

# Local

## TURNING BACK THE PAGES

### 50 YEARS AGO

from the Democrat-Herald

June 30, 1972

The gym at North Baker elementary school was recommended to house the majority of third graders for next year by the Special Committee on Student Housing.

According to the committee, the areas under consideration included the Air Force cantonment area, St. Francis gym, National Guard armory, local church basements, elementary school gyms, and the vacated Foodland store.

### 25 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald

June 30, 1997

MILTON-FREEWATER — The Baker County Diamondbacks American Legion baseball team won three of four games during the weekend at the Milton-Freewater tournament.

### 10 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald

June 29, 2012

Oregon wildlife biologists have a new wolf to wonder about.

A trail camera in the Eagle Cap Wilderness took a photograph on June 4 of a female wolf.

This wolf raises a couple of interesting questions for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW).

First, the wolf was in an area that none of Oregon's known wolf packs has been roaming, said Michelle Dennehy, a spokeswoman for ODFW.

Second, the photograph is clear enough that biologists confirmed the female wolf is lactating.

### ONE YEAR AGO

from the Baker City Herald

June 29, 2021

Trevor Lewis is standing beside the black skeleton of what used to be a willow tree, and he knows how it looks.

It looks bad.

Dead.

For drivers whizzing past at 55 mph on Highway 7, just a few hundred feet north of where Lewis stands beside Deer Creek, the charred limbs of the creekside willows, and the rusty orange needles of some nearby ponderosa pines, are conspicuous.

But it's a different color that draws Lewis' eyes, and those of his companions and fellow U.S. Forest Service employees — Kendall Cikanek, Steve Hawkins and Keith Dunn — on the hot afternoon of June 22.

Green.

That shade is widespread in this meadow between the highway and Phillips Reservoir, the latter scarcely visible, so shrunken it is by severe drought.

Lewis thrusts his arm into a spray of green foliage that's bursting from a patch of black ground.

This is a willow too.

A new willow, fresh as lettuce plucked from a garden, and about knee-high on Lewis' tan pants.

Its flexible shoots and lance-shaped leaves have risen from the ash since flames swept through here almost two months to the day.

That was no ordinary fire.

Lewis, who most often tries to douse flames as an assistant fire management officer for the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest's Whitman Ranger District, was on that April day in charge of kindling fires.

And today he and the others have returned to have a look at the early results of their handiwork.

## OREGON LOTTERY

### MEGABUCKS, JUNE 27

2-7-16-25-31-48

Next jackpot: \$2.7 million

### POWERBALL, JUNE 27

11-13-18-30-37 PB 16

Next jackpot: \$365 million

### MEGA MILLIONS, JUNE 28

7-12-21-43-55 Mega 11

Next jackpot: \$360 million

### WIN FOR LIFE, JUNE 27

16-33-52-74

### PICK 4, JUNE 28

• 1 p.m.: 0-4-4-9

• 4 p.m.: 0-9-3-9

• 7 p.m.: 6-1-1-3

• 10 p.m.: 6-3-7-1

### LUCKY LINES, JUNE 28

2-8-11-15-20-23-28-30

Next jackpot: \$23,000

## SENIOR MENUS

**FRIDAY (July 1):** Beef stew, broccoli, biscuits, green salad, peach crisp

**MONDAY (July 4):** Closed for Independence Day

**TUESDAY (July 5):** Salisbury steak, scalloped potatoes, corn, biscuits, fruit cup, ice cream

**WEDNESDAY (July 6):** Chicken cordon bleu with hollandaise, rice pilaf, peas and carrots, rolls, green salad, cookies

**THURSDAY (July 7):** Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, mixed vegetables, rolls, green salad, bread pudding

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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## Herald's summer intern introduces himself

BY CLAYTON FRANKE

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Hi, readers. My name is Clayton Franke, and if you continue to read the Herald over the next 10 weeks, you'll probably see my byline. So, here's a little bit about me.

I graduated from the University of Oregon with a degree in journalism this year, and on June 27 I started a 10-week internship at the Baker City Herald through the Charles Snowden Program for Excellence in Journalism. It's my first experience working as a full-time reporter. In Eugene, I worked on the sports desk at the student newspaper, The Daily Emerald, and as a

writer for a student magazine and most recently as an intern for Eugene Weekly.

Despite a pandemic-ridden college experience, I'm satisfied.

I grew up in Missoula, Montana, a college town, but despite an affinity for my home state, I moved to Eugene in search of higher education.

As it turns out, Baker City lies roughly halfway, as the crow flies, between those two towns. It's a comforting coincidence — along with the sights of snow-capped peaks, ponderosa pines and plenty of outdoor recreation oppor-

tunities similar to my home state — that's provided peace of mind as I settle into my new home.

And settling in has taken less time than expected, I'll admit. I didn't choose to come specifically to Baker, but I was sent here by the internship program, deployed on a reporting mission to what some in Eugene view as the far reaches of Oregon, to what might seem like Mars to those west of the Cascades. Making this voyage seemed daunting at first.

But it seems promising — after all, when I step out of the

Herald's office onto Washington Avenue, there are snow-capped peaks on my left and a brewery on my right.

And the initial unfamiliarity is also what intrigues me about Baker City. I'm ready to explore a totally foreign town, and my new summer job caters to exactly that — each story is an opportunity to meet a new person or see a new sight, something unique. While there's only so many stories to go around in 10 weeks, I'm looking forward to getting to know all of you.

And I hope, after reading this, that when you do see my byline in the Herald, you won't turn the page.



