

# Local

## TURNING BACK THE PAGES

### 50 YEARS AGO

from the Democrat-Herald

June 18, 1972

Effective July 1, Hughes Air West will restore Baker-to-Portland flight service after an eight month suspension, it was learned today.

According to a scheduled received here, flight 421 will depart Portland at 2:50 p.m. daily (except Saturday and Sunday) and arrive in Baker at 5:03 p.m. after stops in Yakima and Pasco. The same aircraft will depart Baker at 6:16 p.m. and will arrive in Portland at 8:27 p.m. after stops in Yakima and Pasco.

### 25 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald

June 18, 1997

WASHINGTON (AP) — Tourists would again have access to a road along the west rim of Hells Canyon under a bill a House panel has approved reversing the Forest Service's ruling that it lies in a wilderness area.

Rep. Rob Smith, R-Ore., sponsor of the measure, said the agency wrongly determined in 1989 that 6.5 miles of the Rim Road (Road 3965) are within the boundaries of a wilderness where no motorized traffic is allowed.

"This legislation is necessary to correct an oversight that has led to the closure of an important access route," Smith said Tuesday.

### 10 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald

June 18, 2012

The Texas couple who will be visiting Baker City and the five other finalists for the Rand McNally/USA Today Best of the Road contest are tentatively scheduled to arrive the second week of July.

Nikki and Dusty Green of Austin will tour each of the six finalists in the "Most Beautiful Small Town" category.

Baker City was also a finalist in that category in last year's inaugural contest, but lost out to Sandpoint, Idaho.

### ONE YEAR AGO

from the Baker City Herald

June 19, 2021

Plans are in high gear for the 2021 Miners Jubilee weekend July 16, 17 and 18. The annual event, which was canceled in 2020 due to the pandemic, is expected to draw record crowds.

Shelly Cutler, executive director of the Baker County Chamber of Commerce, said the level of interest in this year's Jubilee seems to be "extremely high."

"I didn't know for sure if folks would feel comfortable coming out, but the park is almost full with vendors," Cutler said, referring to the food and craft vendors who will offer their wares at Geiser-Pollman Park. "I'm just so happy with the numbers that we have."

Some vendors, however, do not feel comfortable returning just yet, so there are a few spots still available. Cutler said she has received several calls from people asking if the Jubilee is happening, leading her to believe that there will be a big boost in attendance this year.

Miners Jubilee celebrates Baker City's gold mining heritage with music, food and entertainment. The influx of tourists, including former residents returning to attend high school class reunions, benefits motels, restaurants and other local businesses, which is why the cancellation of last year's event was especially detrimental.

This year's event will run similarly to how it has in the past, with activities in the park from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

## OREGON LOTTERY

### MEGABUCKS, JUNE 15

12-21-28-37-40-46

Next jackpot: \$2.2 million

### POWERBALL, JUNE 15

19-28-41-42-51 PB 7

Next jackpot: \$279 million

### MEGA MILLIONS, JUNE 14

30-37-38-42-58 Mega 22

Next jackpot: \$273 million

### WIN FOR LIFE, JUNE 15

28-65-66-69

### PICK 4, JUNE 16

• 1 p.m.: 0-4-5-5

• 4 p.m.: 0-7-8-8

• 7 p.m.: 5-1-7-7

• 10 p.m.: 7-1-7-2

### LUCKY LINES, JUNE 16

4-8-9-15-19-22-28-29

Next jackpot: \$11,000

## SENIOR MENUS

**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

**THURSDAY (June 23):** Orange glazed chicken, rice, broccoli, rolls, green salad, cheesecake

**FRIDAY (June 24):** Barbecued ribs, baked beans, capri vegetables, rolls, coleslaw, apple crisp

**MONDAY (June 27):** Chicken strips, potato wedges, mixed vegetables, rolls, fruit cup, cookies

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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# Hells Canyon Dam road closed off and on



Idaho Power Company/Contributed Photo, File

The road that crosses Hells Canyon Dam will be closed at times in late June and early July 2022.

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**OXBOW** — People planning to cross Hells Canyon Dam over the next several weeks should plan their trip to avoid periods when the road over the dam will be closed to accommodate cranes involved in routine testing of the dam's water outlet and spillgates.

Idaho Power Company, which owns the dam about 90 miles east of Baker City, announced that the dam road will be closed to vehicles and pedestrians on the following

days (all times PDT):

- June 27-29 — 6 a.m. to 11 a.m. and noon to 4:30 p.m.
- June 30 — 6 a.m. to 11 a.m., noon to 2 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- July 6 — 6 a.m. to 11 a.m., noon to 2 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- July 7 — 6 a.m. to 11 a.m. and noon to 4:30 p.m.
- July 11-13 — 6 a.m. to 11 a.m. and noon to 4:30 p.m.
- July 14 — 6 a.m. to 11 a.m., noon to 2 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

# U.S. Forest Service pushes campfire safety

EO Media Group

U.S. Forest Service officials are reminding visitors to the Wallowa-Whitman, Umatilla and Malheur national forests to follow precautions when building campfires.

