Local

TURNING BACK THE PAGES 50 YEARS AGO

from the Democrat-Herald

May 12, 1972

The city budget board last night voted to recommend to the city council that basic ambulance fees be hiked from \$15 to \$30 plus cost of material used, and the golf board also announced fee increases.

25 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald

May 12, 1997

The calendar says May, but the weather the past few days in Baker City more resembled August, complete with pine smoke that adds a gorgeous red hue to sunsets but also spreads a fragrance that offends some noses.

The smoke is from prescribed fires on national forests across Northeastern Oregon, said John Szymoniak of the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest.

10 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald

May 11, 2012

Five teenagers and wet cement - and no handprints or initials in sight.

Five students from Baker Middle School spent a couple hours Thursday afternoon shoveling and smoothing cement at a house in South Baker.

The project, now in process for four years, began with a couple grants and an afterschool building group led by Tom Brock.

ONE YEAR AGO

from the Baker City Herald

May 13, 2021

Flowers are brightening Main Street this year thanks to a pilot project by Baker City Downtown (BCD).

"We're jealous of all the other downtowns and their big beautiful flower baskets," Kate Reid said.

Reid and Tom Novak headed the project by the BCD design committee.

A grant from Transient Lodging Tax enabled BCD to buy brackets - fabricated by Baker Welding - to go on the concrete lamp posts along Main St.

Baker City Public Works installed two brackets on each post.

As for the flowers, Novak talked to business owners, who committed to watering their own basket throughout the summer season.

Once she had a number, Reid placed orders for flower baskets in the fall of 2020 from Rock Garden Greenhouse and Eagle Cap Nursery.

"We wanted big, bold baskets," Reid said. "And our goal is to keep the money local."

Each business paid for the basket or baskets. Thirteen were delivered last week.

"They look amazing," Reid said.

For locations that do not have a lamp post, brackets were installed on the buildings along Main Street, as well as First and Resort streets. Those flowers — another 40 baskets - will be delivered this week.

Reid said the design committee wants to continue the flower basket project, but needs to raise funds for a dedicated watering system. This could be either a fourwheeler or golf cart equipped with a water tank. As for the watering, that could be done by a volunteer or possibly be a paid part-time position, Reid said.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, MAY 9

7 - 13 - 15 - 21 - 32 - 43Next jackpot: \$5.3 million

POWERBALL. MAY 9

18-30-35-52-56 PB 5 Next jackpot: \$68 million

MEGA MILLIONS, MAY 10

15 - 19 - 20 - 61 - 70 Mega 9

Next jackpot: \$99 million

WIN FOR LIFE, MAY 9 39 - 40 - 47 - 67

PICK 4, MAY 10

• 1 p.m.: 2-8-4-5

• 4 p.m.: 9 - 4 - 0 - 7

• 7 p.m.: 0-7-4-2

• 10 p.m.: 3-3-1-5

LUCKY LINES, MAY 10 2-6-11-15-18-22-27-31

Next jackpot: \$29,000

SENIOR MENUS

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 WEDNESDAY (May 18): Meatloaf, mashed potatoes with gravy, mixed vegetables, rolls, green salad, bread pudding THURSDAY (May 19): Chicken and broccoli fettuccine, green

FRIDAY (May 20): Barbecued ribs, baked beans, peas and carrots, rolls, coleslaw, apple crisp

beans and tomatoes, garlic bread, cottage cheese with

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

P.E.O. Foundation awards four \$500 scholarships

Four Baker County women have received \$500 scholarships from the Chapter CI P.E.O. Foundation.

Emma Baeth, Emrie Osborn and Katie Wilde of Baker High School, and Viri Rodriquez-Medrano of North Powder are the recipients.

Baeth will attend Southern Oregon University and major in nursing with a minor in biology. Rodriquez-Medrano will

use her scholarship to study business at Eastern Oregon University with a goal of becoming an accountant. Osborn will attend Mon-

tana State University and major in elementary education.

Council

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Mayor Kerry McQuisten

with the City Council decid-

select a provider, which they

have to do by statute. Much

Firefighters dispute city's

Among the people who ad-

dressed councilors Tuesday was

paramedic and president of the

"This 50% proposed cut in

services and elimination of the

ambulance is unheard of in

Oregon," Johnson said. "This

Casey Johnson, a firefighter/

local union chapter that rep-

resents department staff.

rests on that process."

financial claims

said Wednesday morning that,

ing to submit a proposal to the

county, "it's up to the county to

Wilde will also attend Montana State University, and study nursing.

Information about P.E.O. scholarships is available by writing to Helen Marsh, 13501 Big Creek Lane, Haines, ŎR 07833.

Baker High School presents 'SHOUT!' the musical this weekend

Baker High School will present "SHOUT! The Mod Musical" at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 14, and 3 p.m. Sunday, May 15. Admission is free but tickets are required. Donations will be accepted. Tickets are available at Crossroads Carnegie Art Center, Sweet Wife Baking and the front office at BHS.

Chicken Little financial expo-

sure over ambulance costs are

fanning the flames of politi-

cal will at the cost of citizens'

safety. Not only is this policy

dangerous, it does in fact not

put the city in a better finan-

Kenyon Damschen, Casey

also spoke to councilors.

financial records.

at all," Husk said.

ficials from the firefighters'

Husk, a firefighter/paramedic

with the city fire department,

Husk said he and other of-

union have reviewed the city's

He said the fire depart-

most expensive department in

the city's general fund — the

police department's budget

for the current fiscal year is

ment, which is the second

"I don't see a financial crisis

At the request of Councilor

cial position."

Free tour of local tree farm set for 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 Vale-

rio 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

department spending ex-

- Management planning
- Silviculture and density management
- Small woodland operations • Fuels reduction and forest

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.

ceeded budget by 3.5% and \$2.56 million, the fire department's is \$2.32 million — has 1%, Husk said. spent less than its budgeted

He said the city's reserve funds have increased by 34% amount in five of the previous seven fiscal years. from last year. In the two other years, fire

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News of Record

DEATHS

Sarah Luella Maul: 95, of Baker City, died April 30, 2022, at her residence in Settler's Park Assisted Living Facility. A private celebration of her life will take place, and she will be interred at Rest Lawn Cemetery in Salem, at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel.

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.

Rodd Bunch: A celebration of Rodd 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.

James Thompson: Celebration of his life, Sunday, May 15, at 1 p.m. at the Eagles Lodge, 2935 H St. in Baker City. 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.

7:00

7:20

1809 1st Street . Baker City

★ MAY 13-19 ★

DR. STRANGE

MULTIVERSE OF MADNESS (PG-13) 4:10, 7:10 Friday Sat & Sun 1:10, 4:10, 7:10 Mon-Thurs 7:10

EVERYTHING EVERYWHERE ALL AT ONCE Friday 4:00, 7:00 Sat & Sun 1:00, 4:00, 7:00

THE BAD GUYS (PG) 4:20, 7:20 Friday Sat & Sun 1:20, 4:20, 7:20

Mon-Thurs

Mon-Thurs

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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 PROBATION VIOLATION: Margaret Samantha Lacev, 34, Baker City, 11:21 a.m. Tuesday, May 10, at Elm and

Oregon State Police

Arrests, citations FAILURE TO REGISTER AS A SEX OFFENDER: Lester Lee Jones, 50, Baker City, 11:56 a.m. Monday, May 9, at the Sheriff's Office; cited and released.

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