

Local

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO

from the Democrat-Herald
June 13, 1972

Perils continue to follow perils on the American Legion baseball team with coach Galen Scrivner resigning in the recent dip in the turbulent season.

Manager Hershel Wood announced last night that Scrivner had resigned due to a conflict with his job. Legion officials will meet tonight to decide the fate of the team.

25 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald
June 13, 1997

St. Elizabeth Health Services says it is paying its five emergency room doctors about \$100,000 more per year than it collects from patients, and hospital president Rob Mannix is considering several options to balance the budget.

One of those options is to hire a private company to provide emergency room physicians.

Another option, and the one Mannix said he prefers, is to renegotiate the contracts with the current doctors.

10 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald
June 15, 2012

Art Pugsley loves his car but hates freeways.

This is not a coincidence.

Pugsley drives a 1931 Ford Model A Sport Coupe. It was not designed for freeways.

Pugsley, 75, of Vancouver, Wash., was in Baker City Wednesday and Thursday with a group of nine other Model A owners.

ONE YEAR AGO

from the Baker City Herald
June 15, 2021

The Baker City Planning Commission wants to know what residents think about the city's housing situation, including zoning rules.

The Commission is inviting the public to attend a hearing on that topic on Wednesday, June 16 at 6 p.m. at City Hall, 1655 First St.

The public hearing is part of the city's effort to update its comprehensive plan and development code, with a focus on housing issues including:

- Updating the housing chapter of the comprehensive land use plan.
- Consider which housing policies will be most effective for the city in the future.
- Easing restrictions for duplexes in residential zones, making review standards the same as for single-family dwellings.

Earlier this year, consultants finished two studies for the city related to this process — a housing needs analysis and a buildable lands inventory.

Those studies conclude that based on the city's projected growth rate, it will likely need between 235 and 460 more homes by 2040, including single-family homes, townhouses, duplexes, triplexes, quadplexes and apartments.

According to the housing needs analysis, done by Johnson Economics of Portland, Baker City has added just over 300 new housing units since 2000, a growth of about 7%.

During that same period, the number of new households in the city is about 440, "indicating that housing growth has not kept pace with growing need."

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, JUNE 11

5 - 12 - 13 - 18 - 37 - 42

Next jackpot: \$2 million

POWERBALL, JUNE 11

18 - 20 - 26 - 53 - 69 PB 15

Next jackpot: \$243 million

MEGA MILLIONS, JUNE 10

3 - 12 - 14 - 18 - 32 Mega 4

Next jackpot: \$247 million

WIN FOR LIFE, JUNE 11

4 - 13 - 14 - 37

PICK 4, JUNE 12

• 1 p.m.: 9 - 6 - 5 - 0

• 4 p.m.: 4 - 5 - 5 - 1

• 7 p.m.: 2 - 4 - 6 - 7

• 10 p.m.: 6 - 4 - 1 - 9

LUCKY LINES, JUNE 12

3-5-10-15-18-24-27-29

Next jackpot: \$62,000

SENIOR MENUS

WEDNESDAY (June 15): Taco salad, sour cream and salsa, tortilla chips, carrot-raisin salad, brownies

THURSDAY (June 16): Chicken and gravy over biscuits, corn, cottage cheese with fruit, cheesecake

FRIDAY (June 17): Breaded pork loin, au gratin potatoes, broccoli, rolls, green salad, cookies

MONDAY (June 20): OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY (June 21): Pot roast, mashed potatoes with gravy, rolls, green beans, ice cream

WEDNESDAY (June 22): Stuffed peppers, au gratin potatoes, peas and carrots, rolls, green salad, lemon squares

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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Zipty Fiber acquiring Eastern Oregon Net Inc.

BY ANDREW CUTLER

The Observer

LA GRANDE — Kelly Mutch and Jeff Crews are proud of what they've accomplished as owners of Eastern Oregon Net Inc. But the La Grande businessmen knew after 26-plus years, it was time for a change.

Zipty Fiber announced plans Tuesday, June 7, to acquire EONI, one of Oregon's longest serving internet service providers. Details of the deal between the two companies were not announced, but the acquisition is scheduled to close later this year, pending regulatory approvals.

"We're very proud of what everyone at EONI has built and accomplished over the past 26 years," said Crews, the vice president of EONI. "We're even more excited about our future together with Zipty Fiber. Their commitment to service and to expanding access to fiber in the Northwest is unmatched and we're proud to be joining in that effort."

When the deal becomes final, Mutch, the president of EONI, said he will retire and Crews will remain and help lead the company under the Zipty banner.

"This was an opportunity for Jeff to continue to be part of the team with lots of additional resources and assistance from Zipty," Mutch said. "Our service areas overlap a ton, if not entirely, so it made sense. It turned out to be the most compatible and cooperative situation for us that we could find."

Mutch said when the announcement was made to



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Eastern Oregon Net Inc. owners Kelly Mutch, left, and Jeff Crews stand next to an EONI truck Tuesday, June 7, 2022, the day Zipty Fiber announced plans to acquire the La Grande-based company.

staff June 7, the response was mostly positive.