Franke

## Local Briefing

### First CASA garden tour July 9

The inaugural CASA Garden Tour is planned for Saturday, July 9, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The tour is \$15, and maps will be sold at Compass Real Estate, corner of Main and Campbell streets, between 8:45 a.m. and noon on July 9.

The tour features six yards of various sizes. Two are several miles outside of town on Pochontas Road.

This event is a fundraiser for CASA of Eastern Oregon, which covers Baker, Union, Malheur, Lake and Harney counties.

CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) provides every abused or neglected child in Eastern Oregon with a caring, consistent adult to advocate for their well-being in court. To learn more, visit casaeo.org or CASA of Eastern Oregon Inc. on Facebook.

### Baker County Garden Club to tour Eastern Oregon Museum July 6

The Baker County Garden Club will meet Wednesday, July 6 at 10:30 a.m. at

the Eastern Oregon Museum in Haines, 610 Third St. Please bring a sack lunch. Water and chairs will be provided. New members are welcome.

### 'Trunks of Junk' sale July 8

"Trunks of Junk," a parking lot rummage sale at the Baker Christian Church on July 8, will benefit scholarships for local women. P.E.O. Chapter CJ members will host this event at the church, 675 Highway 7, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. or until the car trunks are empty of items.

### Tennis tournament July 15-16

The 2022 Inspire Open tennis tournament is set for July 15 and 16 in Baker City.

There are three categories for doubles teams: beginner, intermediate and advanced.

Beginner doubles play Friday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Game night, which is free for tournament participants, is Friday from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Intermediate doubles play Saturday

from 8 a.m. to noon, followed by advanced doubles from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Cost is \$20 per player, with a \$100 cap for families.

Players must register by Monday, July 11. To sign up, call or text Shane Cunningham, 541-519-8284.

### Local students on OIT president's list

KLAMATH FALLS — Three Baker City students were named to the spring term president's list at the Oregon Institute of Technology. To qualify, students must have a GPA of at least 3.7.

- Zachary Wise, civil engineering
- Anna Stafford, respiratory care
- Kristian Krohn, information technology

### Student earns honors at Whitman

WALLA WALLA, Wash. — Morgan Stone of Baker City earned academic distinction during the spring semester at Whitman College. To qualify, students must complete at least 12 credit hours with a GPA of at least 3.5.

## Metro West to park ambulances near hospital

BY SAMANTHA O'CONNOR

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Metro West Ambulance, the Hillsboro company that is replacing the Baker City Fire Department as ambulance provider in Baker City and much of Baker County, will temporarily park its ambulances in a parking lot near Saint Alphonsus Medical Center-Baker City.

Metro West staff will also use part of the building for office space.

Baker County commissioners, who voted June 8 to hire Metro West on a five-year contract, approved a temporary agreement on Wednesday, June 29 regarding ambulance parking.

The vehicles will be based at the Saint Alphonsus Medical Group Baker City Clinic (formerly the Baker Clinic) at 3175 Pochontas Road, just east of the hospital.

Saint Alphonsus is not charging the county for Metro West's use of the building, said Jason Yencopal, the county's emergency management director.

Yencopal said the initial plan was to possibly use another former medical office, where Dr. Charles Hofmann had his practice, on 17th Street just south of Pochontas.

But Yencopal said there was water damage in the building, after the water service was inadvertently left on, so that option wasn't available.

"So we looked at the Baker Clinic there on Pochontas," he said. "We had a current agreement that they needed to then add this information to this additional space out at the Baker Clinic."

Initially, Metro West had parked its ambulances in a building at Second Street and Valley avenue.

That's where American Medical Response (AMR), another private company, parked its

ambulance in late May and early June when it was temporarily operating ambulances after Baker City Fire Chief Sean Lee told the county that staffing shortages meant the city fire department might not be able to respond to simultaneous calls.

Commissioners also on Wednesday unanimously approved a temporary agreement with Metro West that will be in place while the city fire department transitions out of ambulance service.

The Baker City Council, in its initial notice to the county on March 22, set a date of Sept. 30, 2022, for ending ambulance service.

Yencopal said the county will pay Metro West \$1,000 per day, and reimburse the county \$500 for each transport, regardless of how much

the company receives from the patient transported.

He said Metro West has two ambulances in Baker City, but has enough employees to operate only one.

"We're working on trying to get more staff out here," he said.

The county paid AMR \$3,700 per day during the two weeks or so that company was working here. AMR also reimbursed the county \$500 for each transport.

Metro West, like AMR before it, is the first call ambulance, meaning the Baker City Fire Department is called only when Metro West's ambulance is already on a call.

When Metro West becomes the sole ambulance provider, the county will no longer pay the company.

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PROBATION VIOLATION (Baker County and Malheur County warrants): Adrienna Dione Morris, 24, Baker City, 5:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 28 in the 2500 block of Place Street; cited and released.

**Oregon State Police**  
Arrests, citations  
CONTEMPT OF COURT (Baker County Justice Court warrant): Laura Feign Osterkamp, 58, Baker City, 7:02 p.m. Tuesday, June 28 in the 3700 block of Grace Street; cited and released.  
DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF INTOXICANTS, DRIVING WHILE SUSPENDED, VIOLATION OF RESTRAINING ORDER: Rodney Lee Wade, 66, Walla Walla, Washington, 2:54 p.m. Friday, June 24 at the Highway 203 Pond; jailed.  
GIVING FALSE INFORMATION TO A POLICE OFFICER, WARRANTS (Baker County and out of state): Freddie Leroy Tate, 55, Sumpter, 4:37 p.m. Sunday, June 26 at a camp near Phillips Reservoir and the Black Mountain Road; jailed.

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