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TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO

from the Democrat-Herald

September 3, 1972

If Saturday's intersquad scrimmage can be a valid indicator the Baker Bulldogs are going to pepper enemy secondaries with pinpoint deadliness this season as the two opposing quarterbacks connected for an awesome 71 percent to steal the show in the annual preseaseason peek.

25 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald

September 3, 1997

You can't call Baker City a one-prefix town any longer. US West has assigned a companion to the familiar 523. So far, though, only one business, BodyWork by Dee, is using the new 524 prefix.

10 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald

September 3, 2012

Remember rain?

If you can't recall with precision the musical timbre of drops drumming on the roof, you have a fine excuse.

Almost two months have passed since measurable rain fell at the Baker City Airport.

Fifty days, to be specific.

ONE YEAR AGO

from the Baker City Herald

September 4, 2021

Shawn Quentin Greenwood, the Vale man accused of first-degree murder in the January 2020 fatal shooting of Angela Parrish in Baker City, pleaded no contest to three lesser counts on Friday, Sept. 3 in Baker County Circuit Court.

Five other counts, including first-degree murder, were dismissed, and Greenwood's trial, scheduled to start Sept. 8,

Although Greenwood, 50, pleaded no contest rather than guilty, the no contest plea has the same effect as a conviction, Baker County District Attorney Greg Baxter said.

Judge Matt Shirtcliff of Baker County Circuit Court sentenced Greenwood to a total of 90 months in prison on the three convictions, which include criminally negligent homicide, a Class B felony, first-degree burglary, a Class A felony, and attempting to elude law enforcement, a Class C felony.

Greenwood will be credited for time already served. He has been in the Baker County Jail since his arrest on Jan. 13,

None of the three charges for which Greenwood was convicted carries a mandatory minimum sentence, so he will be eligible for a reduction in sentence based on good behavior and other factors.

Baxter issued a press release early Friday afternoon. It reads

"The Baker County District Attorney's Office offered the plea agreement in this case after it was apparent that many important pieces of evidence would not be available at trial due to the lead police investigator listening to privileged telephone conversations between the defendant and his attorney. The Parrish family members and the other victim, Nathaniel Brown, supported this decision given that this was the best possible sentence under the circumstances and that Greenwood was willing to accept some responsibility for the crimes he committed."

"The state believed that at trial, that the defense would have focused on the actions of Baker City Police Detective Shannon Regan thereby clouding the evidence concerning the crimes committed by Greenwood.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, AUG. 31

6-13-29-31-39-40Next jackpot: \$5.4 million

POWERBALL, AUG. 31

7-8-19-24-28 PB 1 Next jackpot: \$115 million

MEGA MILLIONS, AUG. 30 2-38-55-57-65 Mega 17

Next jackpot: \$153 million

WIN FOR LIFE, AUG. 31

PICK 4, SEPT. 28

•1 p.m.: 0 — 9 — 9 — 6

•4 p.m.: 8 — 0 — 3 — 7

•7 p.m.: 1 — 6 — 5 — 8 •10 p.m.: 9 — 5 — 1 — 0

LUCKY LINES, SEPT. 1

3-8-11-16-19-22-28-30 Next jackpot: \$30,000

SENIOR MENUS

MONDAY (Sept. 5): CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY TUESDAY (Sept. 6): Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn on the cob, biscuits, ambrosia, pudding WEDNESDAY (Sept. 7): Chicken cordon bleu with hollandaise, rice, broccoli, rolls, cottage cheese with fruit, bread pudding THURSDAY (Sept. 8): Ground beef steak with onions and gravy, mixed vegetables, rolls, green salad, ice cream FRIDAY (Sept. 9): Spaghetti, broccoli, garlic bread, green salad, tapioca

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

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Fire closed I-84 Thursday afternoon

Vehicle fire spread into dry grass, brush

Baker City Herald

The eastbound lanes of Interstate 84 were closed for several hours on Thursday afternoon, Sept. 1, after flames from a burning vehicle along Interstate 84 near Ontario spread into dry grass and brush.

