

# Local

## TURNING BACK THE PAGES

### 50 YEARS AGO

from the Democrat-Herald  
July 23, 1972

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### 25 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald  
July 23, 1997

Workers are removing the old, faded traffic stripes from Campbell Street and are scheduled to paint the new ones Thursday.

The new configuration will include one travel lane in each direction between Main Street and Plum Street, instead of the current two lanes.

### 10 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald  
July 23, 2012

A small grass fire that was reported around 1 p.m. Friday near Phillips Lake threatened about 10 buildings before crews from multiple agencies extinguished the flames.

According to GPS data roughly 55 acres were burned, said Gary Timm, executive director of Baker County's Office of Emergency Management & Homeland Security.

The cause of the fire was still under investigation this morning.

The fire burned on the south side of the reservoir, near the Forest Service's Southwest Shore Campground, just east of Hudspeth Lane.

### ONE YEAR AGO

from the Baker City Herald  
July 24, 2021

Noel Livingston slides the cursor across the charts on his computer screen and what he sees, lurking behind the zig-zagging lines and the multiple colors, is trouble.

Wildfire trouble, to be specific.

Livingston, who is the fire management officer for the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest, focuses on two lines in particular — a pair of lines for each of six regions on the forest, ranging from different types of forests to the grasslands of Hells Canyon.

One line, rendered appropriately in bright flame red, depicts the highest daily measurements, from 2010-19 on the Wallowa-Whitman, of a statistic known as the energy release component. A computer model considers the moisture level in wildfire fuels, as well as temperature and humidity, to project how much energy a fire would release — in effect, how rapidly flames would spread on a given day.

But it's the second line, a series of brown dots, that worries Livingston.

Because that line represents current conditions, not those of past summers.

It tracks the daily energy release component readings for 2021. And for most of July, in each of those six regions, the brown dot line has been higher on the chart than the bright red line.

In some cases the brown dot was higher than the red line has ever been.

Which is to say, the energy release component has been breaking daily records with a regularity that's frightening for Livingston and other fire managers.

## OREGON LOTTERY

### MEGABUCKS, JULY 20

2 - 11 - 22 - 32 - 33 - 43

Next jackpot: \$3.7 million

### POWERBALL, JULY 20

10 - 20 - 23 - 49 - 65 PB 22

Next jackpot: \$119 million

### MEGA MILLIONS, JULY 19

2 - 31 - 32 - 37 - 70

Mega 25

Next jackpot: \$660 million

### WIN FOR LIFE, JULY 20

2 - 22 - 52 - 63

### PICK 4, JULY 21

• 1 p.m.: 2 - 1 - 2 - 4

• 4 p.m.: 1 - 4 - 8 - 8

• 7 p.m.: 0 - 8 - 1 - 3

• 10 p.m.: 6 - 7 - 6 - 9

### LUCKY LINES, JULY 21

1-5-9-16-20-24-28-30

Next jackpot: \$20,000

## SENIOR MENUS

**MONDAY (July 25):** Hot turkey sandwiches, mashed potatoes with gravy, mixed veggies, 3-bean salad, lemon squares

**TUESDAY (July 26):** Ground beef steak, onions and gravy, potatoes au gratin, rolls, potato salad, brownies

**WEDNESDAY (July 27):** Roast turkey, stuffing and gravy, peas, rolls, pasta salad, pudding

**THURSDAY (July 28):** Beef stroganoff over fettuccini noodles, broccoli, rolls, green salad, ice cream

**FRIDAY (July 29):** Meatloaf, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn, rolls, fruit cup, cookies

**MONDAY (August 1):** Chicken broccoli fettuccine, carrots, rolls, fruit, 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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# Oregon gold panning champions are named

Baker City Herald

Winners have been announced in the 2022 Oregon state gold panning championships, which took place on July 16 during Miners Jubilee.

The event was sponsored by Ash Grove Cement.

In the professional division, Bill McClure placed first and won \$125. Coleson Schroder was second and won \$100, and Jesse Fritz placed third to claim \$75.

Results in the amateur division:

- Abigail Martin, 1st, \$75
- Xander Rexroad, 2nd, \$50
- Nyle Welden, 3rd, \$25

Results in the kids division:

- Riggs Rogers, 1st, \$30
- Remmy Rogers, 2nd, \$25
- Adam Mitzel, 3rd, \$20

George Martin won the raffle for a metal detector, donated by Keith Magnuson.

### PICTURED FROM TOP

#### Professional division:

Bill McClure, Coleson Schroder, Jesse Fritz

#### Amateur division:

Nyle Welden, Xander Rexroad and Abigail Martin

#### Kids division:

Adam Mitzel, Riggs Rogers and Remmy Rogers

Contributed Photos



# Cultural coalition grant to bring arts to new eyes

BY IAN CRAWFORD

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The Baker County Cultural Coalition Access Grant is a new program designed to bring art experiences to disabled, elderly and special needs residents as well as and low income families of Baker County.

A recent press release from Crossroads Carnegie Art Center noted that the program resulted from a \$5,000 grant from the Oregon Community Foundation, which has given that amount to each of Oregon's 36 counties and to federally recognized tribal coalitions.

