

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO

from the Democrat-Herald

September 5, 1972

HUNTINGTON — Council, the defending Long Pin League champion in Idaho, has a strange way of spelling trouble but the spelling is becoming more common in Western Idaho and Oregon with easy passing grid season: H-U-N-T-I-N-G-T-O-N. The Idahoans have the Herculean task of snapping the Locomotives' win streak, which has snowballed through four seasons and 45 games.

25 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald

September 5, 1997

Public hearings are scheduled in Baker City and Halfway next week to help finalize the list of suggested road names for the Baker County Rural Addressing Project.

10 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald

September 7, 2012

The small yellow airplane flying over farm fields and other parts of the Baker Valley recently is treating the local potato crop so it won't be affected by a costly ailment called Zebra chip disease.

The aerial insecticide treatments were discussed during Wednesday's meeting of the Baker County Commissioners.

Dick Haines, who operates a small certified crop field in Baker Valley, said he could "smell chemicals in the air" when the plane was spraying crops in fields adjoining his property.

ONE YEAR AGO

from the Baker City Herald

September 7, 2021

There's likely more brown lawns than usual in these waning weeks of summer in Baker City, and Michelle Owen is grateful for those who sacrificed their usual lush turf.

Residents heeded the city's advice and cut back on their water use during August.

Their voluntary action has helped avoid what could have been a much more serious water supply crisis, said Owen, the city's public works director.

"I'm so pleased with the way the community has pulled together to reduce their water consumption during this drought," Owen wrote in an email to the Herald on Sept. 2. "The reduction of irrigation use clearly made a difference this year."

Residents used 23% less water during August than they did during July, and 14% less than in June, according to city figures.

"With colder nights and shorter days I would expect to see a steady reduction in use throughout September," Owen said.

She started becoming concerned about the water supply during June.

With rainfall just 17% of average for the month at the Baker City Airport, and a record-setting heatwave in the final week, the city's water use averaged 4.3 million gallons per day during June.

That was an increase of 45% compared with June 2020.

The unusually high water use during June prompted Owen to move the city to Phase 1 of its water curtailment ordinance on June 28 — asking residents and businesses to voluntarily reduce their water use.

Two weeks later, with hot temperatures continuing and no rain falling, the city shifted to Phase 2, in which residents are asked to restrict outdoor watering to between 7 p.m. and 7 a.m., when evaporation rates are lower and less water is needed for lawns and gardens.

At the time, Owen noted that the city had been going through 5 million gallons or more on several days, a rate that the city could not sustain throughout summer, she said.

The city gets most of its water from springs and streams in the 10,000-acre watershed on the east slopes of the Elkhorn Mountains about 10 miles west of town.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, SEPT. 3

5 — 28 — 35 — 38 — 40 — 42

Next jackpot: \$5.6 million

POWERBALL, SEPT. 3

18 — 27 — 49 — 65 — 69 PB 9

Next jackpot: \$159 million

MEGA MILLIONS, SEPT. 2

39 — 40 — 52 — 60 — 67 Mega 20

Next jackpot: \$191 million

WIN FOR LIFE, SEPT. 3

3 — 8 — 27 — 37

PICK 4, Sept. 4

• 1 p.m.: 1 — 8 — 5 — 4

• 4 p.m.: 0 — 6 — 0 — 2

• 7 p.m.: 4 — 9 — 7 — 6

• 10 p.m.: 7 — 8 — 1 — 6

LUCKY LINES, SEPT. 4

1-8-10-13-17-23-28-30

Next jackpot: \$34,000

SENIOR MENUS

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

MONDAY (Sept. 12): Chicken and gravy over a biscuit, green beans, green salad, lemon squares

TUESDAY (Sept. 13): Chicken-fried chicken, au gratin potatoes, corn, rolls, pasta salad, cinnamon rolls

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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Cows are milked at Threemile Canyon Farms near Boardman. Two dozen environmental, farming and public health groups are asking the state to regulate air pollution from large dairies.

