

Local

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO

from the Democrat-Herald

May 23, 1972

Albert Romeo, manager of the Bureau of Land Management's Lower Colorado River office at Yuma, Ariz., was named this week to replace Chester E. Conard, manager of the Bureau's Baker District office. Conard will be reassigned June 25 to Winnemucca, Nev., as district manager. Romeo will assume duties here June 11.

25 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald

May 23, 1997

Authorities are searching for a Powder River Correctional Facility inmate who walked away from a work crew on Highway 7 near Phillips Reservoir Thursday. Michael Ray Baker, 38, who had been at the Baker City prison only since May 13, was one of 10 inmates cleaning along the highway. He was last seen about noon, according to Art Crews, the prison's security manager. An aerial search by Oregon State Police Thursday afternoon failed to locate Baker. Baker was serving a 20-year sentence for first-degree kidnapping from Lane County. He was scheduled to be released Aug. 29, 1998.

10 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald

May 25, 2012

GLADSTONE — In a rematch of a preseason contest between top-10 ranked teams, the No. 9 ranked Baker Bulldogs won 2-1 over the eighth-ranked Gladstone Gladiators Wednesday to advance to the Class 4A quarterfinals for a second straight year. Abi Smith connected with a perfectly placed bunt in the sixth inning for a game-winning RBI single to help propel the Bulldogs to victory in the first round playoff game.

ONE YEAR AGO

from the Baker City Herald

May 25, 2021

With its COVID-19 case rate dropping to the lowest level in more than six months, Baker County appears to be on pace to return to the state's lowest risk level, which would double indoor dining capacity at restaurants at the start of Memorial Day weekend. For the 10-day period May 14-23, the county reported four new cases, according to the Baker County Health Department. That's the fewest new cases in a 10-day period since mid-October 2020, when the county had three new cases over 14 days, Oct. 10-23. Baker County had no new cases for at least four straight days — May 20-23. That's the longest stretch without a new case in the county since October, when the county had 13 consecutive days — Oct. 7-19 — without a case.

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) sets county risk levels based on case counts and positivity rates over a two-week period. The next day risk levels can change is Friday, May 28. Any changes will be based on counties' statistics for the period May 9-22.

Baker County reported 15 new cases during that stretch, and a test positivity rate of 3.9%. Both figures would qualify the county to drop to the lowest risk level. The thresholds are fewer than 30 new cases, and a positivity rate below 5%. Baker County hasn't been at the lowest risk level since April 22.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, MAY 21

10-17-25-28-33-45

Next jackpot: \$1.1 million

POWERBALL, MAY 21

14-15-25-52-58 PB 11

Next jackpot: \$125 million

MEGA MILLIONS, MAY 20

33-40-59-60-69 Mega 22

Next jackpot: \$143 million

WIN FOR LIFE, MAY 21

40-47-50-76

PICK 4, MAY 22

• 1 p.m.: 4-1-0-0

• 4 p.m.: 9-7-0-8

• 7 p.m.: 9-4-9-7

• 10 p.m.: 9-1-0-1

LUCKY LINES, MAY 22

4-6-11-16-18-21-27-32

Next jackpot: \$41,000

SENIOR MENUS

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 crisp

MONDAY (May 30): Closed for Memorial Day

TUESDAY (May 31): Pork tips over noodles, peas, rolls, ambrosia, sherbet

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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Lummi elder and master carver Doug James and wife Siam'elwit address the audience Saturday evening, May 14, 2022, during the ceremonial opening of "Whale People: Protectors of the Sea" outside Tamastlikt Cultural Institute near Pendleton.

Groups call for removal of Snake dams

BY PHIL WRIGHT

East Oregonian

MISSION — The 3,000-pound killer whale totem was the focal point of a one-day exhibition at Tamastlikt Cultural Institute near Pendleton, but the message behind the totem was far larger:

Saving the orcas means saving salmon, and saving salmon means saving ourselves. And doing that requires removing dams on the lower Snake River.

Kat Brigham, chair of the Board of Trustees of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, put it this way: "We have to take care of the land, the water and air. And it hasn't been taken care of very well."

Tamastlikt hosted two related outdoor events on Saturday, May 14, to draw attention to the extinction crisis facing Pacific Northwest salmon and orcas and build support for the Indigenous-led movement to remove the lower Snake River dams.

Brothers Doug James and Jewell James, master carvers of the House of Tears Carvers of the Lummi Nation, led a presentation that afternoon on the art and cultural aspects of totem pole carving. Bobbie Connor, director of Tamastlikt, said dozens of people attended the event.

The totem pole's journey began earlier this month from Bellingham, Washington, with stops across Washington, Oregon and Idaho. The inspiration for the totem's journey comes from the story of Tahlequah, the southern resident orca, whose "tour of grief" captivated global audiences in 2018 when she carried her deceased baby calf 1,000 miles across 17 days.