"I think three-quarters of them were positive and the others had questions," he said. "What we've told them is hang around, give it some time and you'll see things are going to be good."

Mutch and Crews started EONI in 1996. The company serves approximately 3,000 customers in Baker, Union and Wallowa counties and employs 15 people, including the two owners.

Mutch said EONI staff will have the opportunity to remain on with Zipty.

"It was important to us that the employees had an opportunity as well," he said.

Both Crews and Mutch said keeping up with all of the advancements in broadband and mining federal programs for available funding is challenging for a small, rural company.

"Realistically, I can't get my head around the amount of money the federal government is putting out to close the digital divide on rural broadband," Crews said. "It's very hard to navigate those programs. We've gone down that road a ways before. You really have to have a couple of full-time people to navigate these federal programs."

Zipty Fiber has its headquarters in Kirkland, Washington, and has major offices in Beaverton, Everett, Washington, and Hayden, Idaho. The La Grande office is on Adams Avenue, just a block from EONI.

"Zipty Fiber is a Northwest company that's here to simplify and elevate the connected lives of the people in the communities where we live and work. We believe that simple, easy access to fast and reliable internet is fundamentally important for families and businesses," said

Harold Zeitz, chief executive officer of Zipty Fiber. "So, when we looked around the Northwest and saw what Jeff and Kelly had created, it was no surprise to us to learn that they also believe in 'The Internet Done Right.' Our values were aligned years before we chose to make our joining forces a reality."

Mutch said it was that aligned vision between the two companies that made it easier when the idea of the purchase was first broached.

"The timing's good, the situation is good and the outcome for employees is good," he said. "We know there are customers who've had a less than ideal relationship with Zipty and that's why they are our customers and (Zipty knows) that too. We both agree that this is an opportunity to make both of us better."

Zipty Fiber has been busy with fiber construction projects in more than 80 towns across the Northwest, including communities in Union and Wallowa counties, since it began its aggressive fiber expansion efforts in the summer of 2020.

"Zipty's whole thing is build fiber and super-fast broadband at an affordable level to as many customers as they could, and the same for us," Mutch said. "There's a lot of money out there for building broadband available, and for us to take advantage of that would have been a bit more difficult. The challenges were really steep for a very small company, but by going with them, we could continue to do that and increase the resources available to us to be a part of that when it happens."

North Powder graduates receive scholarships

Baker City Herald

NORTH POWDER —

Graduates in the class of 2022 at North Powder Charter School received scholarships totaling \$158,661.

That total includes \$72,000 from the Buerkel-Zoellner Foundation and \$25,900 from the Leo Adler Foundation, said Sandy Colton, scholarship coordinator and teacher at the school.

INDIVIDUAL RECIPIENTS

Trinity Nesser

- Brown and Gold Commitment Scholarship at the University of Wyoming for \$2,500 per year for four years
- Baker City of Fraternal Order of Eagles, \$500
- The Riki Gerry Anderson Scholarship, \$500
- Mid-Co Bus Company Scholarship, \$500
- Gerald Hopkins Education Scholarship,

\$400

- Leo Adler Scholarship

Reece Dixon

- Oregon Athletic Coaches Association Scholarship, \$2,500
- Geiser-Pollman Scholarship, \$1,000
- Western Undergraduate Exchange Scholarship, \$14,661
- Old Oregon League Scholarship, \$750
- Leo Adler Scholarship
- Buerkel-Zoellner Foundation Scholarship

Sarrah Berg

- Blue Mountain Community College Foundation Scholarship, \$1,000
- Baker City of Fraternal Order of Eagles, \$1,000
- Loveland Funeral Scholarship, \$500
- Leo Adler Scholarship
- Buerkel-Zoellner Foundation Scholarship

Viri Rodriguez-Medrano

- Chapter CJ P.E.O., \$500
- Baker City Fraternal Order of Eagles, \$1,500
- OSU Finley Academic Scholarship, \$4,000 per year for four years
- OSU College of Business Excellence Scholarship, \$2,500
- North Powder Education Association Scholarship, \$500
- Tom Bacus Associates Scholarship,

\$1,000

- Elks Most Valuable Scholarship, \$1,500
- Knights of Columbus Scholarship, \$1,000
- Miles Family Valedictorian Award, \$100
- Leo Adler Scholarship
- Buerkel-Zoellner Foundation Scholarship

Jacob Sargent

- Emily Loennig Theodosius Scholarship, \$150
- North Powder Fire Department Scholarship, \$500
- Leo Adler Scholarship
- Buerkel-Zoellner Foundation Scholarship

Novalee Shoemaker

- Baker City Fraternal Order of Eagles Scholarship, \$500
- EOU Davis Kirby Award, \$1,000
- DVO-Joy & Wm Dobbin Scholarship, \$1,500
- Resident Life 4-County Scholarship, \$500
- EOU University Scholar Award, \$1,000, and EOU Scholarly Need Scholarship, \$1,250
- Tom Bacus Associates Scholarship, \$1,000
- Leo Adler Scholarship
- Buerkel-Zoellner Foundation Scholarship

