# Local

## **TURNING BACK THE PAGES**

**50 YEARS AGO** 

from the Democrat-Herald

**August 6, 1972** 

The long dormant city airport commission was resurrected last night at the request of George Hiatt, city manager, for a briefing on conditions at the Baker Municipal Airport. This is the first official meeting of the commission, an advisory body that instructs the city manager on airport problems, in more than a year.

#### **25 YEARS AGO**

from the Baker City Herald

#### **August 6, 1997**

Logging and prescribed burning would increase on federal forests across Eastern Oregon if a proposed plan for managing those forests becomes reality.

In addition, the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Managment would close dozens of miles of roads, and strive to improve rangelands and streams.

Those are among the principal components of an unprecedented, four-years-in-the-making effort to create a plan that will guide how the two agencies manage 35 million acres of federal land east of the Cascades in Oregon and Washington.

#### **10 YEARS AGO**

from the Baker City Herald

#### **August 6, 2012**

Carol Delsman will be sure to tune in to the Olympics for the javelin competition, cheering on her niece, Rachel

Well, probably not live — that contest happens at 2 a.m.

Delsman, who lives near Baker City, is counting on an update from her brother, who is in London.

#### **ONE YEAR AGO**

from the Baker City Herald

#### **August 7, 2021**

About 80 people attended a Baker School Board meeting via Zoom on Thursday, Aug. 5, including members of a group that oppose a state requirement that students and staff, regardless of vaccination status, wear face masks when classes begin Aug. 30.

Board Chairman Chris Hawkins also expressed concern about the mandate, which Oregon Gov. Kate Brown announced last week in response to a surge in COVID-19 cases statewide driven by the more contagious delta variant.

Superintendent Mark Witty made a presentation about the mask issue during the early afternoon meeting.

"The top priority for us is the safety of staff and students," Witty said. "If we can't maintain a healthy workforce, we will be very challenged to keep schools open."

In-person classes were canceled for the entire spring term in 2020 due to the pandemic, and the 2020-21 year started with students taking classes online.

Elementary students returned to in-person classes four days per week on Oct. 14, 2020, and they were required to wear masks. Middle school and high school students returned to their schools for one day per week on Nov. 9, 2020, with the in-person scheduling expanding to two days per week on Jan. 25, 2021, and to four days on April 12. Masks were also required in those schools.

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and Oregon Department of Education are requiring the mask mandate for this fall to be reviewed monthly.

#### **OREGON LOTTERY**

**MEGABUCKS, AUG. 3** 

3-4-5-25-34-44Next jackpot: \$4.3 million

**POWERBALL, AUG. 3** 

9-21-56-57-66 PB 11

Next jackpot: \$20 million **MEGA MILLIONS. AUG. 2** 

10-14-25-37-63 Mega 14

Next jackpot: \$36 million

WIN FOR LIFE, AUG. 3 36 - 42 - 50 - 60

PICK 4, AUG. 4

• 1 p.m.: 8 - 1 - 4 - 3

• 4 p.m.: 2-2-0-4

• 7 p.m.: 4-5-4-5

• 10 p.m.: 7 – 7 – 7 – 0

**LUCKY LINES, AUG. 4** 

4-8-12-13-18-22-27-32

Next jackpot: \$34,000

### **SENIOR MENUS**

MONDAY (August 8): Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, mixed vegetables, biscuits, green salad, pudding TUESDAY (August 9): Beef burgundy over fettuccine noodles with mushrooms, carrots, fruit, peach crisp

WEDNESDAY (August 10): Pork roast, stuffing with gravy, peas, rolls, applesauce, ice cream

THURSDAY (August 11): Hamburgers with tomatoes, onions and pickles, tater tots, coleslaw, apple crisp

FRIDAY (August 12): Barbecued ribs, baked beans, corn on the cob, rolls, macaronia salad, tapioca MONDAY (August 15): Hot beef sandwiches, mashed pota-

toes with gravy, peas and carrots, fruit cup, 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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#### **BAKER CITY**

# Four have filed so far for council

#### **Deadline for** candidates to register is Aug. 19

Baker City Herald

Four people, including two incumbents, have filed as candidates for the Baker City Council in the Nov. 8 election.

