

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO

from the Democrat-Herald

August 22, 1972

Deer hunting prospects for the month-long archery season, Aug. 26-Sept. 24, which opens statewide Saturday, is tabbed "conservative" for area bowmen, but the outlook could improve with the weather, according to Dick Humphreys, Oregon Game Commission game biologist. Both deer and elk either sex will be eligible targets for the bowmen.

25 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald

August 22, 1997

Jim Tomlinson of Lake Oswego, a lieutenant and second in command with the Lake Oswego Police Department, has been hired as Baker City's new police chief.

Tomlinson will begin his new duties in Baker City in about two weeks, according to Karen Woolard, city manager.

10 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald

August 24, 2012

A pair of work crews, one based in Baker City and one in Halfway, cleared debris from about 130 miles of hiking trails this summer on the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest.

The two Oregon Youth Conservation Corps crews also built fences to protect aspen groves near Whitney Valley, part of a Forest Service project to encourage beavers to recolonize streams.

The five-person Baker City crew started work on June 18, and the five-member Halfway crew on June 25.

ONE YEAR AGO

from the Baker City Herald

August 24, 2021

While almost everyone is sleeping, Jesse Brown is apt to be in the driver's seat of a pickup truck, chasing his headlights through the night on one of the great byways of the West, to a city where steers wait to be wrestled to the ground.

When the sun emerges, Brown might be in Kalispell, Montana.

Or Tremonton, Utah.

Or Prineville, Oregon.

Or any of a dozen other places where people gather in bleachers to watch men in jeans grapple with steers and try to stay aboard bulls or broncs for eight seconds.

Brown, who grew up in Baker City and still lives here — at least when there's not a rodeo going on, which isn't all that often — is one of the top steer wrestlers in the world.

Brown, 29, is ranked second this season, with earnings of \$75,184.

That puts Brown in a great position to achieve one of his top goals — qualifying for the "Super Bowl of Rodeo," the National Finals Rodeo Dec. 2-11 at the Thomas & Mack Center in Las Vegas.

In 2020, Brown made it to the National Finals for the first time.

But it was a near thing.

The top 15 nationally ranked competitors in each rodeo event can compete in the National Finals.

In late September 2020, with two rodeos left in the season, Brown was in 16th place, just \$500 short of 15th place.

In a rodeo at Rapid City, South Dakota, Brown won the second round and claimed \$2,010.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, AUG. 20

12-25-32-33-35-40

Next jackpot: \$5 million

POWERBALL, AUG. 20

5-9-11-16-66 PB 7

Next jackpot: \$90 million

MEGA MILLIONS, AUG. 19

12-18-24-46-65

Mega 3

Next jackpot: \$116 million

WIN FOR LIFE, AUG. 20

3-34-61-62

PICK 4, AUG. 21

• 1 p.m.: 3-6-3-0

• 4 p.m.: 8-6-7-0

• 7 p.m.: 9-6-4-9

• 10 p.m.: 9-5-2-5

LUCKY LINES, AUG. 21

1-7-9-14-19-22-26-32

Next jackpot: \$20,000

SENIOR MENUS

WEDNESDAY (August 24): Chicken-fried steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, ambrosia, bread pudding

THURSDAY (August 25): Orange glazed chicken, rice, broccoli, rolls, fruit cup, cinnamon rolls

FRIDAY (August 26): Roasted turkey, stuffing with gravy, green beans, rolls, green salad, apple crisp

MONDAY (August 29): Chicken-fried chicken, mashed potatoes, carrots, rolls, green salad, pudding

TUESDAY (August 30): Beef stew, broccoli, cottage cheese with fruit, lemon squares

WEDNESDAY (August 31): Meatloaf, mashed potatoes with gravy, mixed vegetables, rolls, coleslaw, birthday cake

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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Ian Crawford/Baker City Herald

Andrew Gettle, the Baker City Mural Crew and supporters attended the mural's completion ceremony on Aug. 17, 2022.

Resort Street mural finished

BY IAN CRAWFORD

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From a destination brochure standpoint, Baker County doesn't have the beaches or nightclubs or gleaming towers that might lure some tourists.