Groups ask state to regulate large dairies' air pollution

BY ALEX BAUMHARDT

Oregon Capital Chronicle

SALEM — Two dozen environmental, farming and public health groups are asking the state to regulate air pollution from large dairies.

In an Aug. 17 petition, they asked the Oregon Environmental Quality Commission to create an air-emissions program to measure and regulate air pollution from farms with 700 or more cows. Starting at that threshold, owners must obtain a state agricultural permit that regulates land and groundwater pollution from large livestock operations.

The commission, a regulation-setting board for the Department of Environmental Quality, has 90 days to respond to the petition.

This is the third time in 15 years that advocates have called for regulating dairy air emissions. The groups claim the state Agriculture Department and the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality have focused on regulating land and water pollution from large dairies, but have largely ignored air pollution. Each year, cows at large dairies produce tons of manure and urine containing ammonia gas, which is harmful to breathe and can cause burning in the eyes, nose and throat and lead to long-term respiratory issues.

Cows are also among the biggest sources of the greenhouse gas methane. In cows, it's produced when they digest and then is expelled when they burp and defecate. Methane traps

heat in the atmosphere, contributing to global warming.

Large dairy operators oppose regulating emissions. They say Oregon dairies are doing the best they can to reduce harmful emissions. Opponents also say that more regulations would further burden family farms contending with increased operating and labor costs and lower milk prices.

Another attempt at regulation

In 2007, the state Legislature created a Dairy Air Quality Task Force made up of local and state officials, scientists from Oregon State University, public health professionals and representatives from environmental groups and the dairy industry.

They studied dairy emissions and the effects of methane, ammonia and small particles in the air from animals and manure, strongly recommending the state create a dairy air-emissions program, but legislation was never proposed.

In 2017, another attempt at regulation failed when a bill to create a permit program for dairy air pollution died in the Senate.

Emily Miller, staff attorney at the Washington D.C. based Food & Water Watch, is one of the 22 petitioners. She said the latest petition builds on the work that groups in Oregon have been doing for years.

"This was necessary in 2007, and it's necessary now," she said. "It's very clear that agriculture is the number one source of methane in the state, and

that livestock and manure are an increasingly large part of that."

The number of cows in Oregon has more than tripled in the last three decades, and the number of farms with 1,000 or more cows has too. In 1997, Oregon had eight dairies with more than 1,000 cows, according to Miller. Today there are 68. One of the largest, Threemile Canyon in northeast Oregon, has 70,000 cows. In 2005, its ammonia emissions were among the highest in the nation, according to a Food and Water Watch analysis of Environmental Protection Agency data.

Threemile Canyon did not respond to a request for comment.

In its petition, the coalition included research showing emissions of methane, ammonia and other gasses and particulates from large dairies are detrimental to the health of people who work at large dairies and for people who live nearby.

The groups also claim that Oregon's regulators are renegeing on their duties to "use any and all discretion vested in them by law" to achieve the state's greenhouse gas reduction targets set by the governor's 2020 executive order on climate. Those include reducing Oregon's greenhouse gas emissions to at least 80% below 1990 levels by 2050. By not regulating methane from large dairies, the groups say Oregon's agriculture and environmental regulators are ignoring a major source of pollution in the state.

Transformer hauling will delay traffic on Hwy. 86

BY SAMANTHA O'CONNOR

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Drivers on Highway 86 east of Baker City should plan for up to 20-minute delays at night from Thursday, Sept. 8 through Sunday, Sept. 11.

The delays are needed to allow a large electrical transformer, hauled on a trailer 180 feet long and 16 feet wide, on the two-lane highway.

The transformer, which will be hauled from Baker City to the Oxbow Dam, weighs 416,300 pounds, according to the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT).

The trailer will be on the highway during the evenings and early mornings, traveling at 10 mph to 40 mph. Drivers should expect pilot cars, flaggers and traffic control crews.

Delays might occur between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. The shipment is scheduled at night to avoid heavier traffic loads during the day.

"It's just such a big load that they have to kind of run it down the middle of the highway and that blocks traffic," said Tom Strandberg, public information officer for ODOT's Region 5. "They stop traffic, move down a few miles, they open up traffic again and when things are cleared they stop it again and they move down the road a few more miles. It's kind of a slow process so it can take all night long, depending how much of the traffic's on the road."