All campfires should be in a fire pit surrounded by dirt, rock or a metal ring, in areas cleared of all flammable material within a three-foot radius from the edge of the pit, and free of overhanging material.

Campers should also carry a shovel and at least one gallon of water while building and tending campfires. These guidelines apply to the use of charcoal briquettes as well.

Although lightning starts most wildfires in the Blue Mountains, human-caused fires are unpredictable and can stretch firefighting resources thin, especially when lightning-caused fires require firefighters' attention at the same time.

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As fire danger levels increase this summer, the three national forests in the Blue Mountains will announce Public Use Restrictions, also known as PURs, which limit the use of campfires, chainsaws, smoking, and off-road motorized travel. PURs are imposed in phases, based on increased fire danger, hot and dry weather conditions, and concern for

public safety.

Forest officials recommend the following campfire safety precautions:

- Only adults should build and maintain campfires.
- Find a shady spot away from dry logs, overhanging branches, bushes, needles, or leaves.
- Use existing fire rings where it is safe to do so. Don't build fire-rings in roads. (Note: within the Grande Ronde Scenic Waterway, campfires must be contained in a fireproof container (such as a fire pan) with sides tall enough to contain all ash and debris, and all ashes and debris



Lisa Britton/EO Media Group

National forest campers should use metal fire rings when they're available, as is the case at most development campgrounds.

must be removed from the river corridor. Do not use or construct fire pits or rock fire rings within the Scenic Waterway.)

- Keep campfire rings small and use wood no bigger than the ring.
- Keep tents and other burnable materials away from the fire.
- Never leave a campfire unattended.

Those leaving campfires unattended can be billed for the cost of fire suppression.

- Drown the campfire with water and stir charred material.
- When leaving, make sure your fire is dead out. Very carefully feel all sticks and charred remains. Make sure no roots are smoldering. If it's too hot to touch, it's too hot to leave.

# Oregon Trail Electric starts annual pole testing

Baker City Herald

Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative is planning to start its annual pole-testing campaign this week in Baker and Union counties.

OTEC will move the work to Grant and Harney counties over the next few months.

OTEC has contracted with National Wood Treating to inspect and test utility poles for strength and potential rot. The annual testing is required by the Oregon Public Utility Commission.

"Testing requires digging around our power poles and this means that in some instances National Wood Treating employees will be working in OTEC member-owners' yards and maybe even driving 4-wheelers across open fields

testing each power pole," Joe Hathaway, OTEC's communications manager, said in a press release. "OTEC and our contractor will both be doing their very best to make contact with each property owner. But if a rancher is out in the fields or a family isn't home for one reason or another, we are just wanting to give a heads up that they will be working in the area."

OTEC's pole-testing program calls for each pole to be inspected and treated on a 10-year cycle.

Approximately 10% of the system is inspected each year to identify any poles that need to be replaced and to extend the lives of those poles that remain in service. OTEC maintains more than 44,000 poles, so around 4,400 poles will

be tested this summer.

More information is available by calling OTEC at 541-523-3616.

## Temporary change to billing envelopes

OTEC also announced that because the company that makes its billing envelopes can't get white paper due to supply chain issues, envelopes for the next two months or so will be brown, recycled paper.

OTEC members also can sign up for electronic billing by calling 541-523-3616. Members who sign up for electronic billing before the end of 2022 will be automatically entered into a drawing in which two members, at the end of each month, will win a \$100 credit applied to their bill.

# News of Record

## FUNERALS PENDING

**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](http://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.

**Judith Lee 'Judy' Folkman:** A celebration of her life will take place Saturday, June 25 at 11 a.m. at the First Lutheran Church, 1734 Third St. in Baker City, with Pastor Ian Wolfe officiating. A reception will follow in

the church fellowship hall. Memorial contributions can be made to the First Lutheran Church through Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814. To leave an online condolence for Judy's family, go to [www.grayswestco.com](http://www.grayswestco.com).

**Wade Dahlen:** Interment will be Saturday, 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

RECKLESSLY ENDANGERING ANOTHER (Baker County Circuit Court warrant), SECOND-DEGREE DISORDERLY CONDUCT: Jeremy Larae Bender, 31, Baker City, 11:04 p.m. Thursday, June 16 in the 1900 block of Main Street; cited and released.

FIRST-DEGREE THEFT: Kenny Lee Hellman, 53, Baker City, 10:25 p.m. Thursday, June 16 in the 500 block of Campbell Street; jailed.

FAILURE TO APPEAR (3 Baker County Circuit Court warrants), CONTEMPT OF COURT (7 Baker County Justice Court warrants), SECOND-DEGREE CRIMINAL TRESPASSING: John Marsik Guthrie Jr., 50, Baker City, 10:29 p.m. Wednesday, June 15 in the 500 block of Campbell Street; cited and released.

PROBATION VIOLATION: Jason Richard Harris, 49, Baker City, 1:26 p.m. Wednesday, June 15 in the 1200 block of Campbell Street; jailed.

### Baker County Sheriff's Office

#### Arrests, citations

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF INTOXICANTS: Calvin Jay Crompton, 25, Evanston, Wyoming, 8:25 p.m. Wednesday, June 15 on South Rock Creek Lane.

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