

Local

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO

from the Democrat-Herald

July 11, 1972

Oregon sport fishermen landed a record number of salmon and steelhead in 1971, according to Reino Koski, staff biologist of the Game Commission.

From information provided by anglers, the catch of salmon totaled just over 469,100 and the take of steelhead totaled slightly under 199,000. In 1970 anglers reported taking 432,000 salmon and about 165,000 steelhead.

25 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald

July 11, 1997

Area residents who like to ride horseback in the company of Christian-minded folk have new saddle pals, the Elkhorn Trail Riders. The group was formed as a chapter member of the Adventist Horsemen's Association by John Griffin about one year ago.

Griffin, 65, and his wife of 43 years, Esther, moved to this area from Bovill, Idaho. He was a rancher and logger there for 22 years and she worked in the dietetics department of a nursing home.

The parent organization was formed in the Moses Lake area of Washington about 17 years ago. Some Adventist horsemen and women got tired of riding with people who used bad language, drank and smoked, so they decided to form their own riding club.

10 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald

July 13, 2012

Firefighters worked in blistering heat and battled stinging wasps to stop a grass fire along Snake River Road near Huntington Wednesday afternoon before it reached its full potential.

The fire started about 2:30 p.m. in dry grass on property owned by Union Pacific Railroad, Huntington Fire Chief Eric Bronson said. Two homes were threatened, but were not harmed in the blaze. The cause remains under investigation.

Firefighters from Huntington were helped at the scene by Bureau of Land Management and Weiser, Idaho, crews. Gary Timm of Baker County emergency services also responded.

ONE YEAR AGO

from the Baker City Herald

July 13, 2021

The Miners Jubilee parade will happen after all.

The parade had been in jeopardy due to a lack of entries, even though other Miners Jubilee events return this week-end after being canceled in 2020 due to the pandemic. But a late flurry of entries was enough to justify the parade Saturday morning, July 17.

As of Monday, July 12, there were 26 entries, just four short of the minimum of 30 that Shelly Cutler, executive director of the Baker County Chamber of Commerce, had hoped to have signed up.

"It's a far cry from what we're used to seeing," Cutler said. "But it's enough to make people happy."

Cutler said several community members stepped up to participate in the parade, many of which have never participated before. They wanted the parade to happen, so they took it into their own hands.

The parade will start at 11 a.m. at Baker Middle School as usual. Entries will head east on Broadway to Second, south on Second to Valley, east on Valley to Main, then north on Main to the end at Madison. There will not be an announcer, Cutler said.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, JULY 9

5-17-21-29-30-41

Next jackpot: \$3.2 million

POWERBALL, JULY 9

14-22-42-46-52 PB 24

Next jackpot: \$56 million

MEGA MILLIONS, JULY 10

20-36-61-62-69 Mega 20

Next jackpot: \$440 million

WIN FOR LIFE, JULY 9

8-38-65-70

PICK 4, JULY 10

• 1 p.m.: 6-9-5-4

• 4 p.m.: 7-0-1-2

• 7 p.m.: 9-5-6-9

• 10 p.m.: 6-5-8-1

LUCKY LINES, JULY 10

1-5-11-14-17-24-27-32

Next jackpot: \$35,000

SENIOR MENUS

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

TUESDAY (July 19): Pork roast, scalloped potatoes, peas, rolls, applesauce, lemon squares

WEDNESDAY (July 20): Chef salad, breadsticks, fruit, peach crisp

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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Public archaeological dig slated for July 16 at Kam Wah Chung

BY JUSTIN DAVIS

Blue Mountain Eagle

JOHN DAY — Archaeologists excavating the grounds at the former Gleason Pool site are hosting a public dig on Saturday, July 16.

The excavation is part of the effort to prepare the space for an expansion of the Kam Wah Chung State Heritage Site. The public will not be invited to do any digging themselves, but will be allowed to observe and ask questions of the archaeologists on site performing the excavations.

Chelsea Rose, Southern Oregon University historical archaeologist and director of the SOU Laboratory of Anthropology, said her team will be starting the excavation on Monday, July 11. She said the public is welcome to observe excavation efforts before the public dig, but the best chance for the public to ask questions of the archaeologists on site will be on Saturday.

The public dig will start at 9 a.m. and go until 3 p.m. There will also be exhibits by Southern Oregon University, Oregon State Parks, Malheur National Forest and John Day



Justin Davis/Blue Mountain Eagle

A Tidewater Construction crew begins demolishing Gleason Pool in John Day on Monday, May 23, 2022.

Fossil Beds National Monument.

"They will all be having exhibits and hands-on things and that kind of stuff so people can come and learn about local history and the archaeology as well," Rose said.

The dig will be followed by a public lecture from artist and poet Sam Roxas-Chua Yao from 4 to 6 p.m. in the theater room at the Canyon City Community Center. The lecture by Roxas-Chua Yao is free to attend.

Rose said she expects she and the other archaeologists are going to find "great stuff" during the excavation.

"For archaeologists, we can get insanely excited about a broken bottle because if it tells us a little bit more about that community, then that's all really exciting, important stuff," she said.

Expectations are to find evidence of what other buildings, businesses and residences were in that neighborhood, what the community was like

and how long people lived there.

"We're doing that not only to get more information about Oregon's Chinese residents but also to see how the park can incorporate those stories into their new interpretive center and as they update the infrastructure of the park itself, so that is kind of the goal," Rose said.

Rose said the purpose of the public dig is for people to feel like they get to participate in something that is important to the community of John Day.

"We're doing the hard work, we'll dig in the compacted gravel for them. They get to see the exciting stuff that comes out," she said. "I think the main thing is just to know how lucky people are to be living near such an important archaeological and historic site."

