

Local

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO

from the Democrat-Herald

July 14, 1972

Pacific Northwest Bell restored service yesterday at 4:15 p.m. to telephone subscribers in the area around the armory after a residential cable had been cut at the corner of Campbell and H streets.

25 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald

July 14, 1997

Baker City has laid off police officer William Steele and plans to hire a replacement as soon as possible.

Steele was laid off without pay effective July 1, said City Attorney Tim Collins.

Steele had been on paid administrative leave since mid-May, when a Baker County grand jury indicted him on two counts of menacing and one count of fourth-degree assault. The charges are in connection with an alleged 1995 assault on his former girlfriend. He has pleaded not guilty.

10 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald

July 13, 2012

Baker County Commissioners talked Wednesday about continuing interest in trying to glean gold from the gravel piles left by the Sumpter Dredge.

Commission Chair Fred Warner Jr. responded to a question about the proposed dredge tailings project, which would attempt to capture gold left behind by the 2.5-million-pound dredge that operated in the Sumpter Valley from 1913 to 1954.

"This isn't going to go as fast as people want it to," Warner said.

ONE YEAR AGO

from the Baker City Herald

July 15, 2021

Officials from a state agency have rescinded a proposed \$8,400 fine against Baker County after admitting that they were wrong in concluding earlier this year that County Commission Chairman Bill Harvey removed asbestos-containing flooring from a building without a required license.

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) in late March issued the county a civil penalty for three asbestos-related violations.

The two alleged violations that included a proposed fine were:

- \$4,800 for placing material that included asbestos in an open dumpster.
- \$3,600 for removing asbestos-containing material without a license to do so.

The third violation, which does not carry a fine but which DEQ did not rescind, involves the county starting renovation on a building without doing an asbestos survey.

The building, at 2200 Fourth St., houses the Baker County Health Department. The county bought the 5,000-square-foot building from New Directions Northwest, for \$500,000, in August 2020.

County Commissioner Bruce Nichols told the Herald in May 2021 that New Directions, as required by law, disclosed prior to the sale that the building had materials that might contain asbestos.

Asbestos, a known carcinogen, was used in many building materials, including flooring, in past decades.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, JULY 11

4-10-18-31-37-41

Next jackpot: \$3.3 million

POWERBALL, JULY 11

4-26-34-37-52 PB 9

Next jackpot: \$66 million

MEGA MILLIONS, JULY 12

4-7-10-45-64 Mega 12

Next jackpot: \$480 million

WIN FOR LIFE, JULY 11

6-36-52-62

PICK 4, JULY 12

• 1 p.m.: 1-9-2-7

• 4 p.m.: 5-4-0-4

• 7 p.m.: 9-9-9-3

• 10 p.m.: 4-1-9-2

LUCKY LINES, JULY 12

4-6-9-14-20-24-27-29

Next jackpot: \$11,000

SENIOR MENUS

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

THURSDAY (July 21): Orange-glazed chicken, rice, vegetables, rolls, cottage cheese and fruit, sherbet

FRIDAY (July 22): Beef pot roast, red potatoes, baby carrots, rolls, green salad, cheesecake

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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Local Briefing

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.

Closures planned on 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.

Lecture

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The talk starts at 6 p.m. in the conference room at Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative, 4005 23rd St.

Attendance is free for all presentations in the series.

Lewis said Burns helped inspire the lectures.

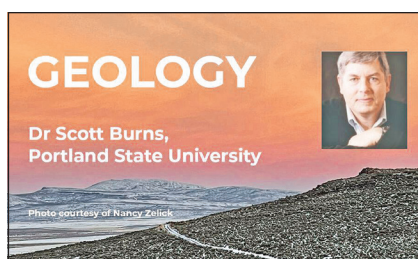
"Scott said 'give me an excuse to come to Eastern Oregon,'" she said.

Lewis received a grant from the Baker County Cultural Coalition, and the American Association of University Women donated money to help market the series.

OTEC offered use of the conference room at no cost.

"It all fell together, and we started looking for other speakers," Lewis said.

"We're thrilled to be a partner in this lecture series," said Joe Hathaway, communications manager for OTEC. "OTEC is dedicated to the continuing educational support of our communities, as well as supporting innovative ideas and technol-



Contributed Photo

Dr. Scott Burns of Portland State University will talk about the dynamic geology of Eastern Oregon during the first in a new monthly lecture series that starts July 28.

ogies for the betterment of our area and this lecture series is a great way to promote that."

Monthly lectures

Lewis has talks scheduled once a month on the fourth Thursday — except for November, to avoid Thanksgiving.

The topics vary from geology to astronomy to farming technology.

"What's local? What's regional? What do people want to know about?" she said.

