

## TURNING BACK THE PAGES

### 50 YEARS AGO

from the Democrat-Herald

July 28, 1972

The downtown parking plan received the official nod at last night's city council meeting as a resolution was passed to implement the two-month plan beginning about the middle of August.

### 25 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald

July 28, 1997

A Greyhound bus crossed the freeway and wrecked after one of the passengers attacked the driver and commandeered the bus near Durkee Friday night.

Jorge Luis Castillo, 26, Chicago, who also listed Pasco and Kennewick, Wash., addresses, was lodged in the Baker County Jail on 47 counts of first-degree kidnapping and 47 counts of reckless endangering.

### 10 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald

July 27, 2012

Baker County's best-known ghost town has been livelier than usual this summer.

Sumpter's history, which mixes a rich legacy of gold mining with anecdotal tales of various hauntings, has proved irresistible to the ever-growing arena of reality TV.

A crew is producing a multi-episode series in and around Sumpter this summer that combines the area's historical and supernatural attributes, said LeAnne Woolf, a Sumpter city councilor.

The working title of the series is "Ghost Mine," she said.

### ONE YEAR AGO

from the Baker City Herald

July 29, 2021

Matt and LaDonn McElligott have been named Baker County Fair Friends of the Year for 2021.

"I thought part of the criteria was you had to be old," Matt laughed.

The McElligotts, who live between Haines and North Powder, actually found out that they were going to be named Fair Friends in 2020.

But the usual festivities that go along with the award were canceled due to the pandemic, although some fair events did happen.

This year, the McElligotts were honored on Tuesday, July 27 at the annual dinner and pie auction at the Baker County Event Center.

The couple claim to have no idea why they received the honor, but their longtime involvement with and dedication to 4-H programs exemplify the criteria for the award.

LaDonn's involvement in the program began when she was a child growing up in Montana. She showed heifers and steers and her mother was a 4-H leader, just like LaDonn is now. The family's passion for showing animals is generational.

"Once you're involved in it, you want your kids to be involved in it because it's a really good learning tool for them," LaDonn said.

Matt was also involved in 4-H during his childhood in lone, in Morrow County, where he showed pigs and steers for years. He met LaDonn at Montana State University and they've been married for nearly 32 years.

Their two children, Kayla and Lee, were born at Nampa, Idaho, and the family moved to Oregon in 2006. They've lived on their ranch near North Powder ever since.

## OREGON LOTTERY

### MEGABUCKS, JULY 25

1 - 8 - 9 - 22 - 35 - 47

Next jackpot: \$3.9 million

### POWERBALL, JULY 25

25 - 37 - 38 - 39 - 65 PB 5

Next jackpot: \$145 million

### MEGA MILLIONS, NOV. 5

7 - 29 - 60 - 63 - 66 Mega 15

Next jackpot: \$1,025 billion

### WIN FOR LIFE, JULY 25

46 - 49 - 53 - 64

### PICK 4, JULY 26

• 1 p.m.: 1 - 4 - 3 - 5

• 4 p.m.: 2 - 8 - 8 - 1

• 7 p.m.: 7 - 1 - 4 - 7

• 10 p.m.: 4 - 2 - 0 - 5

### LUCKY LINES, JULY 26

1-6-12-15-20-23-27-30

Next jackpot: \$25,000

## SENIOR MENUS

**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, pudding

**TUESDAY (August 2):** Stuffed peppers, scalloped potatoes, peas, rolls, cottage cheese with fruit, lemon squares

**WEDNESDAY (August 3):** Chicken cordon bleu, hollandaise sauce, rice pilaf, mixed vegetables, rolls, fruit cup, sherbet

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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## BAKER CITY

# Council OKs psilocybin ballot title

BY SAMANTHA O'CONNOR

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Baker City Council approved giving City Recorder Dallas Brockett permission to pursue the psilocybin ballot title for the Nov. 8 statewide election.

Councilors unanimously approved the first full reading of the ordinance and the second reading by title only at their regular meeting Tuesday, July 26.

Councilors decided at their July 12 meeting to instruct staff to prepare the ballot title.

The ordinance bans psilocybin, or psychedelic mushrooms, manufacturing and service centers.

