# Local

# **TURNING BACK THE PAGES**

**50 YEARS AGO** 

from the Democrat-Herald May 19, 1972

 ${\sf BOZEMAN}, {\sf Mont.} - {\sf Baker's}$  all-state basketball center Daryl Ross has signed a basketball letter of intent to attend Montana State University, joining former Bulldog coach T.H. (Hank) Anderson's Bobcats.

Ross, 6-7, led Baker to two Intermountain Conference chamionships and to second place in Oregon's AAA tournament this year.

#### **25 YEARS AGO**

from the Baker City Herald

#### May 19, 1997

Baker City began a "healing process" Friday afternoon in the wake of allegations of misconduct by several city police department officers.

About 60 people gathered in warm, sunny Geiser

They enjoyed a free hot dog lunch served by the Baker Lions Club, and listened to jazz guitarist Kit Garoutte

Randy Guyer, a member of a Community Action Group formed in March, said the press conference was scheduled because most city residents "value very much our quality of life and our high community standards and positive values," and "we are willing to work hard, make changes and do whatever is necessary to preserve the high quality of life, our community standards and positive values of our community."

#### **10 YEARS AGO**

from the Baker City Herald

#### May 18, 2012

Baker County commissioners will continue thinking about what services a mental health contractor should provide.

Commission Chairman Fred Warner Jr. created a draft of a request for proposals for potential contractors. The care would be provided to patients covered by Medicaid and the Oregon Health Plan.

#### **ONE YEAR AGO**

from the Baker City Herald

#### May 20, 2021

Voters in the Baker School District made history in the May 18 special election, approving the district's first bond measure for school improvements since 1948.

In unofficial results from the Baker County Clerk's office, the \$4 million measure was passing by a margin of 2,509 yes votes to 2,315 no votes.

The district will add the \$4 million from the property tax-funded levy to a \$4 million state grant and \$4 million from the district's capital budget for a total \$12 million project.

The district will replace heating, cooling and ventilation systems in all schools, as well as upgrade security systems

in all schools. The district also will build an approximately 5,000-square-foot cafeteria/kitchen at Baker Middle School, the only school that lacks such a facility.

"We're obviously thrilled and thankful to everybody that's been involved, from staff members to the community," said Chris Hawkins, chairman of the Baker 5J School Board. "It's been a long time coming. It's just

The levy will raise property taxes within the district, hich includes Baker City and much of Baker Valley by about 66 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value over five years.

# **OREGON LOTTERY**

# **MEGABUCKS, MAY 16**

6-16-18-26-46-48Next jackpot: \$5.6 million

**POWERBALL, MAY 16** 

7-15-22-36-64 PB 13

Next jackpot: \$101 million

**MEGA MILLIONS, MAY 17** 7-21-24-41-65 Mega 24

Next jackpot: \$131 million

#### **WIN FOR LIFE, MAY 16** 15 - 21 - 37 - 70

**PICK 4, MAY 17** 

• 1 p.m.: 2-2-1-8

• 4 p.m.: 4 - 6 - 0 - 2

• 7 p.m.: 4-3-9-3

• 10 p.m.: 5-0-2-3

**LUCKY LINES, MAY 17** 

3-5-10-13-19-21-28-31 Next jackpot: \$36,000

# **SENIOR MENUS**

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

MONDAY (May 23): Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, mixed vegetables, rolls, 3-bean salad, pudding TUESDAY (May 24): Orange-glazed chicken, rice pilaf, peas, rolls, green salad, cookies

WEDNESDAY (May 25): Chicken enchilada casserole, Spanish rice, corn, rolls, carrot-raisin salad

THURSDAY (May 26): Stuffed peppers, scalloped potatoes, mixed vegetables, rolls, green salad, ice cream FRIDAY (May 27): Clam chowder, Caesar salad, rolls, peach

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

Bermudagrass (Cynodon dactylon). This warm-season perennial grass invades turf and non-crop areas. It spreads by creeping roots and stolons. This plant was originally imported from Africa and is used for lawns, pastures, and even some golf courses. In our area the plant can exist, but as soon as the first small frost hits us it dies off. It forms very thick carpets of viney-like grass with little amount of rooted material, thus you can see the soil if you lift up the plant.

#### The attack

Bermudagrass normally spreads into areas as a contaminant on mowers, shoes and other fabrics. Once established it will slowly invade turf grass by its roots spreading underground and then sending its vegetative growth up. The plant looks great in the hot summer, but as soon as the fall frost hits, the plant the problem.



Bermudagrass can be an aggressive invader.

goes brown and looks terrible. The plant also forms thousands of seeds (looks similar to crabgrass) which complicates

Make sure you don't spread this weed. This can be done by keeping your shared mower, fabrics and other items clean of any "organic hitchhikers." Once the weed is established, mechanical control is nearly impossible. Not only are rhizomes impossible to remove, but if you pull out the plant and some parts fall

back onto the ground, they can re-root. Supercharged Roundup is this: ammonium sulfate (fertilizer; never use Roundup or like products without this), high rate (2-4% solution), and accurate application. Expect only about a 50% control, and when the plant is up and healthy again, hit it again and finish the plant off with a late summer application (before the frost) and replant the areas with desirable grass. Make sure that you have the right weed by contacting your local weed authority.

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

# Chief

#### **Continued from Page A1**

The chart starts in March 2021 and continues through the first week of May 2022.

During that time the call back response was 0% in four weeks, and 100% in one week.

Response rates for the entire period averaged 24.87%.

#### **Commissioners discuss city** letter

Yencopal read Lee's email to county commissioners during their meeting Wednesday morning, May 18.

Commission Chairman Bill Harvey said Lee's letter is "the proper procedure to notify us that they will not be able to fulfill their obligations."