Four of the seven positions on the council will be up for election. Those positions are held

now by Joanna Dixon, Johnny Waggoner Sr., Dean Guyer and Kenyon Damschen. Waggoner and Guyer have

registered as candidates, as have Edward Traverso and Katie Lafavor.

ning for a seat can pick up an elections packet from City Recorder Dallas Brockett at City Hall, 1655 First St. Brockett can also email packets on request, or call him at 541-524-2033 for more information.

His email is cityrecorder@ bakercity.gov. To be eligible, prospective candidates must be registered voters who have lived within the city for at least 12 months prior to the

The top three candidates in the November election will be elected to four-year terms starting in January 2023. The fourth-place candidate will be elected to a two-year term.



Waggoner was elected in November 2020 to a two-year term.

Guyer was appointed as a council in December 2021 to replace Lynette Perry, who resigned in August 2021 due to health issues. Guyer is serving the remainder of Perry's term, which ends Dec. 31, 2022.

Of the two nonincumbent candidates, Lafavor is a former Baker City recorder who now works for the state, according to her application.

Traverso wrote on his application that he is a retired teacher, principal and superintendent. He was a city councilor and mayor in Dorris, California, a town in Northern California, along Highway 97 just south of the Oregon border. Dorris has a population of about 860.

The three other Baker City councilors — Kerry McQuisten, Shane Alderson and Jason Spriet — are serving terms that continue through the end of 2024. All three were elected to four-year terms in November 2020.

# **COVID** cases steady during July

#### **BY JAYSON JACOBY**

jjacoby@bakercityherald.com Baker County's COVID-19 situation changed little during July compared with June.

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) reported 116 cases of the virus in the county during July.

That's five fewer cases than in June.

Both months had more cases than the combined total of 76 cases during May (49), April (13) and March (14). After a monthly record of

646 cases in January 2022 during the omicron surge, Baker County's case rate plummeted to 230 during February and then dropped even more rapidly during March.

According to OHA, three county residents have died after testing positive for COVID-19 since July 1, bringing the county's death toll during the pandemic to

The county had two reported death's between mid-March and June 30.

Neither the state nor the county has released age, gender or other information about the three deaths since July 1.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention raised the COVID-19 community level to high for Baker County on June 30, and it remains at that level. Ten of Oregon's 35 other

counties are also at the high

level based on CDC criteria, which include the case rate and hospital admission rate per 100,000 residents.

Union, Wallowa, Umatilla and Morrow counties are also at the high level. Grant County is at the medium level.

The CDC recommends these precautions for counties at high level:

- Wear a mask indoors in public.
- Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines. • Get tested if you have
- symptoms. Additional precautions may be needed for people at

Oregon has no current requirements for wearing masks.

high risk for severe illness.

Oregon health officials say the number of cases significantly underestimates the actual level of transmission because of the prevalence of home testing, the results of which don't have to be re-

Baker County's number of reported tests dropped during July, to a daily average of about 18 tests, compared with about 27 per day on average during June.

The Baker County Health Department has home testing kits and vaccines, and can answer questions related to COVID-19.

The health department's phone number is 541-523-8211. The office is at 2200 Fourth St.

# Insko stepping down as president at Eastern Oregon University

The Observer

LA GRANDE — Eastern Oregon University President Tom Insko announced Monday, Aug. 1, that he is leaving his post at the end of September.

Insko has been named president and chief executive officer at Collins, a wood products company based in Wilsonville.