But as a place of journeys, pastimes and natural abundance, Baker shines. And that's what local artist Andrew Gettle set out to capture on Resort Street's newest mural, recently completed on the blank rear wall of The Trailhead bike and ski shop, between Valley and Court avenues.

On Aug. 17 Gettle, along with several members of the design committee and official mural crew, gathered with supporters to celebrate the mural's completion, signing off with a custom Sasquatch-decorated cake and a formal christening.

Gettle chose to call his painting "Diverse Reality," a nod to the wild range of experiences the area has always offered and cultivated, in keeping with the theme of journeying painted to the wall.

He especially wanted the community to be a part of its creation, inviting kids and passers-by to add to the art as he was making it. As he presented before the crowd he'd mused on what public broadcasting painting instructor Bob Ross might have called a "happy accident" when the first layers had been applied.

"I'd painted it 'perfect' with all the colors separated, and I told my granddad to do any color anywhere," Gettle said.

His grandfather had chosen green, and with the help of the extension pole went to add a mark somewhere near the top, only to slip at the last second.

"He dropped a green mark right through

the whole thing," Gettle said.

The mark was quickly incorporated into the ongoing layers of the swirling design, practically erased, and at this point Gettle is likely the only person who could find the accident itself on the completed mural.

In Gettle's own life there'd been another accident, far less harmless, that had likewise made its mark on him. He wears a prosthetic, having lost his left leg following a motorcycle crash and an extended coma. For him the hours invested in the mural, while he was able to simply stand while painting, weren't taken for granted. He's even had to modify his equipment several times to better fit the demands of work and travel.



Gettle

While he doesn't actively lament the lost limb, he had been an exceptional athlete in high school. The injury and subsequent recovery became part of a bolstering passion for bicycling and outdoors exploration. He even cycled on behalf of a childhood cancer fundraising event, the Great Cycle Challenge.

Luck had it that these pastimes connected him to the owners of The Trailhead, so when the Resort Street wall was vandalized some months ago, design committee head Be Tiedemann proposed that, instead of conducting a back and forth war with delinquents and paint crews over a blank space, they could try something new, resolving to put up a lasting piece of art.

Since the mural's completion, Tiedemann says she's received interest from several locations that want to participate in having their walls painted, a process that can take some time for approval. Interested property owners can call her at 404-993-0116 for an application.

Noxious weed of the week: Baby's breath

BY JEFFREY PETTINGILL

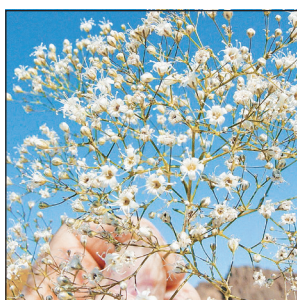
The enemy

Baby's breath (*Gypsophila paniculata* L.)

This somewhat desirable plant is used all over the world in the floral trade. This perennial plant from Europe has small white flowers that exist at the terminal end of the branch. It has a long narrow leaves which occur up and down all stems. The bushy plant can tumble like many other plants to spread its seeds. The plant was introduced as an ornamental and has since spread to pastures, rangeland, and roadsides.

The attack

Once established it spreads rapidly and due to its strong taproot it can be difficult



Rich Old/Contributed Photo

Baby's breath is widely used in the floral trade, but it can crowd out more desirable vegetation.

to control and survives in drought and sandy solids. The rosette is quite prolific which gives it the ability to choke out the native vegetation. It has also been found to be harmful to livestock. The worst problem is that many people will pick the plant

and then toss it out later, thus spreading the weed.

The defense

As baby's breath can be desirable please don't remove it from the site, unless you throw it into the fire or into a tied-off garbage bag. If there are just a few plants, use a shovel. If the weed becomes a problem, quality herbicides such as Opensight or Milestone, 2,4-D and Roundup Pro will just make the plant mad and destroy desirable vegetation.

Treatment should be done in the spring, or wait until fall when the fall rosettes are injured by the frost. In the fall the perennial plants are sending nutrients to the roots to survive the winter and herbicides work by being carried into the roots.

News of Record

FUNERALS PENDING

Tom 'Mac' Kerns: A celebration of Mac's life will take place Saturday, Sept. 3 at 10 a.m. in the Haines Methodist Church. Donations can be made to the Eastern Oregon Museum in Haines through Coles Tribute Center, 1950 Place St., Baker City, OR 97814. To light a candle in memory of Mac, go to www.colestributecenter.com.

