

Local

Fire damages shed, house roof

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Baker City Fire Department crews doused a fire that damaged a home and shed Wednesday night, July 6 at 1036 Baker St. on the east side of town.

No one was hurt in the fire, which was reported at 9:43 p.m., according to a press release from the fire department.

When firefighters arrived a small wooden storage shed was burning, and the flames had spread to the roof of the home.

All occupants of the house had safely

left the home.

The cause of the fire is under investigation.

Eight firefighters extinguished the fire on the roof, which sustained light damage.

Most of the damage was confined to the shed, according to the press release.

The fire department rescinded its initial request for mutual aid from the Greater Bowen Valley and Haines Rural fire districts before crews from those departments arrived.

In addition to the firefighters, two EMS

personnel and two police officers responded to the fire.

Firefighters were on the scene for about two hours.

Cost of the damage was estimated at \$800, the value of the outbuilding, according to the press release.

The property is owned by Denise Lanyon of Loveland, Colorado, according to the Baker County Assessor's Office.

The 1,226-square-foot home, built in 1890, and the lot have a market value estimated at \$54,580 when it was appraised in 2019.

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO

from the Democrat-Herald

July 9, 1972

A decision on closing the Durkee elementary school because of insufficient student enrollment was tabled last night by members of the school district 5-J pending additional information.

Board members are concerned that first graders from the Durkee area will suffer undue hardships if they are forced to take the school bus to Baker each day and hope to keep the Durkee school open if possible.

25 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald

July 9, 1997

The Baker City Council on Tuesday rejected a proposal to build a traffic island at the east crest of the Indiana Avenue hill, an island city officials said could slow drivers' speeds.

Councilors by a 4-3 vote defeated a motion to build the \$10,000 island and a \$2,500 gravel walking path on the south side of Indiana Avenue from the bottom of the hill east to 11th Street.

The vote came after Gary Van Patten, the city's technical services supervisor, presented the results of a traffic study the city conducted from June 26 to July 3 on the hill, the steepest section of road the city maintains.

The council voted last December to close the hill to traffic, then reopened it this spring after receiving a petition from about 75 area residents.

10 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald

July 9, 2012

July is scarcely a week old but it already has surpassed its immediate predecessor, thermally speaking.

The temperature reached at least 90 degrees on four of the first eight days this month.

July 2011 was comparatively tepid, with just two 90-degree days the whole of the month.

ONE YEAR AGO

from the Baker City Herald

July 10, 2021

Michelle Owen is worried about water, and she wants Baker City residents to worry too.

More to the point, she wants them to keep their outside faucets closed more often than they have been doing during this summer of drought.

Owen is the city's public works director.

And for the past couple weeks, since a historic heat wave started smothering the region, Owen has been tracking two troubling trends in the city.

We've been using a lot of water at the same time the city's supply of that most precious commodity has been dwindling.

The math is pretty simple, she said.

"We can't do this the whole summer," Owen said on Thursday, July 8.

"This," meaning going through close to 5 million gallons of water each day.

For the first five days of July, the city's use averaged 4.88 million gallons per day.

That followed a June in which the city's overall thirst amounted to 129.9 million gallons, a 45% increase over the use during June 2020, and a daily average of 4.3 million gallons.

The usage rate so far in July is not sustainable, through the end of summer, based on the city's water supply, Owen said.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, JULY 6

13-31-36-39-41-45

Next jackpot: \$3.1 million

POWERBALL, JULY 6

32-36-49-62-69 PB 13

Next jackpot: \$48 million

MEGA MILLIONS, JULY 5

27-31-50-51-61 Mega 21

Next jackpot: \$400 million

WIN FOR LIFE, JULY 6

18-62-64-71

PICK 4, JULY 7

• 1 p.m.: 2-4-2-7

• 4 p.m.: 2-6-2-9

• 7 p.m.: 8-0-6-2

• 10 p.m.: 2-1-8-6

LUCKY LINES, JULY 7

3-6-10-13-20-23-26-32

Next jackpot: \$32,000

SENIOR MENUS

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

TUESDAY (July 12): Barbecued ribs, baked beans, broccoli, rolls, coleslaw, cookies

WEDNESDAY (July 13): Chicken fried chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn, rolls, green salad, sherbet

THURSDAY (July 14): Pork tips over noodles, mixed veggies, cottage cheese and Jell-O salad, tapioca

FRIDAY (July 15): Spaghetti with beef sauce, Italian veggies, garlic bread, green salad, apple crisp

MONDAY (July 18): Sweet and sour chicken, rice, Oriental veggies, rolls, green salad, 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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Noxious weed of the week

BY JEFFREY PETTINGILL

The enemy

Bull thistle (Cirsium vulgare). This biennial invasive weed can be found throughout Eastern Oregon. It has very hairy leaves that are deeply lobed. It generally reaches a height of four feet. In contrast, Scotch thistle has very silvery leaves and grows to a height of 10 feet. Bull thistle produces an oval-shaped flower bud with pink petals that are about the size of golf balls. Bull thistle can be found in lawns, pastures, agricultural crops, and disturbed areas. It is nontoxic but is very undesirable as it grows spines on the entire plant.



