Local

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO

from the Democrat-Herald

October 10, 1972

Roundtrip Sundance air service between Baker and Boise will be restored starting Oct. 29, according to Hughes Air West officials. Hughes Air West is expanding its fall schedule instead of joining other airlines in the industry's traditional seasonal cutback.

25 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald

October 10, 1997

Burglars caused thousands of dollars in damage to the Baker County Courthouse last night.

Basement and first floor offices were entered and damaged between 8:30 p.m. Thursday and 6:45 a.m. today, said Baker City Police Sgt. Robert Pierce.

10 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald

October 10, 2012

Population, future funding for services and protecting local rights from being trampled by state and federal decisions were some of the issues that arose during a political forum on Tuesday evening.

Roughly 80 people came to Baker High School for the event, which was co-sponsored by the American Association of University Women and the Baker City Herald.

ONE YEAR AGO

from the Baker City Herald

October 12, 2021

A year ago, Jesse Brown was nervous.

His future depended on what showed up on the screen of his cellphone.

Today he's just excited.

Brown, a professional steer wrestler and Baker City native, didn't have to endure any hours of anxiety to find out if he qualified for the National Finals Rodeo, the Super Bowl for professional cowboys

Brown, 29, had his best professional season, ranking second in earnings with \$92,358.49.

Only Jacob Talley of Keatchie, Louisiana, has won more, with \$117,256.41.

Since the top 15 steer wrestlers qualify for the National Finals, set for Dec. 2-11 at the Thomas & Mach Center in Las Vegas, Brown, who was second in earnings for much of the season that started in the spring, was confident that he would advance to the National Finals for the second straight year.

"I was able to be consistent this year," Brown said on Monday, Oct. 11. "I'm happy with how it went."

How it went was quite different from the 2020 season, which was, like so much else, interrupted at times by the

In late September of 2020, after competing in his final rodeo of the season at Stephenville, Texas, Brown did not yet know whether he had fulfilled his goal of qualifying for the National Finals.

He had been in 16th place — \$500 short of clinching the final spot in the National Finals.

Brown, a 2011 Baker High School graduate, had to wait for hours, checking on results from other rodeos.

One of his two closest competitors was competing in New

Jersey, the other in Rapid City, South Dakota. When the results had been tallied, Brown was in 15th

place. The margin between him and 16th place was \$1.560.

"Last year was a lot more stressful," said Brown, who played football at Washington State University before transferring to Montana State University and taking up rodeo full time. "It was nice not having to worry about the end of the season."

This year it was Brown's traveling companion and fellow steer wrestler, Curtis Cassidy of Donalda, Alberta, Canada, who had to weather the last-minute anxiety.

Cassidy ended up in 15th place, his margin even tidier than Brown's from 2020, at just \$183.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, OCT. 8

7 - 25 - 29 - 42 - 43 - 44Next jackpot: \$7.1 million

POWERBALL, OCT. 8

13-43-53-60-68 PB 5 Next jackpot: \$401 million

MEGA MILLIONS, OCT. 7

6 - 11 - 29 - 36 - 55

Next jackpot: \$445 million

WIN FOR LIFE, OCT. 8 21-34-76-77

PICK 4, OCT. 9

• 1 p.m.: 7 - 7 - 1 - 8• 4 p.m.: 2-6-8-1

- 7 p.m.: 3-9-3-1
- 10 p.m.: 0-3-7-0 **LUCKY LINES, OCT. 9**

2-5-10-14-20-22-27-30

Next jackpot: \$69,000

SENIOR MENUS

WEDNESDAY (Oct. 12): Barbecued ribs, corn on the cob, rolls, green salad, ice cream

THURSDAY (Oct. 13): Taco salad, sour cream and salsa, tortilla chips, fruit, pudding

FRIDAY (Oct. 14): Beef stew, peas, rolls, green beans, apple

MONDAY (Oct. 17): Chicken-fried steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn, rolls, green salad, sherbet

TUESDAY (Oct. 18): Pot roast, red potatoes, baby carrots, rolls, ambrosia, cheesecake

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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WALLOWA



Wallowa Mayor Gary Hulse, right, presents a "What the Hail Was That?" T-shirt to Gov. Kate Brown as Oregon Department of Forestry forester Matt Howard, left, watches Friday, Oct. 7, 2022, during Brown's visit to see the effects of the Aug. 11 hailstorm on the town.