The fire started around 11:45 a.m. near Milepost 365, about 61 miles southeast of Baker City and about 10 miles north of Óntario.

The fire burned about 800 acres, according to the Vale District of the Bureau of Land Management. Several aircraft, including multi-engine tankers and single-engine tankers, dropped retardant to try to



Al Crouch/Bureau of Land Management A fire burns along Interstate 84 near Ontario on Thursday, Sept. 1, 2022.

slow the fire's spread.

On the ground, crews from the BLM and the Vale Rangeland Fire Protection Association worked on the fire.

Vale Bureau of Land Management is working on sup-

pressing the 365 fire, a range fire that started today, September 1st around 11:45am.

The eastbound lanes of the freeway were initially closed between Baker City and Ontario. The closure was later extended to La Grande and then to Pendleton as parking areas for trucks were filled in Baker City and La Grande. The westbound lanes were closed for more than an hour between Baker City and La Grande.

The eastbound lanes were reopened around 7 p.m., according to the Oregon Department of Transportation.

Fire restrictions are in effect for all Vale District BLM-protected lands, which includes Bureau of Reclamation lands around the Owyhee Dam. More information on fire restrictions can be found at www.blm.gov/ orwafire or by calling 541-

The fire was 100% contained by 2 p.m., Sept 2, having burned 1258 acres. Both lanes remain open.



A combine harvests wheat Friday, Aug. 19, 2022, on a field northeast of Pendleton off Highway 11. Don Wysocki, extension soil scientist for Oregon State University in Pendleton, says yield should be 20% above average.

Spring rains lead to bountiful wheat harvest

BY JOHN TILLMAN

UMAPINE — What a difference a year made to dryland wheat growers.

The drought of 2021 caused near crop-failure conditions in some wheat-growing areas of the Pacific Northwest. Don Wysocki, extension soil scientist for Oregon State University in Pendleton, said last year's crop was 60% or less than usual in some areas. But 2022 has a bumper crop.

"This year is well above average in most areas, and the quality is really good," he said. "Last year it was low, with grain shriveled by

Harvest should last a week to 10 days later than usual, Wysocki said, thanks to the record-breaking spring rains and two August thunderstorms. The Basin Agricultural Research Center near Adams received eighttenths of an inch of rain from the storm on Aug. 11

Wheat harvest wrapped up by the end of August in Umatilla County, he added.

Tt's already over in the ḋrier areas," Wysocki noted. "Conservatively, yield should be 20% above average. In some areas, 30% to 40% higher. Some growers say they cut the best yield they've ever had. And the price is better than last year as well."

All wheat planted in Oregon in 2021 totaled 720,000 acres, down 3% from the previous year, the National Agricultural Statistics Service reported in January. Harvested area, at 705,000 acres, was also down 3% from 2020. Production totaled 31.7 million bushels, down 32%. Yield was estimated at 45 bushels per acre, down 19 bushels from 2020.

All wheat production in Idaho totaled 76.5 million bushels, down 32% from the previous year as well. Yield fell an estimated 29.1 bush-

In Washington, production totaled 87.2



several fields near Adams off Highway 11. Straw buyers stack up the bales, then transport them to their ultimate users. Stacking partially shields

million bushels, down a whopping 48% from 2020. Yield plummeted a shocking 33.3 bushels from the previous year.
"We had a good crop," Umapine rancher

Tim Leber said, "thanks to the rains."

No. 1 soft white wheat was unchanged at Portland on Aug. 19, averaging \$8.64 per bushel for current delivery, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. A year before, the price was \$10.29.

National average wheat reached \$11.78 in May, up from \$4.81 in June 2020. But costs have risen as well. Diesel fuel av-

eraged \$5.06 per gallon in Pendleton on Aug. 19, down from \$6.29 on July 3, but still up from \$3.57 a year earlier.

