

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO

from the Democrat-Herald
September 29, 1972

The Huntington branch library will remain open at least until after a public meeting can be held involving Huntington residents and the Baker County library board.

25 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald
September 29, 1997

The wind is gusting to hair-raising velocities at the Baker City Municipal Airport and Brian Moody is smiling as he contemplates the flight to La Grande he'll begin in a few minutes.

"I actually like turbulence," says Moody, who, along with his wife, Carey, is the new owner of Baker Aircraft Inc.

10 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald
September 28, 2012

The Family YMCA of Baker County has agreed to purchase the building that used to be the site of Wilson's Food Town.

Relocating to the 15,600-square-foot building in the 3500 block of Pocahontas Road will be the fitness center, preschool and youth program.

ONE YEAR AGO

from the Baker City Herald
September 28, 2021

The Baker football team broke out of its early season doldrums, and the Bulldogs only had to drive halfway across Oregon, arriving home a few hours before dawn, to do it.

Baker's 41-0 romp over Newport on Saturday evening, Sept. 25 at Sisters High School more than doubled the Bulldogs' offensive output in its three losses to open the season.

But neither the opponent, nor the neutral field venue, was what Baker had been expecting.

The Bulldogs (1-3) were supposed to open Greater Oregon League play on Friday, Sept. 24 by traveling to Milton-Freewater to take on Mac-Hi.

But the Pioneers, due to a positive COVID-19 case on their roster, had to cancel the game.

Baker coach Jason Ramos said that after learning about the cancellation, Buell Gonzales Jr., athletic director for the Baker School District, scrambled to find an opponent.

Gonzales found a willing team in Newport, which had its own scheduling travails when its Sept. 24 game at Marshfield was canceled.

Ramos said Gonzales set up the game against Newport — at Sisters, so that neither Baker nor Newport had to make a cross-state trip — last weekend. That made it possible for the two teams to exchange film of their previous games, the customary practice that allows coaches to get a sense for their upcoming opponent and design practices accordingly.

Ramos said that although he had hoped for a Friday night game rather than a Saturday evening kickoff, he was gratified that Gonzales made the arrangements.

"We're ready to go if it means the chance to play a game," Ramos said.

The Saturday kickoff gave Baker an extra day of practice, and the Bulldogs took advantage.

After leaving Baker City about 10 a.m. on Saturday and driving the 240 miles or so to Sisters, the Bulldogs moved the ball down the field almost as rapidly as their bus had traveled.

"We want to establish a running game, and we did that right from the start," Ramos said.

Senior running back Gauge Bloomer had a breakout game, rushing 14 times for 195 yards and four touchdowns.

Ramos said Baker's young offensive line blocked well, creating gaps in the Cubs' defense that Bloomer exploited.

"Gauge was getting big chunks of yardage," Ramos said. "We're getting better, week by week, as expected. It's a process."

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- 4 p.m.: 8-6-4-3
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- 10 p.m.: 5-9-5-5

LUCKY LINES, SEPT. 27

4-8-12-16-18-22-27-29
Next jackpot: \$57,000

SENIOR MENUS

FRIDAY (Sept. 30): Hot turkey sandwiches, mashed potatoes with gravy, peas, green beans, coleslaw, cheesecake

MONDAY (Oct. 3): Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, mixed vegetables, biscuits, green salad, pudding

TUESDAY (Oct. 4): Ham and beans, carrots, cornbread, macaroni salad, cheesecake

WEDNESDAY (Oct. 5): Stuffed peppers, scalloped potatoes, peas, cottage cheese with fruit, lemon squares

THURSDAY (Oct. 6): Hot beef sandwiches, mashed potatoes with gravy, mixed vegetables, Jell-O with fruit, 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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State council approves site certificate for B2H



The setting sun silhouettes transmission lines Thursday, Feb. 3, 2022, near the future starting point for the 290-mile Boardman to Hemingway transmission line in Boardman. Ben Lonergan/East Oregonian, File

BY ISABELLA CROWLEY AND DICK MASON

The Oregon Energy Facility Siting Council on Tuesday, Sept. 27, approved a site certificate for the project and the permit, once finalized, will authorize construction of the 290-mile, 500-kilovolt line across five Eastern Oregon counties, including Union County. Federal agencies have already granted permission for the line to cross land they manage.

The transmission line will connect a new station near Boardman to an existing substation in southwest Idaho near Melba. Supporters of the project say the transmission line will provide a crucial link to move energy, much of it from hydroelectric, wind and other clean sources, between the Pacific Northwest, where energy use peaks in the winter, and the Intermountain West, where energy use peaks in the summer.

"This is one of the biggest steps in the history of the project," said Sven Berg, a communications specialist with Idaho Power.

