

# Local

## TURNING BACK THE PAGES

### 50 YEARS AGO

from the Democrat-Herald

May 7, 1972

At the District 5-J school board meeting last night John Heriza was named head basketball coach for the coming year. He will replace Gary Hammond who retired from coaching this year.

Dr. James Evans, superintendent, said that 28 to 30 applications had been reviewed for the position.

### 25 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald

May 7, 1997

The Baker City Council on Tuesday pledged its support to a plan to build a new Oregon Army National Guard armory at the Baker County Fairgrounds in Baker City.

The council agreed with the recommendation of the armory siting committee.

### 10 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald

May 7, 2012

For the first summer in many years, Interstate 84 won't be the focal point for local roadwork.

Most of the action will shift instead to Ore. Highway 86 between Baker City and Oxbow.

Crews from the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) plan to chip-seal the entire 68-mile stretch between I-84 and the Snake River.

### ONE YEAR AGO

from the Baker City Herald

May 8, 2021

Joe Strus had never been so happy to have a package of hot dogs.

The buns were just a bonus.

The meals he made of those provisions were among the few pleasant parts of an otherwise painful experience that Strus, 63, of Richland had earlier this week in the mountains north of Keating Valley.

After the rocky edge of a remote forest road gave way beneath the weight of his 2006 Dodge three-quarter ton flatbed pickup around dusk on Sunday, May 2, the truck rolled once, landing on its wheels near a small stream.

"My beautiful truck is not so beautiful anymore," Strus said in a phone interview Thursday afternoon, about 48 hours after, as he puts it, he got "back to civilization."

Strus was in somewhat better condition than his blue, four-door pickup, with lingering soreness in his back and neck.

"I hit pretty hard," he said, recounting his tumble down the embankment.

It all started because Strus, who moved to Baker County around 2005, wanted to go fishing at Balm Creek Reservoir.

He had tried to reach the reservoir some days before from the west, via Medical Springs, but was turned back by snowdrifts.

On Sunday, May 2, Strus decided to try a different route, via Forshey Meadow to the east.

He got close, but again was foiled by snow.

Although he didn't get a chance to hook some trout, Strus said he had a new remote control predator call and he figured he'd try to summon a coyote.

He took Forest Road 7025, a route along Goose Creek, several miles north of Keating Valley, that he'd never driven.

## OREGON LOTTERY

### MEGABUCKS, MAY 4

13-19-20-24-39-48

Next jackpot: \$5.1 million

### POWERBALL, MAY 4

37-39-55-63-69 PB 23

Next jackpot: \$51 million

### MEGA MILLIONS, MAY 3

15-19-27-35-57 Mega 17

Next jackpot: \$70 million

### WIN FOR LIFE, MAY 4

1-41-51-74

### PICK 4, MAY 5

• 1 p.m.: 9-0-0-7

• 4 p.m.: 1-5-3-5

• 7 p.m.: 9-9-5-0

• 10 p.m.: 6-1-2-2

### LUCKY LINES, MAY 5

25-9-14-17-23-26-29

Next jackpot: \$24,000

## SENIOR MENUS

**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

**FRIDAY (May 13):** Pork roast, mashed potatoes with gravy, peas, rolls, applesauce, tapioca

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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## Council

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The county recently sent out a request for proposals to operate ambulances in the Baker Ambulance Service Area, which includes Baker City and about two-thirds of the rest of the county.

The deadline to submit proposals is June 3.

Other items on the agenda for the City Council's May 10 meeting:

### Baker Sanitary Service fee increase

Baker Sanitary Service is increasing its fees, for garbage collection and for the landfill, by 5% as of May 1.

The city's ordinance regulating its solid waste franchise allows the company to increase rates by up to 5% on May 1 of each year "as an allowance to offset inflationary factors."

The ordinance requires the company to give the city a report justifying the increase at the first meeting in May.

According to a letter Baker Sanitary Service sent to the city,

this is the first time the company has used the inflationary clause in the ordinance.

"We have above ordinary levels of inflation in many key areas, most notably, parts and equipment costs, fuel and wages," the letter reads.

### Taxi fees

Elkhorn Taxi, the city's only licensed cab company, has requested the City Council increase some fares to help offset rising prices for fuel, inflation and higher personnel costs.

Elkhorn Taxi is asking the city, which by ordinance has the authority to set fares (cab companies can't do so on their own), to increase from \$6 to \$8 the fare for one passenger on a point-to-point trip within the city. The round trip fare for one person would increase from \$10 to \$12.

Fares would not increase, however, for people 65 and older, or for students with a student ID card.

The prices for additional passengers for point-to-point trips would not change — \$2 for people 12 and older, \$1.50 for ages 6 to 12, and free for passengers younger than 6.

## Local Briefing

### Small woodlands association offers free tour, lunch

The Northeast Oregon chapter of the Oregon Small Woodlands Association has scheduled a free tour of a local tree farm on Saturday, May 14 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Lunch will be provided for free as well.

The event will also serve as the annual meeting for the Northeast Oregon chapter.

Participants will tour the Valerio family's Eccoci Ranch and Tree Farm near Medical Springs, between Baker City and Union.

For the past 30 years the Valerios have been working to improve their property. Topics that will be covered include:

- Reforestation and tree transplanting
- Management planning
- Silviculture and density management
- Small woodland operations
- Fuels reduction and forest health

Registration is required. To register, go to <https://beav.es/wub>.

The tour will be outdoors, regardless of weather, so participants should dress accordingly and wear sturdy shoes or boots suitable for moderate walking

and hiking.

To reach the Valerios' property, drive north of Baker City on Interstate 84 and take exit 298, Medical Springs. Drive on Highway 203 for 22 miles and look on the right for a pole fence and signs, announcing the tour, on a double metal gate.

### Economic Development Council to meet 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 set 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](http://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.

### Baker City Rotary Club selling raffle tickets

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.

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