3.
"This spring, fire agencies have already responded to a variety of preventable fires in Baker County resulting from escaped fires," said Sean Lee, chief of the Baker County Fire Defense Board as well as the Baker City Fire Department. "It's critical that home and property owners monitor their fires and consider the right time and day to burn."
Although many of the wildfires in Northeast Oregon happen on public land — which makes up half of Baker County's two million acres — Wildlife Awareness Week focuses on the steps private property owners can take to protect their land and, especially, their homes and other buildings.
The Baker County Interagency Fire Prevention Team, which consists of officials from local, state and federal firefighting agencies, uses the weeklong event to remind residents to take a look around their property.
This is particularly important for people who live in the "wildland-urban interface" — zones where homes are built among, or next to, forests and other areas especially prone to wildfires, said Gary Timm, fire division manager for Baker County Emergency Management.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, MAY 2
12 — 16 — 24 — 31 — 35 — 40
Next jackpot: \$5 million
POWERBALL, MAY 2
18 — 27 — 33 — 39 — 44 PB 8
Next jackpot: \$37 million
MEGA MILLIONS, MAY 3
15 — 19 — 27 — 35 — 57 Mega 17
Next jackpot: \$70 million
WIN FOR LIFE, MAY 2
13 — 30 — 31 — 73
PICK 4, MAY 3
• 1 p.m.: 0 — 1 — 2 — 6
• 4 p.m.: 9 — 1 — 3 — 0
• 7 p.m.: 6 — 5 — 5 — 8
• 10 p.m.: 2 — 7 — 1 — 2
LUCKY LINES, MAY 3
2-8-12-15-17-23-26-31
Next jackpot: \$22,000

SENIOR MENUS

FRIDAY (May 6): Chicken fried chicken with country gravy, au gratin potatoes, mixed vegetables, rolls, green salad, pudding
MONDAY (May 9): Chicken strips, mashed potatoes with country gravy, corn, rolls, ambrosia, cookies
TUESDAY (May 10): Roasted turkey, stuffing with gravy, green beans, rolls, cottage cheese and Jell-O salad, brownies
WEDNESDAY (May 11): Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, mixed vegetables, rolls, green salad, sherbet
THURSDAY (May 12): Sweet and sour chicken, rice, carrots, rolls, pea-and-onion salad, 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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Free Comic Book Day Saturday at library

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Free Comic Book Day returns to the Baker County Public Library on Saturday, May 7.

The event is set from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the library, 2400 Resort St.

Visitors can get free comics and goodies to take home while supplies last, and enter a raffle to win the grand prize of a waterproof eBook reader valued at more than \$150. Participants who come dressed in a comic-culture-related costume will be allowed an extra raffle ticket for the grand prize. There will also be a special screening of a superhero movie at 1 p.m. The film, which features a popular web-slinging teen mutant, was released in theaters in 2021 and is rated PG-13.

Established in 2002, Free Comic Book Day takes place on the first Saturday in May, during which participating comic book specialty shops across North America and around the world give out exclusive comic books for free to showcase the industry. Each year, thousands of participating locations give away over 5 million comic books to millions of fans to introduce them to the wonders of comics.

This is the sixth year the Baker County Library will celebrate the event. Participating publishers include Marvel, Dark Horse, Fantagraphics, IDW, Image, and others, with titles such as Dog Man, Donald Duck, Archie, Avatar



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The Baker County Public Library, 2400 Resort St., will celebrate Free Comic Book Day with events on Saturday, May 7, 2022.

the Last Airbender, Buffy the Vampire Slayer, Stranger Things, Spider-Man, Pokémon, Sonic the Hedgehog, Street Fighter, teenage mutant Ninja Turtles, and many more.

Local Briefing

Noxious weed control workshop May 6 at Medical Springs

The weed control districts for Baker and Union counties will have a weed control workshop for interested landowners at the Medical Springs Fire Station on Friday, May 6 from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. The fire station is along Highway 203 between Baker City and Union.

The open forum is designed to allow property owners to talk about issues with noxious weeds and learn about ways

they can get help controlling a variety of weeds.

More information is available by calling Jeffrey Pettin-gill, Baker County weed control manager, at 541-519-0240 or by email at jpettingill@bakercounty.org, or Brian Clapp from the Union County Weed Department at 541-805-5539 or by email at bclapp@union.county.org.

Economic Development Council meets May 10

The Baker County Economic Development Council

will meet on Tuesday, May 10, at 3 p.m. at the Launch Pad Baker conference room, at 2019 Main St., Suite A.

Agenda items include updates from Jerry Peacock, Economic Development Council (EDC) chairman, and from Bill Harvey, chairman of the Baker County Board of Commissioners, Jon Cannon, Baker City manager, and Bryan Tweit, Baker County's economic development director.

The EDC will also discuss plans for a potential event facility in Baker City.

Walk for Awareness of child sex trafficking May 14

The Baker County Sorop-

timists are planning the Walk for Awareness, a 5K run or walk to raise awareness about the issue of child sex trafficking and raise money to combat the problem, for Saturday, May 14. Pre-register at walk-forawareness.ticketleap.com/registernow. Entry is \$10 or \$25 for a family.

On May 14, registration starts at 9 a.m., and the event begins at 10 a.m. T-shirts will be sold at the walk for \$25.

All proceeds will be donated to Shared Hope International, which aims to end sex trafficking by raising awareness about the problem, provide services to survivors of sex trafficking, and help states improve laws for this crime.

News of Record

DEATHS

Richard 'Dick' Kirby: 81, died May 2, 2022, at his residence. A celebration of his life will take place on June 8 at 1 p.m. at the Baker City Christian Church, with a reception following. Pastor Jesse Whitford will officiate. A private family urn burial will take place at Mount Hope Cemetery following the reception. Memorial contributions can be made to the Shriner's Children's Hospital through Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, Oregon, 97814. To light a candle in Dick's honor or to offer online condolences to his family, go to www.grayswestco.com.
Robert Isaac Watson: 88, of La Grande, died April 27, 2022, at his home. The date and time for his graveside service at Mount Hope Cemetery in Baker City will be announced soon. Memorial contributions can be made to the Wounded Warrior Project through Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814. To light a candle in Robert's memory, or to offer online condolences to his family, go to www.grayswestco.com.

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
FIRST-DEGREE CRIMINAL MISCHIEF, SECOND-DEGREE BURGLARY: Jake Ryan Woods, 21, Baker City, 2:52 a.m. Wednesday, May 4, in the 800 block of Campbell Street; jailed.
PROBATION VIOLATION (Ada County, Idaho): Paul Lloyd Niehaus, 55, Baker City, 9:58 p.m. Monday, May 2, on Broadway Street near Second Street; jailed.
Oregon State Police Arrests, citations
PROBATION VIOLATION (Baker County Circuit Court warrants): Cody Lee McEntire, 31, Sumpter, 10:20 a.m. April 27, at Highway 7 and David Eccles Road; jailed.

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Mon-Thurs 7:20

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Sat & Sun 1:00
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