Governor examines hailstorm's impact: 'It's unbelievable'

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— Gov. Kate Brown

BY BILL BRADSHAW

Wallowa County Chieftain

WALLOWA — Gov. Kate Brown was struck nearly speechless as she viewed the hail damage still evident in Wallowa from the Aug. 11 storm during a visit to the community.

The governor spent about 30 minutes on Friday, Oct. 7, looking around Wallowa City Hall and discussing the damage with about 20

people who showed up for her visit.

"It's unbelievable," she said. "We have some

friends who live here and they showed something on Facebook. It was tennis ball-size hail. I've never seen anything like that."

Looking at the marks left as scars on the doors of the west side of the building, Brown was amazed at the pattern the hailstones left.

"It's like we just came from an art gallery," she said.

Brown felt the dents in the metal siding and viewed nearby buildings, such as the Wallowa Senior Center, where the siding was virtually shredded.

At City Hall, Wallowa Mayor Gary Hulse showed the governor the electric meter that had to be replaced.

Every meter on a west-facing wall was damaged and had to be replaced," he said.

A window near the meter remains boarded up. The hail shattered windows, sending shards of glass into the council chambers.

During the visit, Brown asked about efforts ward recovery.

Christy Lieuallan, a co-chair with the Blue Mountain Long-Term Recovery Group, explained how the nonprofit will be directing efforts. She said group representatives have come to town already and would return Oct. 14-15 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at City Hall. They would meet with owners of damaged property to gather information about what

"Everything is by case number. We don't ever talk about people's names. They just come and tell their story," she said. "Then, if they are still in need of some help, they will be assigned a case manager and that case manager will help them build their disaster recovery plan."

More money?

COVID-19

Baker City Herald

in June and July.

August.

The number of COVID-19

cases reported in Baker

County dropped slightly

during September, and re-

mained well below the totals

The Oregon Health Au-

thority (OHA) reported 65

cases in the county in Sep-

July's total was 116, and

tember, down from 79 in

they need.

Although Brown requested the state Joint

Legislative Emergency Management Board approve \$2 million toward recovery for Wallowa — a request the board approved Sept. 23 — no one was certain that the money would be sufficient. 'This'll be kind of a pilot deal to see if it's

going to work," Hulse said. "From there, every time they have a disaster, they would turn (the money) over to a nonprofit."

Rather than it going to the mayor or the Wallowa City Council, Hulse said, "This independent group will come in and set the parameters." "I think this

The pool of \$2 million will remain in state coffers waiting to be requested for recovery work. Blue Mountain will come

in and make arrangements for (property) to be fixed up and then they will request the funds from the state," Hulse said. Lieuallan said she wasn't sure

the \$2 million would be adequate. "With the amount of insur-

ance we have in the community — I don't know yet," she said. "We don't have enough information to really understand how much. We

know that many have insurance. We know that the damage was around \$6 million, but that's just a ballpark figure." Lieuallan said the purpose of the funding is

to restore people's property to pre-storm con-

'We're only trying to make people safe, sanitary and functional," she said.

"Ît's not our goal to make them better than they were before the hailstorm. I am so proud of the state for giving \$2 million to this community. It's really, really amazing that they're doing that."

Asked if more state aid is possible, Brown said it is.

"My sense is the Legislature is open to meeting the community's needs," she said. "I think this was just a first investment into the

We wanted to get a better sense of what the damage looks like. Obviously, folks who don't have insurance or are underinsured, we want to make sure insurance covers first and get a full sense. There's another e-board (meeting) in December, so I believe that would be another opportunity, as well as the 2023 legislative session. This is an initial investment to help meet the needs of the community right now."

Local **Briefing**

Vendors sought for Christmas bazaar

Baker County is hosting the annual 4-H Christmas bazaar Dec. 2-3 at the Baker County Fairgrounds show barn. Vendors interested in reserving a spot at the bazaar are encouraged to call the Baker County Extension Office at 541-523-6418. Tables are \$40. The bazaar hours will be from noon to 5:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3.

Traffic delays in **Hells Canyon this fall**

OXBOW — Motorists heading into Hells Canyon east of Baker City should use extra caution and be prepared for delays of up to 30 minutes while road maintenance is being done this fall on roads in the canyon, including the route to Hells Canyon Dam.