Rich Old/Contributed Photo

The attack

This thistle is very competitive as it can grow in areas of stiff competition. Many livestock animals will graze on the thistle especially when the plant is in the full bloom stage. Its rosettes can grow to a diameter of 24 inches and can choke out the beneficial plants. The seed has a large plume that allows it to drift in the air and travel long distances before it plummets back to the ground or into the waterways

Bull thistle, an invasive weed found throughout Eastern Oregon, has hairy, deeply lobed leaves.

to start a new infestation.

The defense

Since this plant is a biennial, mechanical control can be effective. Minimize your disturbance by digging around the plant with a shovel then pull the plant out



Rich Old/Contributed Photo

The flower of a bull thistle.

from the ground with a gloved hand. If you are going to revegetate the site then you can use a plow or disc to remove the weed. 2,4-D is an effective herbicide as long as you treat the weeds early in the spring. Once the plants send up the vegetative growth one needs to switch to Telar XP, Escort XP, Milestone, Opensite or even Tordon 22K. Consult with your local weed professional such as your County Weed Supervisor or check out our Facebook page.

■ Jeffrey Pettingill, supervisor of the Baker County Weed District, can be reached at 541-523-0618 or 541-519-0204.

Local Briefing

Closures planned on two forest roads

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

The Sumpter-Granite Highway will be closed intermittently 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.

Grant County is completing the road-work in cooperation with the Forest Service and Federal Highways. Road master Alan Hickerson said the county is doing a deep excavation — the reason for the road closure — and plans to repave the road around the end of August.

There is no detour.

On the La Grande Ranger District, Forest Road 5125 along the upper Grande Ronde River will be closed from July 5-31 where it passes over Limber Jim Creek. Access to road 5130 will remain open, as will the area behind the closure via the 5140 road, although the road is rough and recommended only for high clearance vehicles, according to Forest Service public affairs specialist Matthew Burks.

The road will be closed while workers replace a culvert and build a structure designed to help aquatic organisms pass.

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Volunteers needed to help with library book sale

Friends of the Baker County Library need volunteers to help sort books and to work as cashiers during the book sale July 14-17. Volunteers can sign up at the library, 2400 Resort St., or by calling Jen at 541-519-7828.

Lions Club Jubilee breakfast, horseshoe tournament set

The Baker Lions Club Jubilee breakfast will happen July 16 and 17 from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Geiser-Pollman Park during Miners Jubilee weekend. Cost is \$10 adults, \$8 children ages 3-10.

Saturday's menu is sausage, pancakes, eggs, coffee and juice. Sunday features ham, pancakes, eggs, coffee and juice.

The Lions will also sponsor a horseshoe tournament on Saturday, July 16, at 2 p.m.

Teams of two (men, women or co-ed) can enter for \$5 per person.

Cash prizes are awarded for top teams. Entry forms are available at Gregg Hinrichsen State Farm Insurance, 1722 Campbell St., or register the day of the event. For information, call Hinrichsen at 541-523-7778.

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.

News of Record

DEATHS

Alice E. Tucker: 79, of Haines, died July 7, 2022, at Memory Lane Homes in Baker City. No services are planned at this time. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Online condolences can be shared at www.taminspinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

Frances Bennett: 83, formerly of Halfway, died June 29, 2022, at her home in Clarkston, Washington. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Online condolences can be shared at www.taminspinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

Tom MacKerns: 87, a longtime resident of the Haines area, died July 5, 2022, at his home. A service will be announced later. Donations can be made to the Eastern Oregon Museum in Haines. Services are under the direction of Coles Tribute Center, 1950 Place St., Baker City, OR 97814. To light a candle in Mac's memory, go to www.celebratecenter.com.

POLICE LOG

Baker City Police

Arrests, citations

PAROLE VIOLATION: Jason Lee Troyer, 46, Baker City, 1:34 p.m. Wednesday, July 6 in Baker City; jailed.

Baker City Police

Arrests, citations

PROBATION VIOLATION (Baker County Circuit Court warrant): Kyle Ryan Bork, 22, Baker City, 3:52 p.m. Thursday, July 7 at the Baker County Jail, where was in custody on other charges.

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