### Sister city

Mayor Kerry McQuisten met with the Taiwanese Consul General and Vice Consul to discuss having a sister city with them.

"Really, we're just at a place where they suggested a city that would be a good match for Baker City. It's pronounced 'elon,' just like Elon Musk but it's Yilan," said McQuisten.

She said the mayor of Yilan has to go through the process and get approval. As soon as he does, McQuisten said the consuls will be in touch with her to move forward.

In other news:

- Public Works Director Michelle

Owen presented the water ordinance with some modifications. In her staff report, Owen said the modifications include some minor housekeeping issues, such as title or process changes.

- The ordinance also modifies the code by including current Finance and Public Works Department policies and procedures.

"It's not that we're doing anything differently than what we've been doing for the last 20 years that I've been here. I'm just trying to make the ordinance match what we've been doing," said Owen.

Owen said they are not charging anyone differently than they have been since 1979.

Additional language said "should a customer require a turn-on during weekend hours wherein a city employee must be called in to perform the water turn-on, there shall be enforced a fee set periodically by resolution."

Councilor Jason Spriet asked to have clearer language in the ordinance regarding property changes in ownership.

"I just don't want there to be any miscommunication where we have somebody who owns it, applies, builds the house and then leaves," said Spriet.

Councilors will bring the water ordinance back to their next meeting for discussion.

- Councilors unanimously approved the first full reading and second reading by title only of the wastewater ordinance, with similar housekeeping changes to the water ordinance.

One of the changes made to the ordinance includes: "No new development requiring water or sewer service shall be permitted without extension and connection to City water and sewer facilities."

- Councilors unanimously approved the Federal Aviation Administration grant in the amount of \$442,737 for the Airport Master Plan Update and the Aviation GIS survey of the airport property.

At a previous City Council meeting, the Council awarded TO Engineers the project based on the recommendation of the airport commission.

According to a staff report from Owen, the FAA grant covers 90% of the project costs. The Oregon Department of Aviation has awarded the city a grant in the amount of \$32,000 and the City will contribute the remaining \$17,000 allocated in the 162 Fund of the 22-23 budget.

This project will take between 18-24 months to complete.

# Nimiipuu Experience performers visit Baker

BY IAN CRAWFORD

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Performers of the Nimiipuu Experience, colloquially Nez Perce, arrived in ornate, historic dressage on July 21 for traditional performance and oral history of the indigenous nation before a small crowd of Baker citizens.

The term Nez Perce was French for 'Nose Pierced,' at the time applied to a wide region of native territories. The Nimiipuu did not historically practice nose piercing, however the misnomer stuck in parlance long enough to become adopted in culture.

"I love when they bring little ones here, they will soon become great allies," said Stacia Morfin, the founder and lead performer of the program. Several children attended and even joined the dance circle.

All of Baker City was once in the Nimiipuu territory, stretching from now Canada down to Nevada, from the Columbia basin to the ranges of Wyoming.

Together with Maurice "Pistol Pete" Wilson, the perform-

ers led a battle song in timed harmony before a staff of eagle feathers, something Pete says is as entwined in their culture as the flag and the national anthem. The stars and stripes themselves are stitched into his attire, colors he earned by rite of his service in the navy.

"You'll see that I have a very beautiful dress on," said Stacia, "and actually this dress is about 220 years old, and it's made out of bighorn sheep." Stacia was adorned in extensive beadwork, material that likely took weeks and months to produce by hand, no less with Venetian beads, delivered through world-spanning trade routes in the 1800s.

Anthropology marks the presence of humanity in North-eastern Oregon for nearly two eons. Their earliest indicators dated to nearly 16,000 years ago, according to carbon dating. The tribal stories as well reached far, far back.

"It was about 8,000 years ago when Mount Mazama blew," said Stacia, "And our oral history tells us that when the sky our brother, he became black,



Ian Crawford/Baker City Herald

Maurice "Pistol Pete" Wilson and Stacia Morfin hosted the Nimiipuu Experience at the Crossroads Carnegie Art Center on July 21, 2022.

den from speaking their native language, or expressing their culture, which Stacia and Pete wanted to emphasize. Loss of language was also a deep cultural wound, as the tribe was subjected to conform with the nation that now enveloped them.

