

# Local

## TURNING BACK THE PAGES

### 50 YEARS AGO

from the Democrat-Herald

May 9, 1972

City police and firemen responded at 10:30 a.m. to a general alarm from the high school.

The alarm was triggered by an "explosion" in the chemistry lab of the school which was part of a planned mock disaster.

### 25 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald

May 9, 1997

Police apprehended a Powder River Correctional Facility inmate Thursday afternoon less than two hours after he walked away from a work crew at the Huntington city shop.

Police found John Lee Murphy, 40, hiding beneath a sagebrush plant about one mile southwest of Huntington, between the town and Interstate 84.

Deputy Tim Fisher of the Baker County Sheriff's Office and three Oregon State Police officers, drove in an OSP pickup truck to Murphy's hiding place about 3:15 p.m.

### 10 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald

May 9, 2012

A short section of a popular forest road in the Wallowa Mountains that's been closed since it was damaged by landslides in June 2010 will be repaired this year.

But that section of Eagle Creek Road, Forest Road 77, will be closed for the third consecutive summer.

The Federal Highway Administration (FHA) has hired JAL Construction Inc. of Bend to fix the gravel road. The contract is for \$674,744.

Work could start in early June, and should be finished by this fall, according to a press release from the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest, which maintains the road.

All of the washouts happened along the approximately 5-mile section of Road 77 between East Eagle Creek and Tamarack Campground.

### ONE YEAR AGO

from the Baker City Herald

May 11, 2021

The owner of a property in the Elkhorn Mountains has sued Baker County in an ongoing dispute over whether a recreational road that passes through his land is a public right-of-way.

David McCarty, who filed the civil suit in Baker County Circuit Court on April 30, is requesting a jury trial. He is asking for either a declaration that the disputed section of the Pine Creek Road is not a public right-of-way, or, if a jury concludes there is legal public access, that the limits of that access be defined and that the county pay him \$480,000 to compensate for the lost value of the land based on the legal public access.

McCarty is also seeking a judgment requiring the county to pay him at least \$250,000 for "damages McCarty has incurred to investigate and respond to this dispute and to protect his property rights," according to the lawsuit.

McCarty is represented by Janet K. Larsen of the Lane Powell law firm in Portland.

The county is represented by Andrew Martin, an attorney with Intermountain Law in Baker City.

Baker County Commissioner Bruce Nichols said on Friday, May 7 that he had not read the entire lawsuit and could not comment on the matter.

Martin said on Monday, May 10 that the county would not comment on active litigation.

## OREGON LOTTERY

### MEGABUCKS, MAY 7

3-12-28-33-35-45

Next jackpot: \$5.2 million

### POWERBALL, MAY 7

4-5-6-28-67 PB 10

Next jackpot: \$59 million

### MEGA MILLIONS, MAY 6

16-21-33-52-70 Mega 10

Next jackpot: \$86 million

### WIN FOR LIFE, MAY 7

2-4-8-23

### PICK 4, MAY 8

• 1 p.m.: 3-0-2-8

• 4 p.m.: 0-8-0-5

• 7 p.m.: 3-3-1-2

• 10 p.m.: 2-5-5-6

### LUCKY LINES, MAY 8

2-6-11-15-18-22-27-31

Next jackpot: \$27,000

## SENIOR MENUS

**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

**MONDAY (May 16):** Spaghetti, green beans, Italian vegetables, rolls, fruit cup, ice cream

**TUESDAY (May 17):** Beef stew, baby carrots, rolls, green salad, brownies

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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Baker City Fire Department/Contributed Photo

**Firefighters from the Baker City Fire Department and Baker Rural Fire District doused a blaze in a home at 948 Valley Ave., in Baker City on Saturday, May 7, 2022.**

## Crews quickly douse house fire

BY SAMANTHA O'CONNOR

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A fire of undetermined origin damaged an east Baker City home early Saturday evening, May 7.

The fire was reported at 5:24 p.m. at 948 Valley Ave., between Cherry and Balm streets, according to the Baker County Dispatch Center.

Ten firefighters from the Baker City Fire Department, and four from the Baker Rural Fire District, responded, said Cameron Kiyokawa, a division chief for the Baker City Fire Department.

There were large amounts of smoke and visible flames coming from a window when crews arrived, Kiyokawa said.

Firefighters controlled the fire in 13 minutes and confined damage to the room where the fire started and an adjacent bathroom, he said.

No one was inside the home, which is owned by Jose Gonzalez, and there were no injuries to the public or to firefighters.

"We did have a neighbor and a local resident who provided great assistance in our efforts prior to our arrival," Kiyokawa said.

## News of Record

### DEATHS

**Samuel 'Sam' Housden:** 75, of Richland, died May 7, 2022, at his home. 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).

**Madge Stephenson:** 99, a longtime Richland resident, died May 8, 2022, at Meadowbrook Place Assisted Living in Baker City. 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).

### FUNERALS PENDING

**Ann and Mark Wyatt:** A celebration of their lives will take place Saturday, May 14, at 2 p.m. at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 2177 First St., in Baker City. Those who would like to watch the service via Zoom, or to leave an online condolence, can go to [www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://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](http://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](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com).

**James Thompson:** Celebration of his life, Sunday, May 15, at 2 p.m. at the Eagles Lodge, 2935 H St. in Baker City. 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

SECOND-DEGREE FORGERY: Crystal Gayle Canapo, 48, Anacortes, Washington, 1:50 p.m. Friday, May 6, in the 2000 block of Washington Avenue; cited and released.

FAILURE TO APPEAR (Baker County warrant): Paul Adam Heller, 50, Baker City, 10:11 a.m. Friday, May 6, in the 1300 block of Elm Street; cited and released.

#### Baker County Sheriff's Office

#### Arrests, citations

PROBATION VIOLATION: Andrew Jay Culley, 33, Baker City, 10:58 p.m. Saturday, May 7, at Cedar and Oak streets; jailed.

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## Local Briefing

### River restoration topic of Powder Basin Watershed Council meeting May 12

The Powder Basin Watershed Council in Baker City will host a presentation on restoring rivers during a public meeting on Thursday, May 12, starting at 6:30 p.m. at Crossroads Carnegie Art Center, 2020 Auburn Ave.

Levi Old, Northeastern Oregon project manager for Trout Unlimited, will discuss restoration of rivers and upland habitats during his presentation, "The River is the Floodplain."

Other partners in the Watershed Council will also give brief updates during the meeting.

### Free tour of local tree farm planned May 14

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 accord-

ingly 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.

### Walk for awareness of child sex trafficking May 14

The Baker County Soroptimists 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. at the Baker Sports Complex. 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.

### Daughters of American Revolution to meet May 13

The Lone Pine Tree chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will meet May 13 at the Baker Truck Corral. Enter the restaurant on the freeway side of the building. The meeting room is to the left and across from the cash register. To socialize, meet chapter members, and order your lunch (if desired) please arrive by 11 a.m. This is a no host lunch meeting which starts at noon.

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**May 21st, 2022 • 1 PM - 4 PM**

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Remember, these brave men and women not only respond to fires and emergency medical calls they also provide many other invaluable services to Baker City and surrounding areas including:

- "Stop the Bleed" campaign
- FREE Blood Pressure checks at the Community Center
- EMT Preceptors
- School Education
- Fire Inspections
- Community Basic Life Support (CPR) and First Responder Courses
- Rural Fire Department Training

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