The empty trailer will return to Baker City on the evening of Sept. 11.

Strandberg said this week's transformer shipment is similar to a load hauled on Highway 86 last year.

The transformer will be hauled from near the railroad tracks on the west side of Baker City, following Broadway Street to 10th Street, then east on Hughes Lane and north on Cedar Street to Highway 86.

Strandberg said the freight is brought into Baker City by train and a transport trailer is brought in to carry it on the highway.

Travel times and dates may change depending on weather and other unforeseen conditions.

"We're just trying to let folks know that hey, it's going to be there so if you're planning on doing some travel, you might want to adjust it so you either travel before or after or modify it somehow," Strandberg said.

Updated information will be posted on TripCheck.com during the move. The freight contains no hazardous materials, fuels, or liquids.

News of Record

DEATHS

Gordon Eugene Colton: 82, of Baker City, died Sept. 3, 2022, surrounded by family. His memorial service will take place Saturday, Sept. 10 at 10 a.m. at St. Francis de Sales Cathedral, followed by interment, with military honors, at Mount Hope Cemetery. Friends are invited to join the family for a reception, after the interment, at the St. Francis Parish Hall. Visitations will be Friday, Sept. 9 from noon to 4 p.m. at Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., with the Rosary said at 3 p.m. Contributions in Gordon's memory can be made to the Baker FFA chapter or to the Alzheimer's Association. To leave an online condolence for Gordon's family, go to www.grayswestco.com.

Dale Dodson: 91, of Baker City, entered into Heaven on Sept. 2, 2022, at Meadowbrook Place in Baker City. A celebration of his life will be planned and announced later. Memorial contributions can be made to the Baker Orpheum Theatre Project in care of Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814. To light a candle in Dale's honor, or to offer online condolences to his family, go to www.grayswestco.com.

Eva LaVelle Scrivner: 89, a longtime Baker City resident, died Sept. 4, 2022, at Ashley Maney Assisted Living, surrounded by her family. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Online condolences can be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

FUNERALS PENDING

Dulcina Robertson: Mass of Christian burial will be Thursday, Sept. 8 at 11 a.m. at St. Therese Catholic Church in Halfway. Rev. Suresh Telagani of St. Francis de Sales Cathedral in Baker City will celebrate the Mass. Vault interment will follow at Pine Haven Cemetery in Halfway. Donations in her memory can be made to the Halfway Library through Coles Tribute Center, 1950 Place St., Baker City, OR 97814. To light a candle in Dulcina's memory, go to www.celebratethecenter.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.

Kenneth Kulis: A celebration of his life take place Saturday, Sept. 10 at 1 p.m. at the Senior Center in John Day, with a potluck lunch to follow. The family will provide the main course and everyone else is welcome to bring a side dish of their choice. Online condolences can be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.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 Shriners' 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.

Gerald Jerry Burke Goodwin: Celebration of life will be Saturday, Sept.

17 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Baker City Christian Church, 675 Highway 7 in Baker City. Memorial contributions can be made to the Blue Mountain Masonic Lodge No. 47 through Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814. To leave an online condolence for Jerry's family, go to www.grayswestco.com

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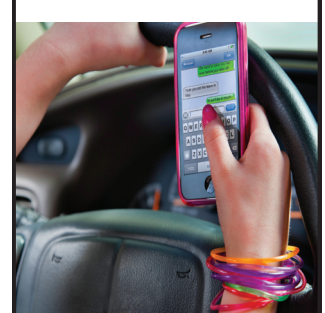
DRIVING WHILE SUSPENDED: Justin Lee Kasinger, 35, Baker City, 11:17 p.m. Friday, Sept. 2 at Campbell and 12th streets; cited and released.

Baker County Sheriff's Office

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FIRST-DEGREE THEFT (Baker County Circuit Court warrant): Malia Charlin Rich, 30, Halfway, 8:37 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 3 in Halfway; cited and released.

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