

Local

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO

from the Democrat-Herald
July 5, 1972

SUMPTER — John Day's Morgan Contrell triggered past a 41-man field to tote away the overall shooter award here Sunday at Sumpter Valley Days' first annual black powder shoot. Contrell won the Hawken Match and the group shoot, and placed second in the store and fifth in the axe shoot to claim the honor.

25 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald
July 4, 1997

St. Elizabeth Health Services administrators are proud of the care being provided to nursing home residents despite a recent state inspection that listed deficiencies.

Rob Mannix, chief operating officer, and Joan Weaver, nursing director, said the deficiencies are more reflective of a tougher inspection than a decline in the nursing home's quality of care.

10 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald
July 4, 2012

Tyler Schlipf wants to pursue a career in film, so he had a ready answer when a CBS news crew requested a guide this weekend.

"I said certainly," says Schlipf, who will be a senior this year at Baker High School.

CBS is coming to film the adventures of the Rand McNally Best of the Road team, which arrives Saturday. Baker City is a finalist in the "most beautiful" category for the 2012 Best Small Towns contest sponsored by Rand McNally.

ONE YEAR AGO

from the Baker City Herald
July 6, 2021

Haines was its usual bustling self on Independence Day, a distinct change from the relatively placid 2020 version of the holiday.

A year ago, with the COVID-19 pandemic well underway, some of the traditional events in the community, population about 415, were canceled.

The list included the parade, cowboy breakfast and arts festival.

In 2020 two other cornerstones of the holiday — the two-day Haines Stampede Rodeo and a fireworks display after dark on the Fourth — did happen.

This year, on a sizzling Sunday, the regular roster of Haines festivities was on display.

Garla Rowe, of Friends of Haines, the volunteer group that organizes the events with the exception of the Haines Stampede, said this spring that she was excited about the return of the favorite events after the one-year hiatus.

"I'm really excited for the Fourth this year," Rowe said in May. "I think the community needs to have something positive to celebrate."

The Haines Stampede had a large turnout of spectators on both days, July 3 and 4, despite the persistent heat wave that pushed temperatures to near triple digits.

"The sunside bleachers were as full as we could expect when it's nearly 100 degrees outside," said Kristi Bain, rodeo secretary. "You don't expect that kind of crowd when it's that kind of heat."

The rodeo performances started at 5 p.m. on Saturday and 1:30 on Sunday, each running for about four hours.

In addition to the adult events, kids 13 and younger participated in saddle bronc, steer riding, breakaway roping, barrel racing and wild pony races.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, JULY 2

11-17-19-22-38-39

Next jackpot: \$2.9 million

POWERBALL, JULY 2

9-10-37-59-62 PB 26

Next jackpot: \$26 million

MEGA MILLIONS, JULY 1

1-27-29-38-62 Mega 12

Next jackpot: \$370 million

WIN FOR LIFE, JULY 2

13-14-31-57

PICK 4, JULY 3

• 1 p.m.: 9-5-0-9

• 4 p.m.: 4-8-2-4

• 7 p.m.: 3-8-4-3

• 10 p.m.: 2-8-5-1

LUCKY LINES, JULY 3

4-8-10-13-19-22-27-32

Next jackpot: \$28,000

SENIOR MENUS

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

FRIDAY (July 8): Baked ham, candied yams, green beans, rolls, ambrosia, cinnamon rolls

MONDAY (July 11): Chili cheeseburgers, tater tots, corn, green salad, chocolate pudding

TUESDAY (July 12): Barbecued ribs, baked beans, broccoli, rolls, coleslaw, 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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EOU receives money to help prepare rural students for college

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The Observer

LA GRANDE — A program to help recruit and retain rural students at Eastern Oregon University is getting a boost.

Oregon U.S. Sens. Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley announced recently that roughly \$1.2 million in grant money will go to Eastern to power a new program called Achieving Careers for Rural Oregon Student Success, or ACROSS. The program's goal is to increase outreach to schools in the region and provide courses that allow students to earn credits for high school and college at the same time.

"Part of our case is, we're 'Oregon's Rural University,' this is what we do," Tim Seydel, Eastern's vice president for university advancement, said. "We're primed to do this."

Seydel said the ACROSS program ideally could save students up to a full year of tuition and get students into the workforce sooner.

"It'll expedite their college completion because they would be able to come in as, essentially, a sophomore if they do it all," he said. "And that can fast track them into career pathways within the workforce."

Kathleen Brown, Eastern's associate director of early college initiatives, told Oregon Public Broadcasting the funding will help the university hire two college engagement specialists to support the ACROSS program as it gets off the



Oregon Public Broadcasting/Contributed Photo
Students walk on the Eastern Oregon University campus during the 2021 fall term.

ground. Brown said she and the new hires will be able to travel to schools throughout the region to meet students in person and talk to them about EOU.