Idaho Power, a Boise-based utility, is a major funder of the proposed B2H project. The company began working on the project about 15 years ago, according to Berg. Idaho Power and Portland-based PacifiCorp plan to jointly own B2H. The transmission line would cost between \$1 billion and \$1.2 billion. Towers along the line would be as high as 180 feet. In comparison, standard towers are 75 to 90 feet tall. The proposed route near Baker City would roughly follow the route of an existing line that runs along the east side of Baker Valley, between the valley and the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center. That line crosses Highway 86 on Flagstaff Hill, about 3 miles east of Interstate 84. The existing line would remain if the B2H line is built, Berg said.

Support for B2H

Construction is expected to start in 2023, according to a press release from Idaho

Power. Berg said that a lot more work needs to be done before construction of the B2H line can begin.

"It is not entirely finished by any means," he said. "There is still a lot of work to do." This work includes getting a permit from Idaho's Owyhee County and approval from the public utility commissioners of Oregon and Idaho.

Voices against B2H

The B2H line has faced staunch opposition from some Eastern Oregon residents. Members of the Stop B2H Coalition, a grassroots effort of 900 individuals and organizations who oppose the transmission line through the area, were disappointed by the Sept. 27 ruling.

Whit Deschner of Baker City, a longtime opponent of B2H, described the state council's decision as a "rubber stamp."

"I've been fighting this for 13 years," Deschner said on Wednesday, Sept. 28. "Baker County's getting nothing from this power line. There's no substations. They're putting it right in front of the Interpretive Center. It's going to ruin the viewscape. Idaho Power has no real plan for fighting the fires that their power lines start. I just hope everybody wakes up against what they're doing because there will be a permanent change to Baker County, our lifestyle." "We've got so much time into this thing, over hundreds of hours fighting it," Joe Horst, owner of La Grande Auto Repair and opponent

of B2H, said.

Horst first learned of the proposed power line in 2016 when he received a letter from Idaho Power wanting to survey his land. Over the years, Horst said he was told multiple times the proposed line through his land was not going to be used, only to later find out it was still the preferred route.

"Going through this roller coaster, they aren't going to use it, they are," he said.

Jim Kreider, who is the co-chair of the Stop B2H Coalition, along with Irene Gilbert, said his group may appeal the siting council's decision to the Oregon State Supreme Court. The decision will be made after a review of the Oregon Energy Siting Council's final decision, which will be published in about two days and a discussion with Stop B2H's legal counsel.

"We want to make sure that our chances are favorable," Kreider said.

Grounds upon which B2H may file appeals include the decibel level of the noise B2H's lines. Gilbert said the noise level of B2H's powerline would exceed state noise standards.

An appeal also might be filed with regard to the land Idaho Power would have to condemn in Union County to build the B2H line. Gilbert said that between 200 and 300 acres of this land has been designated as agricultural land in the site plan but she believes this land, under state law, should be classified as forest land. This is significant since the money Idaho Power would have to pay landowners for forest land that has been condemned, would be much more than what would be charged for land designated as agricultural, Gilbert said.

Should Stop B2H choose to appeal, it would have to state its intent to do so within 30 days of the publication of the Oregon Department of Energy's Siting Council site plan.

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News of Record

DEATHS

Angela Denise Mawhinney: 56, of Baker City, died Sept. 19, 2022, at her residence. Her memorial service will be Friday, Sept. 30 at 1 p.m. at the Baker City Christian Church, 675 Highway 7, with Pastor Jesse Whitford officiating. To light a candle in Angie's memory, or to offer online condolences to her family, go to www.grayswestco.com.

FUNERAL PENDING

Jean Heizer: Memorial service will be Friday, Oct. 14 at 10 a.m. at Coles Tribute Center, 1950 Place St. in Baker City. Contributions in Jean's memory can be made to the Orpheum Theater project or Best Friends of Baker, through Coles Tribute Center, 1950 Place St., Baker City, OR 97814. To light a candle in Jean's memory, go to www.colestributecenter.com.

POLICE LOG

Baker City Police
Arrests, citations
FOURTH-DEGREE ASSAULT (domestic violence), STRANGULATION (domestic

violence), INTERFERING WITH MAKING A 911 REPORT: Dakota James Valentine, 24, Baker City, 6:43 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 26 in the 1800 block of Estes Street; jailed.

CONTEMPT OF COURT (3 Baker County Justice Court warrants): Markus Michael Dethloff, 23, transient, 5:09 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 27 at Resort Street and Valley Avenue; cited and released.

THIRD-DEGREE THEFT: Coty Daniel-Duane Hanson, 26, Baker City, 10:57 a.m. Monday, Sept. 26 in the 1700 block of Main St.; cited and released.

HARASSMENT: Shelley Layne Horton, 43, Baker City, 9:19 a.m. Monday, Sept. 26 in the 2800 block of 12th Street; cited and released.

Baker County Sheriff's Office
Arrests, citations
DRIVING WHILE SUSPENDED: Delbert Lee Morris, 59, Baker City, 11:45 p.m. Monday, Sept. 26 on Highway 7 near the weigh station; cited and released.

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