Baker County is responsible under Oregon law for choosing ambulance providers.

The Baker City Fire Department operates ambulances in a service area that includes Baker City and about two-thirds of the rest of the county. The

**FUNERALS PENDING** 

Christine 'Chris' Lawrence: Graveside

service Saturday, May 21, at 11 a.m.

at Pine Haven Cemetery in Halfway.

For those who would like to make a

suggests McPaws Regional Animal

Shelter through Tami's Pine Valley

Funeral Home & Cremation Services,

condolences can be shared at www.

tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

P.O. Box 543, Halfway, OR 97834, Online

**Deward Thompson:** Celebration of life

will be Saturday, May 21, at 4:30 p.m. at

who would like to make a donation in

either the Durkee Community Corp.

or Baker FFA Alumni through Tami's

Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation

Online condolences can be shared at

Jarma Myers: Celebration of life will

be Saturday, May 21, at noon at the

Missouri Flat Grange in Baker City. For those who would like to make a

Services, P.O. Box 543, Halfway, OR 97834.

www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

donation in memory of Jarma, the family

suggests 4-H 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 Canvon Junior Rodeo through Tami's Pine Valley

Funeral Home & Cremation Services,

condolences can be shared at www.

Ivan Harry Bork: A celebration of his

May 28, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the

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

condolences can be shared at www.

tam is pineval ley funeral home. com.

Georgia and Larry Wells: Graveside

memorial service will take place May 31 at 11 a.m. at Mount Hope Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made to

Community Connection through Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey

Ave., Baker City, OR 97814. To leave an

online condolence for the family, go to

**POLICE LOG** 

ATTEMPT TO ELUDE, RECKLESS DRIVING:

Phillip Edward Holland, 22, Baker City,

4:18 a.m. Tuesday, May 17, at Elm Street

CONTEMPT OF COURT (Baker County

Baker City, 4 a.m. Tuesday, May 17, in the 1000 block of Walnut Street; cited

PROBATION VIOLATION (Two Baker

12:25 p.m. Monday, May 16, at 10th

County Circuit Court warrants):

Tamara Kay Fine, 48, Baker City,

warrant): Kody Allen McManus, 26,

www.grayswestco.com.

**Baker City Police** 

Arrests, citations

and Indiana Avenue.

and A streets; jailed.

and released.

P.O. Box 543, Halfway, OR 97834. Online

life and potluck will take place Saturday,

ballroom at the Baker Heritage Museum,

tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

P.O. Box 543, Halfway, OR 97834. Online

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donation in honor of Chris, the family

**News of Record** 

county's three other ambulance for ending its ambulance serservice areas are in the Eagle and Pine valleys, and in the Huntington area.

Harvey said the county, based on Lee's email, will be "making accommodations to take care of immediate need" for ambulance calls.

Yencopal said the county is working with the Eagle Valley ambulance service, the nearest other provider, to see if that agency can assist if needed.

He said he is talking with agencies outside the county as well.

Commissioner Mark Bennett said Sheriff Travis Ash has committed to make deputies available to drive ambulances if needed.

We're trying to maximize the county staff to do that," Bennett said.

The issues Lee raised in his email arrived while it's uncertain whether the city will continue to operate ambulances, as it has done for many decades, beyond Sept. 30, 2022.

That's the date the city set

**Baker County Sheriff's Office** 

DRIVING WHILE SUSPENDED OR

REVOKED (Baker County Justice

Court warrant): Robert Jarboe, 46,

Huntington, 12:06 p.m. Tuesday, May

TRESPASSING, THIRD-DEGREE THEFT:

Margaret Samantha Lacey, 35, Baker

City, 12:06 p.m. Tuesday, May 17, at

the jail, where she was in custody on

PROBATION VIOLATION (Baker County

Circuit Court warrant): Tamara Kay Fine,

48, Baker City, 12:05 p.m. Tuesday, May 17, at the jail, where she was in custody

OFFENDER: Lester Lee Jones, 50, Baker

City, 7:32 a.m. Tuesday, May 17, at the

jail, where he was already in custody.

FAILURE TO REPORT AS A SEX

17, at the jail, where he was in custody

Arrests, citations

on other charges.

other charges.

on other charges.

FIRST-DEGREE CRIMINAL

vice in a notice the City Council voted to send to the county on March 22. City Manager Jonathan Can-

non has said the city isn't collecting enough in ambulance bills to continue operating the service.

### Fire department vacancies

The fire department has been trying to fill two vacancies in its firefighter/paramedic ranks. Casey Johnson said on Wednesday that another firefighter/paramedic had given two weeks' notice that he intends to leave.

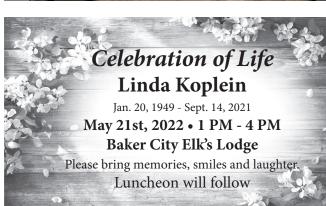
One position has been vacant for several months. Another was created in early April when Brian Johnson, who had worked for the department for four years, left to take a job in Washington.

Iohnson said he was concerned that if the city curtails ambulance service, he would be among the firefighters laid off as the city shrinks its fire staff due to the loss of about \$1 million in annual ambulance revenue, and because ambulance runs constitute about 80% of the calls the department responds to.

In response to the city's notice that it planned to end ambulance service Sept. 30, county commissioners have sent out a request for proposals (RFP) to companies or agencies that could replace the city. The deadline to respond to the RFP is June 3.

The City Council voted May 10 to have Cannon prepare a response, which councilors are slated to review on May 24.





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Friday Sat & Sun 1:20, 4:20, 7:20

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7:10 **THE BAD GUYS** (PG) 4:20, 7:20

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