And the evening featured "Whale People: Protectors of the Sea," an immersive video presentation on the plight of Northwest salmon and orcas. Connor said Pendleton and Eugene were the only



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Attendees get a closer look at the 3,000 pound whale totem Saturday event, May 14, 2022, outside Tamastlikt Cultural Institute near Pendleton. The totem was at the center of "Whale People: Protectors of the Sea," an immersive video presentation on the plight of Northwest salmon and orcas.

two stops on the totem's journey to also have the "Whale People" exhibit, which began with an invocation and addresses from the Jameses and officials with the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation.

The event was in the works for a while, Brigham told the crowd of 25 or so, and explained how tribal people view life as connected. Taking care of the environment and natural resources, she said, ensures our survival.

Cor Sams, member of the CTUIR Board of Trustees and chair of the tribes' fish and wildlife committee, told the audience about the tribes' long connection to salmon.

"In our creation story the salmon gave up its heart so we can live," she said, and in turn, the people would care

for the salmon. Policymakers, then, she said, have the duty to speak on behalf of the salmon.

But breaching the Snake River dams carries consequences for irrigators and the power grid, she said, and the goal of removing those dams is to continue to meet all the needs the dams now provide.

Teegan Herrera, chair of the CTUIR Junior Youth Leadership Council, was direct in his assessment: "Salmon extinction is not an option. Not for us and not for the orca."

Lummi elder Doug James at the mic said Tahlequah was sending a message about what is happening to the environment.

"If one species dies it affects everything," he said. "There's a chain reaction."

He said it was up to people now to preserve the world for the next generation and save "our relative, salmon." The staple of tribal people throughout the Columbia River Basin, Doug James said salmon are

like the canary in the mine shaft, and like Tahlequah, the salmon are trying to tell us something as well.

Doug James' wife, Siam'elwit, also addressed the audience. She said rivers across the United States are drying up, furthering the loss of salmon. Indigenous people have the right to speak up, she said, and to work for unity to restore what has been lost.

Jewel James during the ceremony said environmental degradation is nothing new. Tribes along the Snake River during the Oregon Trail pointed out the waste the pioneers left in their wake, he said, and Indigenous people have been bearing the brunt of that since.

"Name the social economic ill," he said, "and it's always worse in Indian Country."

And now, he said, it's about calling other groups to stand up behind tribes as they push for dam removal on the Snake River.

News of Record

DEATHS

Jamie Arlene (Little) Hunt: 61, of Sumpter, died May 20, 2022, at her residence with her loving husband, Bob, by her side. A celebration of her life will take place at a later date. To light a candle in honor of Jamie, or to offer online condolences to her family, go to www.grayswestco.com.

FUNERALS PENDING

Gloria Wilson: Memorial service and celebration of her life will take place Friday, May 27 at 2 p.m. at the Pine Baptist Church in Halfway. Online condolences can be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

John Crow: Memorial service with military honors will take place Saturday, May 28 at 10 a.m. at the Lions Community Hall in Halfway. Online condolences can be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

Marge Harris: Memorial service will take place Saturday, May 28 at 2 p.m. at the Pine Valley Presbyterian Church in Halfway. Online condolences can be shared 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.

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 www.grayswestco.com.

POLICE LOG

Baker City Police

Arrests, citations

THIRD-DEGREE THEFT: Tom Lee Stockton, 28, Newport, 5:07 a.m. Monday, May 23, in the 1700 block of Main Street; cited and released.

BAKER COUNTY JUSTICE COURT WARRANTS: Frank Nathan McNair, 42, Baker City, 11 p.m. Sunday, May 22, at Resort and Broadway streets; cited and released.

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF INTOXICANTS (Baker County Circuit Court warrant): Richard Dean Baird, 57, Baker City, 7:43 p.m. Sunday, May 22, at 13th and G streets; cited and released.

DRIVING WHILE SUSPENDED: Joshua Cain Collins, 40, Baker City, 11:24 a.m. Sunday, May 22, at Baker and 18th streets; cited and released.

THIRD-DEGREE THEFT: Chloe Irene Harris, 26, Baker City, 10:42 a.m. Sunday, May 22, at Auburn Avenue and 10th Street; cited and released.

CONTEMPT OF COURT (Baker County Justice Court warrants): Markus Damian Dethloff, 22, Baker City, 1:31 p.m. Friday, May 20, in the 3500 block of Pocahontas Road; cited and released.

The Nurses and Techs at Saint Alphonsus Baker City would like to say THANK YOU and show our support to the Baker City Fire Department's First Responders for the work they do 24 hours a day, 7 days a week in our community. Thank you from the Oregon Nurses Association of Saint Alphonsus Baker City.

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

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