In Baker County, the Cultural Coalition is offering \$500 grants to nonprofits, social service agencies, community-based organizations, governmental agencies, and artisans or guilds.

"I am so appreciative of the work put in by the Baker County Cultural Coalition to work through the details of this new program," said Ginger Savage, Crossroads director and chair of the Cultural Coalition.

"We're really hoping that something like a senior center group can be formed who can do cultural activities, such as a veteran's group who needed to rent a van to bring them to a play. The Eastern Oregon Film Festival could apply, artists' guilds can apply. The Oregon Community Foundation didn't put many restrictions on it, but emphasized accessing art."

Grant money could be used to offer free tour days at museums marketing to young

families, to supplement events with sign language interpreters, or even expand disabled bathrooms access, according to the press release.

The ultimate goal with the new program is to make local art and culture experiences possible for those who can't conveniently connect to them.

Savage encourages prospective applicants to call her at 541-523-5369 or to contact another member of the Cultural Coalition. Members include Aletha Bonebrake, Mary Apple, Brian Vegter, Sarah LeCompte and Teresa McQuisten.

Approval also hinges on certain trackable points, be it new visitors to a museum, positive experiences from participants or other data.

Savage hopes the grants can be issued with some mind to the national circumstances. "How do we get more people out and about if COVID gets crazier?" she said. "How do we make it happen given financial restraints? We want to get some ideas on where we could meet (in the middle)."

In addition to the new grant program, the Baker County Cultural Coalition continues to offer grants through its traditional grant program, funded by the Oregon Cultural Trust.

Applicants can put in for both grants in the same year. There are two grant cycles each year, with deadlines Aug. 15 and March 15. Applications are available at [bakercounty.org/cultural\\_plan/bccc.html](http://bakercounty.org/cultural_plan/bccc.html).

## Local Briefing

### Amy Swiger new circuit court trial administrator

Amy Swiger has been hired as the new trial court administrator for the Baker County Circuit Court.

Judge Matt Shirtcliff announced Swiger's hiring. She will take over for Elaine Calloway, who is retiring July 31. Calloway has worked in the circuit court since 1998 and has been trial court administrator since 2002.

Swiger has worked in the circuit court since 2000.

"I want to thank Elaine for her hard work and dedication in administrating our circuit court," Shirtcliff said in a press release. "She has done an excellent job and will be missed. We are fortunate to have someone of Amy's talent and experience to continue the development of the court and we look forward to continuing to provide the best court services possible."

### Idaho Power worker recovering from fall at Hells Canyon Dam

OXBOW — An Idaho Power Company employee was hospitalized after falling during a routine inspection at Hells Canyon Dam Wednesday morning, July 20.

The male employee, whose name was not released, was in stable condition on Thursday, July 21, said Sven Berg, an Idaho Power spokesman.

The accident was reported at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, according to the Baker County Dispatch Center. The Halfway ambulance transported the man to a landing site for a Life Flight helicopter, which took him to a Boise hospital.

"Our thoughts are with him and his family as he recovers," Berg said.

### Athletes at BMS, BHS must have up-to-date physical

Students at Baker Middle School and Baker High School must have a current physical on file to participate in sports. Physicals are valid for two calendar years.

Practice for all fall sports at the high school starts Aug. 15.

Practice at the middle school starts Aug. 22 for football, Aug. 29 for cross-country, Sept. 6 for seventh-grade volleyball and Sept. 7 for eighth-grade volleyball.

The Baker County Health Department will offer physicals during the annual adolescent wellness event July 26-28, by appointment only. The health department will also offer sports physicals, by appointment, on Aug. 19, Aug. 26 and Sept. 2. The health department phone is 541-523-8211.

## News of Record

### DEATHS

**Roger Patton:** 75, of Baker City, died July 22, 2022, at his home, surrounded by his loving family. Arrangements are under the direction of Coles Tribute Center. To leave an online condolence for Roger's family, go to [www.colestributecenter.com](http://www.colestributecenter.com).

### POLICE LOG

#### Baker City Police

##### Arrests, citations

CONTEMPT OF COURT (Baker County Justice Court warrant): Justin Michael Shelton, 32, Baker City, 5:19 a.m. Thursday, July 21 at Campbell and Resort streets; cited and released.

#### Baker County Sheriff's Office

##### Arrests, citations

CONTEMPT OF COURT (Baker County Justice Court warrant): Laura Feign Osterkamp, 58, Baker City, 2:16 a.m. Friday, July 22, Sumpter Highway; cited and released.

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF INTOXICANTS: Christina Ann Cole, 61, Haines, 7:27 p.m. Wednesday, July 20 in Haines; cited and released.

CONTEMPT OF COURT (Baker County Justice Court warrant): Thomas Allen Talbott, 25, Baker City, 4:21 p.m. Wednesday, July 20 at the sheriff's office; cited and released.

CONTEMPT OF COURT (Baker County Justice Court warrant): Margaret Samantha Lacey, 35, Baker City, 8:58 a.m. Wednesday, July 20 at the sheriff's office; cited and released.

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FOR AGES 12-21

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- MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDERS
- PHYSICAL THERAPISTS
- PUBLIC HEALTH SPECIALISTS