Lindsey Bingham

- Frank C. Loennig Scholarship, \$150
- North Powder Fire Department Scholarship, \$500
- Leo Adler Scholarship
- Buerkel-Zoellner Foundation Scholarship

Hailey Fisher

- Maxine Hines Scholarship, \$1,000
- Al Forthan Memorial Scholarship, \$2,000
- Charles & Rhoda Chollet Scholarship, \$3,000
- Tri-Chapter PEO Scholarship, \$3,000
- Valley Insurance Scholarship, \$1,000
- PTCO Scholarship for \$1,00 per year for four years

- NorPower Scholarship, \$1,000
- Resident Life 4-County Scholarship, \$500
- EOU University Scholar Award, \$1,000, and EOU Scholarly Need Scholarship, \$1,000
- Leo Adler Scholarship
- Buerkel-Zoellner Foundation Scholarship

Kaiden Dalke

- Leo Adler Scholarship
- Buerkel-Zoellner Foundation Scholarship
- Olivia Mack-Skeels
- Leo Adler Scholarship

News of Record

DEATHS

Faye Bergman: 80, of Halfway, died June 9, 2022, at Saint Alphonsus Medical Center-Baker City. A family gathering will take place at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Online condolences can be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

Zelva 'Nada' Burdick: 68, of Hereford, died June 10, 2022, at Saint Alphonsus Medical Center-Boise. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Online condolences can be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

Lillie Nelson: 88, of Baker City, died June 10, 2022, at her son's home, surrounded by her family. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Online condolences can be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

Jeff Jones: 65, of Halfway, died June 11, 2022, at Saint Alphonsus Medical Center-Boise. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Online condolences can be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

Maria Dennis: 59, formerly of Richland, died June 11, 2022, her home 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.

FUNERALS PENDING

Eugene 'Gene' Sutton: Traditional funeral service Thursday, June 16 at 11 a.m. at the Harvest Church, 3720 Birch St. in Baker City. Interment, with military honors, will follow at Mount Hope Cemetery. Friends are invited to join the family for a reception, following the interment, at the Harvest Church.

David G. Cherry: Graveside service will be Friday, June 17 at 2 p.m. at Mount Hope Cemetery. Bill Rompa will officiate the service. To leave an online condolence for David's family, go to www.grayswestco.com. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Online condolences can be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

Richard 'Dick' Hopper: A celebration

of his life will take place June 18 at 1 p.m. at the Golf Course at Birch Creek, 69772 S. Highway 395 in Pendleton. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Online condolences can be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

Samuel F. Orr: Celebration of life, June 18 at 1 p.m. at the Haines city park.

Robert Isaac Watson: Graveside service Monday, June 20 at 11 a.m. at Mount Hope Cemetery. Pastor Jesse Whitford of the Baker City Christian Church will officiate. Memorial contributions can be made to the Wounded Warrior Project through Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814. To light a candle in Robert's memory, or to offer online condolences to his family, go to www.grayswestco.com.

Theodore Edward 'Ted' Dockweiler: Graveside service Friday, June 24 at 2 p.m. at Mount Hope Cemetery. Please

bring your fondest memories of Ted to share with family and friends.

Wade Dahlen: Interment will be June 25 at 10 a.m. at the Rock Creek Cemetery. A luncheon will follow for family and friends at the Dahlen home.

POLICE LOG

Baker City Police

Arrests, citations

FAILURE TO APPEAR, PAROLE VIOLATION, FAILURE TO REGISTER AS A SEX OFFENDER: Eric Lee Cayvill, 31, Baker City, 2:12 p.m. Sunday, June 12 in the 1800 block of Cherry Street; jailed.

FAILURE TO APPEAR (Baker County warrant), FAILURE TO APPEAR (two Union County warrants): Sunnie Jean Moore, transient, 1:31 a.m. Saturday, June 11 on Griffin Gulch Road; cited and released.

Baker County Sheriff's Office

Arrests, citations

FAILURE TO APPEAR (Malheur County

warrant), POSSESSION OF WEAPON (Cache County, Utah, warrant): Wayne Anthony McFadden, 52, Nampa, Idaho, 7:15 p.m. Sunday, June 12 in Huntington; jailed.

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF INTOXICANTS: Kraig Michael Stevenson, 62, Bellingham, Washington, 2:18 p.m. Friday, June 10 on the Anthony Lakes Highway.

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF INTOXICANTS: Brandon Reese Soto, 36, Brentwood, New York, 6:24 a.m. Friday, June 10 on Interstate 84, Milepost 324 westbound; jailed.

Oregon State Police

Arrests, citations

DRIVING UNINSURED, POSSESSION OF METHAMPHETAMINE (violation): Krystal Rose Lofton, 35, Huntington, 6:18 p.m. Sunday, June 12 at Third and Jefferson streets in Huntington; cited and released.

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