Rose added that she hopes people will get excited and participate in the public day and the free talk and build on the outreach that has been ongoing for the past several years encouraging folks to get to know the larger history of the region.

Congressional candidate Yetter coming to region



Yetter

The Observer

LA GRANDE — Dr. Joseph Yetter, Democratic candidate for Oregon's 2nd Congressional District, is on the road. On Monday, July 11, Yetter began a multiday trip around the northeastern and central parts of Oregon's 2nd District. He will visit with supporters, voters and

community groups who have not yet met the retired army colonel, who currently owns a small farm in Azalea.

Yetter will be in La Grande on July 14, Enterprise on July 15 and Baker City on July 16.

For his Baker City visit, Yetter will be in the Democratic party booth

at Geiser-Pollman Park starting around 9 a.m. on Saturday, July 16.

He will be there most of the day.

"What I hope to get out of this trip is to see more of the beautiful district we call home, meet more of its amazing residents and listen to what they want their congressperson to do to better represent them," Yetter said.

Protest

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"I think because we've done so many over the last three years, people realize there's no riots, none of us are aggressive, we're just out here to peacefully protest, which is our right," Simko said.

Once the group reached Geiser-Pollman Park, protesters congregated on the corner of Campbell and Grove streets and continued chanting.

The group then grew larger by several people and one vehicle.

For Sarah Cuddy, 36, of Baker City, Saturday's protest was a family affair. She joined the group at the park with her daughter, Quinn Wolston, 3.

Moments later, Quinn exclaimed as she pointed to her father, Ethan Wolston, who is Cuddy's husband, who was honking and waving as he drove down Campbell Street in his pickup truck.

Taped to the side of his pickup was a sign reading "keep abortion legal! Choose choice!"

"I want my daughters to have the freedom of choice when they are older," Cuddy said.

The protest then gained something it was missing at the outset, and it's an element Simko believes is an important part of the most recent women's rights movement — support from young people.

The support came in the form of Baker High School students Fern Bruck and Morgan Hall, the only teenagers in the group.

The pair, both 16, said they hoped more people their age in Baker City would join them for future walks, should they occur.

"I think it's important for us because all these people are paving the way for us, but it's also our story," Bruck said. "We need to follow through

with it and help other people out with it."

"I was really excited to see people from the younger generation coming out to support," Simko said. "Usually when we have these walks, it is more of an older demographic."

But Simko also said the presence of the older generation is "extremely valuable" considering their perspective on abortion rights and the nearly half a century that's passed since Roe v. Wade.

"This isn't their first time they've been protesting in support of Roe v. Wade and women's rights," Simko said, referring to some of the older participants in Saturday's walk.

Vickie Valenzuela was among that group.

Valenzuela, who will soon turn 76, said she has a personal perspective about how women struggled prior to the Roe v. Wade ruling.

She said that in 1936 her mother had an illegal abortion — done by her own mother and sister — because at the time it was a "shame for unmarried women to have children," and she couldn't afford to feed a child.

Because of the unsafe nature of the operation, Valenzuela said her mother couldn't have children for the next 10 years — until Valenzuela herself was born.

It's a story Valenzuela says led to her participation in abortion rights activism.

Simko said she hasn't planned any more walks yet, but that after Saturday's event she was "encouraged" to do so.

And the walk's participants — both young and old — were enthusiastic as well.

"I hope we have more of these," Hall said. "If I hear about another one I'll make sure to definitely invite more people."

News of Record

DEATHS

Cass Vanderwiele: 75, of Baker City, died July 11, 2022, at his home, surrounded by his loving family. A celebration of his life will take place later in the fall, the date and time to be announced. To leave an online condolence for Cass' family, go to www.grayswestco.com.

Jonathan Ray Aragon: 62, of Baker City, died July 7, 2022. No services are planned at this time. To light a candle in his memory, or to offer online condolences to his family, go to www.grayswestco.com.

POLICE LOG

Baker City Police

Arrests, citations

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF INTOXICANTS: Beverly Betniflore Daniels, 41, Baker City, 10:03 p.m. Sunday, July 10 at Broadway and Main streets; cited and released.

FAILURE TO APPEAR (Ada County, Idaho, warrant): Stacey Lee Bork, 33, Baker City, 5:09 p.m. Sunday, July 10 in the 2400 block of Oak Street; jailed.

SECOND-DEGREE CRIMINAL TRESPASSING, FELON IN POSSESSION OF A FIREARM: Coty Daniel Hanson, 25, Baker City, 6:56 p.m. Friday, July 8 on Dewey Avenue near Carter Street; cited and released.

FAILURE TO APPEAR (3 Baker County warrants): John Marsik Guthrie Jr., 50, Baker City, 5:47 p.m. Friday, July 8 in the 1100 block of Washington Avenue; jailed.

PROBATION VIOLATION: Kenny Lee Hellman, 53, Baker City, 1:52 p.m. Friday, July 8 at Grove and Campbell streets; jailed.

Baker County Sheriff's Office

Arrests, citations

FOURTH-DEGREE ASSAULT: Kyle Allen Harp, 31, Huntington, 12:23 a.m. Monday, July 11 on the Snake River

Road; cited and released. DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF INTOXICANTS: Kirsten Lane Ornelas, 38, Baker City, 9:25 p.m. Sunday, July 10 at Pochontas Road and Rock Creek Lane;

cited and released. VIOLATION OF RESTRAINING ORDER: Brandon Cole Cook, 47, Baker City, 7:16 p.m. Sunday, July 10 at Virtue Flat; cited and released.

FAILURE TO APPEAR (Malheur County Circuit Court warrant): Aaron James Langley, 33, Huntington, 9:02 a.m. Friday, July 8 at the old lime plant; cited and released.

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