Frank William Hermann: A celebration of his life will take place on Sept. 9 at 1 p.m. at the Harvest Christian Church, 3720 Birch St. in Baker City. To leave an online condolence for Frank's family, go to www.grayswestco.com.

Peggy Anna Pittman: Graveside service will be Saturday, Sept. 10 at 10 a.m. at Mount Hope Cemetery. Friends are invited to join the family for a reception afterward at the Baker City Christian Church, 675 Highway 7. Memorial contributions can be made to Smile Train, St. Jude's Children's Hospital or Shriner's Children's Hospital through Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814. To light a candle in Peggy's memory, or to offer online condolences to her family, go to www.grayswestco.com.

POLICE LOG

Baker City Police

Arrests, citations
HARASSMENT: Thomas Allen Talbott, 25, Baker City, 2:34 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 21 at the police department; cited and released.

CONTEMPT OF COURT (Baker County Justice Court warrant): Keith Edward Gassin, 47, Baker City, 12:58 a.m.

Saturday, Aug. 20 on Walnut Street near Myrtle Street; cited and released.

SECOND-DEGREE CRIMINAL MISCHIEF: Michael Ray Fedderly, 60, Baker City, 4:57 p.m. Friday, Aug. 19 in the 400 block of Spring Garden Avenue; cited and released.

Baker County Sheriff's Office

Arrests, citations

DRIVING WHILE SUSPENDED: Robert Wayne Jarboe, 47, Huntington, 11:01 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 21 in Huntington; cited and released.

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Local Briefing

Livestock Association plans free picnic Aug. 25

The Baker County Livestock Association, assisted by the Baker County Cattlemen, will have a free picnic hosted by Baker City Feeders on Thursday, Aug. 25. Participants should bring a salad or dessert. Dinner and beverages will be supplied. The gathering starts at 5 p.m., with a feedlot tour at 5:30 p.m. and picnic at 6 p.m. For directions to the location, or more information, call 541-519-4628.

BHS football players to sell Gold Cards

Baker High School football players will soon begin selling Bulldog Gold Cards, which offer discounts at local businesses. Football players will have the \$10 cards starting this weekend. Proceeds benefit the BHS football program.

Entry deadline nears for Great Salt Lick Contest

Time is winding down to submit an entry for the Great Salt Lick Contest and Auction, which happens Saturday, Sept. 17, at Churchill School.

In this contest, founded by Whit Deschner, anyone is welcome to turn in a salt block that has been licked into an artistic form by livestock or wildlife.

Enter blocks by Sept. 15 — and get a replacement block — at Oregon Trail Livestock Supply in Baker City or Richland Feed and Seed.

At the event, viewing starts at 5 p.m., and the auction starts at 7 p.m.

Cash prizes will be awarded in various categories thanks to local sponsors who have donated \$1,225.

After judging, all blocks will be auctioned by Mib Dailley. Proceeds go to the OHSU Parkinson's Center of Oregon — since it began in 2006, this auction has raised \$160,000.

For more information, visit whitdeschner.com/the-great-salt-lick-contest or contact Deschner at 541-519-2736 or deschnerwhit@yahoo.com.

Astronomy presentation set for Aug. 25

An introduction to astronomy is featured at the next session of the Baker Community Sciences & Arts Lecture Series on Thursday, Aug. 25. "The Casual Observer's Guide to the Night Sky" will be presented by Ciera Partyka-Worley and Casey Howard from Boise State University. The talk starts at 6 p.m. in OTEC's conference room, 4005 23rd St. Attendance is free. Topics include stargazing, astronomy with a telescope, naked eye astronomy, the planets and moon, and a look at Jupiter and Saturn.

These talks are scheduled for the last Thursday of the month (except for November, to avoid Thanksgiving). The next topics are:

- The Future of Energy with OTEC: Sept. 22, 6 p.m.
- Potatoes, Cattle & Technology — Trends in Eastern Oregon Ag: Oct. 27
- A Brief History of Art — Fabulous Facts, Divine Discoveries & Creative Connections: Nov. 17