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TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO

from the Democrat-Herald
August 8, 1972

ADVERTISEMENT (Albertsons) — chuck steak, 69 cents a pound; lean ground beef, 79 cents a pound; cantaloupe, 12 cents a pound; watermelons, 6 cents a pound; Olympia beer, 99 cents a six pack of 11-ounce bottles; store now open 24 hours a day.

25 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald
August 8, 1997

Five men have been chosen as finalists for the job of Baker City police chief. Chosen from 23 applicants, they are:

- William Stowell, a lieutenant and second in command at the La Grande Police Department.
- Alan Anderson, Hermiston police chief.
- Robert Elkins, police chief in Molalla.
- Larry Blanton of Vend, a sergeant with the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office.
- Jim Tomlinson of Lake Oswego, a lieutenant and second in command at the Lake Oswego Police Department.

10 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald
August 10, 2012

Baker City Police are investigating a rash of vandalism that took place between Tuesday night and Wednesday morning.

Police Chief Wyn Lohner said the vandals used "large, heavy objects of opportunity" to break windows on vehicles parked in at least 12 locations in the community. He declined to release other details about the crimes as the investigation continues.

ONE YEAR AGO

from the Baker City Herald
August 10, 2021

The Van Arsdall name has quite a legacy at the Oregon Shrine game.

Mason Van Arsdall, a multisports athlete for Baker High School, became the third-generation Van Arsdall to compete at the East-West Shrine Game in the 2021 rendition on Saturday, Aug. 7. Van Arsdall started on the offensive line for the East and helped the team to a 34-6 victory over the West.

"It's great to keep the tradition and I just feel awesome that I get to be a part of this," Van Arsdall said.

Van Arsdall's father, Jef, and grandfather, Jim, both played in the Shrine Game in previous years. Jef was selected out of Seaside High School in 1990 and Jim represented Franklin High School in 1961.

"I'm incredibly proud of him," Jef Van Arsdall said. "He's a great kid and he's dedicated to his team and he's just a good dude. It's a great sendoff to represent Baker one last time and be the hometown athlete."

The East-West Shrine Game involves the state's elite football players from the 1A to 4A state levels. Football coaches from across the state nominate players to compete in the game and partake in the fundraising and festivities. The Shrine Game raises money for the Shrine Hospital for Children in Portland and is recognized as the organization's largest fundraiser.

The players involved are aware of the game's cause, but Van Arsdall has learned the importance of the game through his predecessors who previously played in the past.

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8 - 15 - 46 - 56 - 68 PB 3

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MEGA MILLIONS, AUG. 5

2 - 5 - 29 - 64 - 69 Mega 18

Next jackpot: \$52 million

WIN FOR LIFE, AUG. 6

49 - 62 - 75 - 76

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• 1 p.m.: 2 - 1 - 4 - 2

• 4 p.m.: 8 - 3 - 4 - 0

• 7 p.m.: 3 - 9 - 3 - 9

• 10 p.m.: 0 - 2 - 8 - 6

LUCKY LINES, AUG. 7

2-6-10-14-17-21-26-30

Next jackpot: \$37,000

SENIOR MENUS

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, macaroni salad, tapioca

MONDAY (August 15): Hot beef sandwiches, mashed potatoes with gravy, peas and carrots, fruit cup, cookies

TUESDAY (August 16): Pork tips over noodles, mixed vegetables, rolls, Jell-O with fruit, brownies

WEDNESDAY (August 17): Chef salad, breadsticks, fruit, 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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Federal grant will help ranchers develop non-lethal wolf deterrents

BY GEORGE PLAVERN
Capital Press

The USDA has awarded a \$100,000 grant to the nonprofit Western Landowners Alliance to test new non-lethal tools ranchers can use to protect their livestock from wolves.

Funding comes from the Natural Resources Conservation Service through its Conservation Innovation Grants program, which supports the development of new management strategies to improve natural resource conservation on private lands.

The alliance will work with four ranchers and three county wolf committees in Oregon, evaluating different approaches to minimize wolf-livestock conflicts — including range riders, high-tech cameras and composting dead animal carcasses.

"My goal, or my biggest hope, is that this project is going to help working lands remain viable," said Ellie Gage, who is administering the NRCS grant. "The deck is already stacked against these producers."

Gage and her husband, Mark, ranch in Central Oregon, where they run a small herd of cattle near Prineville and Powell Butte. She is also chairwoman of the Crook County wolf committee.

For the last several years, Gage said she has been involved in the alliance, participating in the group's Women in Ranching program. In May, she was asked to do outreach for the NRCS grant proposal, recruiting partners interested



Steve Tool/EO Media Group

An Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife biologist uses shears on the carcass of a calf that was killed by a wolf. Using an NRCS grant, ranchers will be testing non-lethal means of keeping wolves away from livestock.

in studying non-lethal deterrents.

"The response was really overwhelming," she said.

Four livestock producers signed up — two in Wallowa County, one in Baker County and one in southwest Oregon.

Wolf committees in Wallowa, Baker and Grant counties agreed to collaborate, as well as Prairie City in Grant County, which has a site for composting roadkill and dead livestock.

The grant was awarded July 15, and will reimburse ranchers for half their costs as they implement non-lethal methods aimed at keeping wolves away from sheep and cattle.

Gage said two producers will experiment with high-frequency radio ear tags on their cattle. The idea is that will allow range riders to locate herds more quickly and efficiently in large pastures, lowering costs and maintaining a more consistent human presence among herds to scare off wolves.

"Some of these allotments might be several thousand acres," Gage said. "If you can spend less time looking for your cows, and locate them quickly with the help of ear tags, then you can get to them ... more efficiently."