Starting Oct. 1, Idaho Power Company contract crews began repairing pavement, working on rock slopes and trimming trees along the road. This work could impact roads from Woodhead Park on Brownlee Reservoir downstream to Hells Canyon Dam. The maintenance work is expected to last until Nov. 24,

weather permitting.
Although traffic delays are only expected to last 30 minutes or less, some circumstances could require longer closures. Idaho Power will try to keep the public informed in the event of extended road closures.

Diaper collection drive during October

Lew Brothers Les Schwab Tires in Baker City is partnering with the Baker Relief Nursery for a diaper collection drive during October.

Residents can drop off unopened packages of diapers and wipes at Lew Brothers, 210 Bridge St., Oct. 1-31 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday. Items will be donated to local families in need.

Baker Relief Nursery offers a combination of free services to support young children, including therapeutic classrooms for children birth to five, home visits to provide individual support to parents, along with emergency services such as the diaper bank that's available to all enrolled families.

For more information on the Baker Relief Nursery, and how you can help, contact RaeAnn Butler at 541-239-5054 or info@ bakerreliefnursery.org.

Nominees sought for Christmas tree

Baker City Downtown and the City of Baker City are beginning the search for this year's downtown community Christmas tree. The tree should be 30 to 35 feet tall and accessible to the trucks loading it for a ride downtown.

Anyone in town who would like to donate a tree from their property can email a photo and an address to bakercitydowntown@gmail.com orpwdirector@bakercity.gov.

Nightly candlelight climate vigils planned

A local organization, Climate Vigil, is hosting a nightly candlelight vigil during October from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on the steps of Crossroads Carnegie Art Center, 2020 Auburn Ăve.. All are welcome and invited to bring a candle or electric light to raise awareness about the impacts of rising average temperatures. Contact peter@climatevigil.org to learn more.

News of Record

POLICE LOG

Baker City Police Arrests, citations

INTERFERING WITH A PEACE OFFICER, SECOND-DEGREE DISORDERLY CONDUCT (Baker County Circuit Court warrant): Shayne Lewis Áckerman, 47, Baker City, 10:35 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 8 in the 2100 block of Second Street; cited and released.

Oregon State Police

Arrests, citations

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF INTOXICANTS: Dain Martin Smith, 72, Halfway, 5:42 p.m. Oct. 1 on Highway 86, Milepost 23 eastbound; cited and given a courtesy ride to his home.

DEATHS

Gerald Omer Maxwell: 90, of Haines,

died Oct. 8, 2022, in Meridian, Idaho.

A service will take place later, with

the date and time to be announced when confirmed. To leave an online condolence for Gerald's family, go to www.gravswestco.com.

Cases dropped slightly in September

OHA reported three

COVID-19-related deaths in

That brought the county's

the county during Septem-

ber, along with one in the

total during the pandemic

Neither the state nor the

county has released age, gen-

der or other information

about the recent deaths.

first week of October.

FUNERALS PENDING

Diane Lea Borello: Celebration of her life will be Sunday, Oct. 16 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the McEwen Masonic Lodge. 290 N.E. Columbia St. in Sumpter. There will be a meet-and-greet-style event, from 1:30 p.m. to 2 p.m., during which friends can share their memories of Diana. It will be a relaxed setting to

share in food and fellowship. To leave an online condolence for Diana's family, go to www.grayswestco.com. Jean Heizer: Memorial service will

After a monthly record of

646 cases in January 2022

during the omicron surge,

Baker County's case rate

plummeted to 230 during

even more rapidly during

March, when there were 14

the fewest since May 2020.

in May 2022.

There were 49 cases reported

April's total of 13 cases was

February and then dropped

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, or to leave an online condolence for her family and friends, go to www.colestributecenter.com.

be Friday, Oct. 14 at 10 a.m. at Coles

Patrick Colin Morrissey: Memorial service will be Saturday, Oct. 22 at 10 a.m. at the Baker City Church of the Nazarene, 1250 Hughes Lane, Pastor Lennie Spooner will officiate the service, which will also be livestreamed by the church. An inurnment service is planed for 1 p.m. on Oct. 22 at Mount Hope Cemetery and will include military honors in recognition of Patrick's service during World War II. Memorial contributions can be made to the Baker City Church of the Nazarene through Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814.