"That's why, today, I try to express to the kids about how important it is," Pete said, reflecting on getting his great grandkids involved in Pow-Wow, "I told them, 'you guys want to go to the Pow-Wow floor? I'll make you guys outfits!'"

At the close, Pete supplied rhythm to his hide drum as Stacia lead the audience in a simple, traditional group dance. The small, strapping steps added together to turn the whole group into a churning wheel on the dance floor. They stuck on for photos and questions after the group, and encouraged others to visit the Lewiston, Idaho area.

For more information about experiencing the Nimiipuu culture, you can go to [www.nez-percetourism.com](http://www.nez-percetourism.com) or call 208-

and you could not see anything for approximately thirty days."

"We go back to time immemorial," said Pete, "what I want to see is not just one or two generations, I want to see six or seven generations down the road that we're still here and still strong."

Following the route and eventual surrender of Chief Joseph, the tribe were forbid-

## Roots

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During the day, some family members visited the family homestead.

"The house still stands," Schmitt said. "There are roses out there that Grandma Ella planted."

The reunion wrapped up Sunday, July 3, with lunch at Geiser-Pollman Park where

everyone wore their family t-shirts.

"It was just a wonderful event," Schmitt said.

She said they wanted to help younger family members understand their roots.

"I feel this really close connection to Baker and my heritage, and I wanted them to see the hardworking and good people they came from," Schmitt said.

## News of Record

### DEATHS

**Rex Kirkwood:** 65, of Baker City, died at his home on July 27, 2022 with his family at his side. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Online condolences may be shared at [www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com).

**Eldon Deardorff:** A Celebration of Eldon's Life will be held on Saturday, July 30, 2022 at 10 a.m. at 44256 Eagle Creek Road, Richland, OR. For those who would like to make a memorial donation in memory of Eldon may do so to the Eagle Valley Ambulance EMT Training Fund through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services PO Box 543 Halfway, OR, 97834. Online condolences may be shared at [www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com).

### POLICE LOG

#### Baker City Police

##### Arrests, Citations

DUII: Robert Douglas Jamison, 62, Nampa ID, 10:58 a.m., Monday, July 25 in the 600 block of Campbell Street; cited and released.

THEFT III: Melissa Labelle Galvan, 42, Baker City, 6:03 p.m., Tuesday, July 26, in the block of 700 Campbell street; cited and released.

WARRANT ARREST (Out of state warrant): Earl Duane Major, 52, Baker City, 10:28 p.m., Tuesday, July 26, Baker City; jailed.

BURGLARY I: Chloe Taylor Virginia Stoffelens, 26, Baker City, 10:28 p.m., Tuesday, July 26, Baker City; jailed.

CONTEMPT OF COURT (Two Baker County Circuit Court Warrants): Makayla Paige Lafferty, 25, Baker City, 12:15 a.m., Wednesday, July 27, in the block of 500 Campbell Street; cited and released.

#### Baker County Sheriff's Office

##### Arrests Citations

PROBATION VIOLATION (Baker County Circuit Court Warrant): Moriah Lynn Smith, 31, Baker City, 6:52 a.m., Tuesday, July 26, in the block of 3400 K Street; cited

and released.

PROBATION VIOLATION (Two Baker County Circuit Court Warrants): Andrew Jay Cully, 33, Baker City, 9:41 a.m., Tuesday, July 26, in the block of 3400 K Street; jailed.

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★ JULY 29 - AUG 4 ★

**DC LEAGUE OF SUPERPETS** (PG)

Krypto the Super-Dog and Superman are best friends, sharing the same superpowers. When Superman is kidnapped, Krypto must master his own powers for a rescue mission.

Fri - Sun 1:20, 4:20, 7:20  
Mon - Thurs 4:20, 7:20

**MRS. HARRIS GOES TO PARIS** (PG)

A widowed cleaning lady in 1950s London falls madly in love with a couture Dior dress, and decides that she must have one of her own.

Fri - Sun 1:10, 4:10, 7:10  
Mon - Thurs 4:10, 7:10

**NOPE** (R)

The residents of a lonely gulch in inland California bear witness to an uncanny and chilling discovery.

Fri - Sun 1:00, 4:00, 7:00  
Mon - Thurs 4:00, 7:00

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