U.S. white wheat production was projected at 289 million bushels, up 3 million from the July estimate and 44% higher than last year's drought-stricken crop, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Wheat Outlook reported on

Production for soft white winter, soft white spring and hard white spring were all improved from a year ago based on conditions in Washington, Idaho and Oregon. The comparison would have been even more stark, but hard white winter production was lower than in 2020, with most of the loss in drought-affected regions, mainly in Kansas and Colorado.

Traffic signal to be out temporarily

Broadway, Second intersection will revert to a 4-way

Baker City Herald

Starting Tuesday, Sept. 6, the traffic signal at Second and Broadway streets in Baker City will be temporarily turned off, the Oregon Department of Transportation announced.

Traffic will be controlled at this intersection by a fourway stop, and the right lanes on Broadway will be closed in both directions between First and Third streets. This temporary change will allow the contractor installing curb ramps to work on all four corners at the same time.

Sidewalks will be closed along Broadway at First and Third streets, with temporary pedestrian access directed around the work zone. Businesses will remain open.

This temporary traffic pattern is expected to end around the middle of October.

Baker City mayor plans to resign late this year

Baker City Herald Baker City Mayor Kerry Mc-

Ouisten wrote in an email Thursday, Sept. 1 to her fellow councilors, City Manager Jon Cannon and City Recorder Dallas Brockett that she will be moving outside the city limits late this year and will no longer be able to serve as a councilor, per a clause in the city charter.

"As you know, my term as mayor ends with the end of this year, and my position on council continues two years past that," McQuisten wrote.

"This note is just a heads up many weeks in advance that around the end of my mayoral term, I will be moving outside the city limits. Per the City Charter, my new address will mean I no longer qualify to serve on Council, so I will be resigning at that time."

News of Record

Anthony 'Tony' Sackos: 66, of Sumpter Valley, died Aug. 30, 2022, at his home. His funeral service will be Friday, Sept. 9 at 2 p.m. at Coles Tribute Center, 1950 Place St. in Baker City. Private family vault interment will follow at the Haines Cemetery. Donations in Tony's memory can be made to the Powder River Rural Fire District through Coles Tribute Center, 1950 Place St., Baker City, OR 97814. To light a candle in Tony's memory, go to www.colestributecenter.com.

Mary 'Dulcina' Robertson: 94, of Baker City and formerly of Halfway, died Sept. 1, 2022, at her residence in Meadowbrook Place assisted living. Services are being arranged and will be announced once confirmed. To leave an online condolence for Dulcina's family, go to www.colestributecenter.com.

FUNERALS PENDING

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 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. In lieu of flowers, 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.

Cass Robertson Vanderwiele: Celebration of life/anniversary celebration, Sept. 10 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Thomas Angus Ranch

party barn, 42734 Old Trail Road, north of Baker City. It will be a time to visit with Cass' family and offer them love, support and condolences. Friends and loved ones are welcome to stop by at their convenience between those times. Memorial contributions can be directed to Colton Accounting, on Church Street in Baker City. Cass loved making sure the children of Baker, who were in need, had a great Christmas. A foundation will be created to honor his wishes in his name. To leave an online condolence for Cass's family, go to www.grayswestco.com.

POLICE LOG

Baker City Police Arrests, citations SECOND-DEGREE CRIMINAL TRESPASSING: Friday, Sept. 2 in the 1200 block of Campbell Street; cited and released. SECOND-DEGREE CRIMINAL TRESPASSING, PROBATION VIOLATION: Timothy Kelly Slaney, 33, Baker City, 1:26 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 1 in the 1200 block of Campbell Street; jailed. **Baker County Sheriff's Office**

Dale Rex Taylor, 81, Baker City, 12:47 a.m.

Arrests, citations

FAILURE TO APPEAR (Hood River County Circuit Court warrant): Jason Lee Troyer, 46, Baker City, 9:59 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 31 at the sheriff's office; cited and

THIRD-DEGREETHEFT (Albany Municipal Court warrant): Zachary Aron Carter, 24, Baker City, 9:57 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 31 at the sheriff's office; cited and