"We have some obvious places where we get students. We get people from Pendleton. We get people from La Grande High. We get people from Baker," Brown said. "But there are some small schools where they've reached out to us, so, let's go out there."

EOU will begin implementing the program in October, when it can officially access the grant money. But Brown told OPB that the university is starting to do some work in the meantime.

Part of preparing the ACROSS program will be beefing up what Brown called "pre-college success courses." She said that means increasing both online and in-person dual-credit offerings for rural high school students.

Brown said the idea is to provide offerings to help students "not just take random dual credits but be able to really focus and see what they can do so they can be successful here." But Brown said EOU is still in the process of mapping out what exactly those offerings will be.

"Different things such as econ or music or whatever the major is — grab one or two of their really dynamic classes and be able to allow students to take those here or online," Brown said. "You always have classes that have a few extra spots in them, so why don't we allow our high school students to go in those?"

High school students who pass classes through those dual credit pathways would be able to apply the credits to a degree at EOU, Brown said. And for students who enroll at EOU, a big focus will still be making sure that students are acclimated to college and have the support they're used to coming from smaller communities.

"One of the things that we have is a bunch of students will take these dual credits, but then they come to a university and it's like, 'Whoa, I don't have the exact same supports that I had before because I had my mom, and I had my dad, and I had my counselor and all my teachers,'" Brown said.

At EOU, Brown said, there's a recognition that rural students are coming from tight-knit, small communities and might have different experiences than students from larger cities.

Local Briefing

Closures planned on two forest roads

Sections of two roads on the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest will be closed at times during July due to road work.

The Sumpter-Granite Highway will be closed from Blue Springs Summit to the Mount Ireland Road (Forest Road 7370) during the following periods:

- 9 a.m. on July 18 to 5 p.m. on July 22.
- 9 a.m. on July 25 to 5 p.m. on July 29.

On the La Grande Ranger District, Forest Road 5125 along the upper Grande Ronde River will be closed from July 5-31 from the Limber Jim Creek crossing at the junction with Road 5130 while workers replace a culvert and build a structure designed to help aquatic organisms pass.

Road 5130 will remain open during the project.

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 Pocahontas 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.

'Trunks of Junk' sale July 8 benefits scholarship program

"Trunks of Junk," a parking lot rummage sale at the Baker Christian Church on July 8, will benefit scholar-

ships 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 in Baker City

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.

OTEC Foundation donates \$1,500 for helicopter pad

The landing pad will be built next to a rural fire station near Sumpter

Baker City Herald

The Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative's Member Foundation has donated \$1,500 to the Powder River Rural Fire Protection District in Sumpter Valley to help the volunteer district build a new helicopter landing pad.

OTEC's Member Foundation, a nonprofit, oversees charitable programs in the cooperative's service area, which includes Baker, Union, Grant and Harney counties.

"OTEC and the OTEC Member Foundation place a high value on strengthening our partnerships with rural fire departments and districts across our service territory," said Lea Hoover, OTEC's director of member and director services, and executive strategic of the Member Foundation. "Especially as we enter wild-fire season, it is critical that we partner with them to help increase resources for respond-

ing to emergencies and help one another protect the communities we call home."

The \$1,500 donation comes from the Member Foundation's Member-to-Member Bill Round Up Program, which allows OTEC members to round up their monthly bill to the nearest dollar. The voluntary program has no effect on OTEC rates. Members who sign up for the program donate an average of \$12 per year, or they can choose to make

a one-time donation of any amount.

The Powder River Rural Fire Protection District, which has a station about a mile east of Sumpter, is working to build a landing pad for LifeFlight and firefighting helicopters.

"On behalf of our volunteers, thank you to OTEC, and all of you, the members that round up," Wes Morgan, the Powder River district's chief, said. "This donation, along with a safety grant from spe-

cial districts of Oregon, and donated labor from volunteers, will add another tool to serve our area for firefighting and emergency responses."

Morgan said he hopes work will get started soon on the landing pad, and that it will be finished by this fall. The pad will be adjacent to the fire station.

To sign up for the Member-to-Member Bill Round Up program, call OTEC at 541-523-3616.

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POLICE LOG

Baker County Sheriff's Office

Arrests, citations

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF INTOXICANTS: Cade Wyatt Browne, 23, North Powder, 1:30 a.m. Monday, July 4 on Highway 30 at Chico Street; cited and released.

DRIVING WHILE SUSPENDED: Jennifer Lynn Dewey, 42, St. Helens, 1:51 p.m. Sunday, July 3 on Highway 30 at Payton Lane; cited and released.

FAILURE TO APPEAR (Linn County warrant): Justin Jay Ransford, 25, Caldwell, Idaho, 9:22 p.m. Friday, July 1 at the sheriff's office; cited and released.