"This was a difficult decision because serving as president, with this outstanding community of educators, students and professionals, has been among the most challenging but fulfilling experiences of my career," Insko said in a release announcing his departure. "I am so proud of what we have accomplished together over the last seven years, and while I will be serving Oregon in a different way, my goal is to continue to support and advance opportunities for the people in Eastern Oregon — and that includes the students and community

Insko was appointed Eastern's 12th president in 2015 after more than 20 years as an executive at Boise Ćascade.



The Observer, File

Tom Insko became the 12th president of Eastern Oregon University in 2015. Insko announced on Monday, Aug. 1, 2022, he has been named president and chief executive officer at Collins, a wood products company based in Wilsonville. He will leave EOU at the end of September.

An EOU graduate and lifelong resident of La Grande, Insko brought his business experience along with a passion for expanding opportunities through education to his role as presi-

Under Insko's leadership EOU increased student access to higher education and protected affordability by keeping tuition flat during the pandemic in 2021-22. EOU has had some of the smallest increases in costs of all public

universities in Oregon during his tenure while increasing its diversity and growing student retention rates.

Programs developed during Insko's tenure include the expansion of academic programs like agriculture entrepreneurship, reorganization of EOU's academic colleges and the addition of two new deans, securing funding for the new fieldhouse, the addition of men's and women's wrestling, lacrosse, and baseball, renovations and upgrades to buildings across campus, the Rural Engagement and Vitality Center, a reorganization of the school's diversity, equity inclusion and belonging programs, and the just-launched Moon Shot for Equity project to eliminate achievement gaps. "Tom was a nontraditional

president with a background in operations and financial management, but it proved to be exactly the kind of leadership we needed," said EOU Board Chair Richard Chaves. "Tom's passion for Oregon coupled with a strategic education and fiscal plan brought together everyone under one vision, which has led us to the strong position we are in today. He set a high bar for our next president, but we are confident we will attract a high caliber leader who can continue to advance the path forward putting the people and students of Eastern Oregon first."

Eastern Oregon University's board of trustees will begin transition planning for the university at its upcoming annual retreat, already planned for Aug. 8-9 in Boardman.

### **News of Record**

#### **DEATHS**

Charles Henry Campos: 65, of Baker City, died on July 29, 2022. Arrangements are under the direction of Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel. To leave an online condolence for Charles' family, go to www. grayswestco.com.

FUNERAL PENDING: Joyce Walter, Sunday, Aug. 7, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church, 2107 Third St.

#### **POLICE LOG**

**Baker City Police** Arrests, citations

FOURTH-DEGREE ASSAULT (Baker County Circuit Court warrant): Covan Xavier Bates, 20, Spanaway, Washington, 11:28 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 4 at the sheriff's office; jailed. DRIVING WHILE SUSPENDED: Jimmy Allan Hendricks, 50, Baker City, 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 3 at D and 10th streets; cited and released.

#### **Baker County Sheriff's Office** Arrests, citations

FAILURE TO APPEAR (three Baker County Circuit Court warrants): Kody Allen McManus, 26, Richland, 9:22 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 4 in Richland; jailed.  $FUGITIVE\ (Payette\ County, Idaho, warrant):$ 

Tyler Joseph Anders, 33, Baker City, 8:15 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 4 at the Baker County Jail, where he was already in custody on other **PROBATION VIOLATION** (two Baker County Circuit Court warrants): Alan William

Wolfe, 35, Baker City, 6:44 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 4 at the Baker County Jail, where he

was already in custody on other charges.

**Oregon State Police** 

**Accident report** 

southeast of Baker City. Becki Sue Mort, 36, of Caldwell, Idaho, was driving a Kia

On Wednesday, Aug. 3, at 5:07 p.m., OSP

Trooper Terry Simpson responded to a

84 near Milepost 334, about 30 miles

single-vehicle crash on eastbound Interstate

Sportage when she swerved to avoid a deer standing in the slow lane. Her vehicle crashed into the concrete center divider. Mort was taken Saint Alphonsus Medical Center-Baker City, where she was treated and released.



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