Bulgaria

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Ivanov said his goal is to provide educational resources to people in rural towns who might not have access to these resources otherwise.

"In the countryside, nobody will knock on your door and try to show you some educational books," he said.

That's why he decided to travel from Bulgaria, a country of about 7 million residents in the Balkan region of southeastern European country, to Baker City.

"I like the area, I like the mountains, I like the people," Ivanov said.

His passion for education, he said, comes from his own family.

"I come from a very educated family in Bulgaria," Ivanov said. "Education is a priority for me."

In his hometown of Pazardzhik, his grandmother taught kindergarten for 10 years and was a librarian for

another 20, while his mother has been teaching for 28 years.

And Ivanov is quite educated himself.

He has two bachelor's degrees — one in business administration and one in tourism — from two different Bulgarian universities, and he's currently working on his master's degree in marketing and management from a third university.

In order to pay for all those degrees, he sells the books.

It's his sixth summer working with Southwestern Advantage, a Nashville, Tennessee, publishing company that employs college students from over 200 campuses around the world to visit American towns to sell educational materials. And in his six years, Ivanov has been around — he has peddlers permits in about 40 American towns — from Colorado to Iowa to Washington to Idaho to Oregon.

This is his third summer working in the Beaver state. "Oregon is the best place

I've worked so far," Ivanov said. "I love Oregon."

He said he also loves his job, though it's not always easy.

"Believe it or not, it's a hard job," he said. "A lot of rejection, hot weather, rain, even snow last year."

He said he works 12 to 13 hours every day except Sundays, and meets with 20 to 30 families per day. His gratification, he said, comes from interaction with clients.

"Seeing those people have something that would save them time on homework, help them go to college and get good scholarships, that's the main reason I've been doing the job for six summers," Ivanov said.

Those families that do talk with Ivanov have the chance to interact with a student of relative status in Bulgaria. Ivanov represents his university on the national student council in Sofia, the nation's capital. He's one of 11 students on an executive team that works with officials like the Bulgar-

ian Prime Minister and Minister of Economics on education and other social issues.

What makes Ivanov's presence even more unique is that another book salesman from the program won't be back for at least 10 to 15 years.

And people in Baker City who buy Ivanov's books have another connection in Bulgaria to look forward to: he plants a tree back home for each one of his clients. He's planted 3,105 trees so far.

Ivanov will leave Baker City in mid-August to work in Burns for a month before heading back to Bulgaria. He said he doesn't know if he'll work selling books for the seventh straight summer next year.

But he does plan to become even more educated — with another master's in marketing and eventually a doctorate, so he can become a college professor.

"I love education," Ivanov said. "Education can get you from one state to another or from one country to another."

News of Record

DEATHS

James D. 'Jim' Jones: 84, of Haines, died July 9, 2022, at his home, surrounded by his loving family. His graveside service took place Thursday, July 14 at 11 a.m. at the Haines Cemetery. Cliff Cole officiated the service and full military honors were rendered to honor Jim's 20 years of service in the U.S. Navy. To light a candle in Jim's memory or to leave an online condolence for his family, go to www.grayswestco.com.

POLICE LOG

Baker City Police

Arrests, citations

VIOLATION OF RESTRAINING ORDER: Lon Adams Mansuetti, 26, Baker City, 8:49 p.m. Monday, July 11 in the 1500 block of Campbell Street; jailed.

VIOLATION OF RESTRAINING ORDER, SECOND-DEGREE CRIMINAL TRESPASSING: Dale Rex Taylor, 81, Baker City, 11:37 a.m. Monday, July 11 in the 2900 block of Walnut Street; cited and released.

Baker County Sheriff's Office

Arrests, citations

CONTEMPT OF COURT: Andrew Jay Cully, 33, Baker City, 6:42 p.m. Tuesday, July 12 at the Baker County Jail, where he was in custody on other charges.

FAILURE TO APPEAR (Baker County

Circuit Court warrant): Gary Lee Waldrupe, 66, Huntington, 8:28 p.m. Monday, July 11 at the Huntington Lions Park; jailed.

Oregon State Police

Arrests, citations

RECKLESS DRIVING: Joshua Deangelo Herron, 23, Houston, 3:11 p.m. July 9 on Interstate 84, Milepost 366 eastbound, following two complaints about a moving van that was driving erratically;

cited and released.

CARELESS DRIVING: Cary John Shaw, 39, Parma, Idaho, 8:14 a.m. July 9 on Interstate 84, Milepost 326 eastbound; cited and released following an incident in which the commercial truck he was driving hit from behind a car in the slow lane, forcing the car into the guardrail.

ENDANGERING THE WELFARE OF A MINOR: Jereme Allen Miller, 34, 4:03 p.m. on July 7 in the 1200 block of Campbell Street; cited and released.