Another piece of technology that Gage said she is excited to

try is a new game camera being developed with artificial intelligence that can be programmed to identify specific animals and notify producers.

"There is a huge need for the producer to have real-time information on where the predators are, and when they are there," she said. "They can go and incorporate their non-lethal tools and human presence when they need to be there. Hopefully, it will make non-lethal tools that much more effective."

In Prairie City, Gage said composting dead livestock may prove to be an effective technique for ridding ranches of carcasses that might otherwise attract wolves.

"If we can minimize those attractants, everybody wins," she said.

The NRCS grant is meant to build on similar livestock-predator conflict prevention work the alliance is undertaking in other states, including Washington, Idaho, Montana, California, New Mexico and Arizona.

By proving which tools are most effective in different areas and terrain, Gage said it could lead to a more permanent source of funding to assist ranchers.

"The end goal of this project is to provide durable funding for producers who are facing the challenges of sharing working lands with wildlife," she said. "The work that they're putting into preventing conflict with their livestock is not sustainable financially."

Stretch of 100-plus days in Umatilla County one of hottest on record

BY ANTONIO ARREDONDO
East Oregonian

UMATILLA COUNTY — Last month's heat wave wasn't just hot. The weeklong stretch was one of the hottest periods in Umatilla County history.

Ann Adams, assistant forecaster of the National Weather Service, shared details on the heat, which stayed above 100 degrees for seven days starting July 25 and ending July 31.

The stretch is one of the longest periods of sustained heat in Pendleton history, Adams said. It's the second year in a row the county saw summer records after an extremely hot 2021 summer. While most of that summer's heat came in late June, it wasn't as concentrated.

"We got pretty warm last year, but the days were spread out a lot," Adams said.

There was no week in 2021 where every day saw temperatures rise above 100 degrees. Meanwhile, the week of July 25, 2022, is tied for the second-longest mark in Pendleton history at seven days.

The record for most consecutive days with high temperatures above the century mark is 11 in August 1967. While that stretch was longer, the days were slightly cooler, if above 100 degrees can be considered "cool."

The average high temperature in 1967 during their record stretch was 102.5 degrees. Conversely, the average high of the stretch this July was nearly 4 degrees warmer at 106.1 degrees. Of the three stretches of heat of more than a week in Pendleton history — the other being a week in July 1968 — the latest is the hottest on record.

The Hermiston area may have hotter annual averages than Pendleton, but this didn't stop the heat from setting other records. The city saw the same seven-day streak of above 100 degree days starting July 25. While this stretch may fall to fifth place in terms of length — Hermiston dealt with 14 days of heat in June of 2015 — it still has the hottest stretch of the top five.

In addition to an average high temperature of 107.3 degrees, Hermiston set three daily records during the stretch. According to the National Weather Service website,

the temperatures on July 28, 29 and 30 were all the hottest on record.

July 29 was the hottest day in recorded history for July in both cities. Pendleton saw a high of 111 degrees, while Hermiston had a high of 112 degrees.

The other two days saw slightly lower marks, but still set daily records. July 28 had a high of 108 degrees in Pendleton and 109 degrees in Hermiston, and July 30 was 110 degrees in both cities. Adams says these temperatures are about 15 degrees higher than the average high for the time.

The heat may have died down last week, but it came roaring back Monday, Aug. 8. Adams said temperatures should rise past 100 degrees again, with a high of 102 degrees in Pendleton and 104 degrees in Hermiston.

News of Record

DEATHS

Keith N. Carpenter: 79, of Baker City, died Aug. 4, 2022, at his home. No services are planned at this time. To light a candle in Keith's memory, or to offer online condolences to his family, go to www.grayswestco.com.

John 'Hops' Mahoney: 51, of Baker City, died July 15, 2022. His graveside service and interment will be Thursday, Aug. 11 at 10 a.m. at Mount Hope Cemetery. A celebration of his life will continue at his family home, 2517 Court Ave.

Naomi Jane Beckett: age 2, of Baker City, died July 15, 2022, in Boise, in her mother's arms. A public service for Naomi will take place Friday, Aug. 12 at 2 p.m. at the Baker City Christian Church, 675 Highway 7.

Allen R. Morris Sr.: 76, of Richland, died Aug. 7, 2022, in Highwood, Montana. Local arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home. Online condolences can be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

POLICE LOG

Baker City Police

Arrests, citations

DRIVING WHILE SUSPENDED, VIOLATION OF RELEASE AGREEMENT: Christian Reynolds

Oliver, 22, Baker City, 4:43 a.m. Monday, Aug. 8 on Interstate 84, Milepost 304 westbound. He was previously cited and released for driving while suspended at 12:15 a.m. Monday at Auburn Avenue and Second Street.

SECOND-DEGREE CRIMINAL TRESPASSING: Chaz Jordan Williams, 20, Baker City, 11:37 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 7 in the 1100 block of Campbell Street; cited and released.

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF INTOXICANTS: Zachary John Thomas Christman, 19, Baker City, 2:43 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 7 at Resort and A streets; cited and released.

SECOND-DEGREE CRIMINAL TRESPASSING: Salisa Marie Salas, 40, Baker City, 1:16 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 6 in the 1500 block of Second Street; jailed.

Baker County Sheriff's Office

Arrests, citations

PROBATION VIOLATION: Cory Dennis Deshirlia, 45, Huntington, 9:10 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 7 at Birch and D streets in Baker City; jailed.

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF INTOXICANTS: Fermin Siso Curiel, 70, Baker City, 2:03 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 7 on Old Trail Road, cited and released.

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