

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO

from the Democrat-Herald
October 13, 1972

By looking at him, one would not likely guess the man's importance, or his love of a sport that has taken him two thousand miles from his home in Baker to watch the baseball class of the year, the World Series.

Leo Adler boarded a plane Thursday and flew to Cincinnati, Ohio, to view Saturday's World Series opener.

25 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald
October 13, 1997

With scarecrows, cornstalks and hay bales decorating the streets, downtown Baker City threw a party for the community Friday night to celebrate the coming of fall.

Despite the cold weather and rain earlier in the day, many people turned out for the event and enjoyed an evening of shopping, eating and music.

10 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald
October 12, 2012

Nancy Buehler perches the wide-brimmed hat on her head, tilting it just a bit for flair.

Buehler is a breast cancer survivor — five years, as of July 2012.

She doesn't need hats anymore, but Buehler is now The Hat Keeper, sharing her collection with others who lose their hair during treatment for cancer.

ONE YEAR AGO

from the Baker City Herald
October 14, 2021

The Baker City Council came to two deadlock votes Tuesday night, Oct. 12 as it considered a proposal from a citizens group to pursue a railroad quiet zone in town.

Two motions were made, and both failed with 3-3 votes, with the same trios of councilors at loggerheads.

The first motion was to put the quiet zone matter on the May 2022 primary election ballot. Mayor Kerry McQuisten and Councilors Johnny Waggoner Sr. and Joanna Dixon voted in favor.

Councilors Shane Alderson, Jason Spriet and Heather Sells voted against the motion.

The second motion was for the city to move ahead with the quiet zone application, as the citizens group, with support from more than 400 residents and more than 50 local businesses and organizations, requested. The group has said it would raise the money to make required safety improvements to public crossings, alleviating the need for the city to spend any money on the project.

The vote on the motion was divided the same way. This time the trio of Alderson, Spriet and Sells were in favor, and the threesome of McQuisten, Waggoner and Dixon were opposed.

Peter Fargo, a representative from the group that is promoting a quiet zone — a designation both La Grande and Pendleton already have — wrote in a message to the Herald on Wednesday morning that "we would like to thank Councilors Shane Alderson, Heather Sells, and Jason Spriet for their moral leadership on Tuesday night. They put the safety of our kids and neighbors before politics. They supported a simple solution that will benefit everyone in our community — improving the safety of our railroad crossings, reducing harmful train horns, still allowing train engineers to use the horns when necessary, and continuing to have horns outside of town, so we can all enjoy them from a safe distance."

Sells questioned the benefit of the city taking the matter to voters since the citizens group has offered to raise the money for crossing improvements.

McQuisten referenced the May 2002 election, when a measure asking city voters whether they supported a quiet zone — at a cost to the city estimated at \$40,000 to \$60,000 — failed by 82% to 18%.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, OCT. 10

11 — 31 — 34 — 41 — 45 — 46

Next jackpot: \$7.2 million

POWERBALL, OCT. 10

3 — 6 — 11 — 17 — 22 PB 11

Next jackpot: \$420 million

MEGA MILLIONS, OCT. 11

3 — 7 — 11 — 13 — 38 Mega 1

Next jackpot: \$494 million

WIN FOR LIFE, OCT. 10

39 — 61 — 63 — 68

PICK 4, OCT. 11

• 1 p.m.: 0 — 2 — 8 — 9

• 4 p.m.: 2 — 5 — 7 — 6

• 7 p.m.: 9 — 4 — 9 — 7

• 10 p.m.: 4 — 2 — 4 — 0

LUCKY LINES, OCT. 11

15-12-16-18-24-25-30

Next jackpot: \$71,000

SENIOR MENUS

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

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

WEDNESDAY (Oct. 19): Chicken broccoli fettuccine, mixed vegetables, garlic bread, green salad, cookies

THURSDAY (Oct. 20): Hamburgers, tomatoes, onions and pickles, tater tots, macaroni salad, chocolate pudding

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-WHITMAN NATIONAL FOREST

Prescribed burning is planned

Fires are on hold locally until rain returns

Baker City Herald

Fire management officials on the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest are planning a series of prescribed fires this fall that could affect access to hunting and camping areas.

Any road or trail closures stemming from prescribed burning will take effect before the fires are ignited. The closures could last from two to five days.

The timing of prescribed burning depends on the weather, with factors such as temperature, wind speed and direction, humidity and fuel moisture taken into consideration.

On the southern half of the forest, including Baker County, plans for prescribed burning are on hold until rain falls, said Trevor Lewis, assistant fire management officer for the Wallowa-Whitman's Whitman District.

If rain does arrive — none is in the forecast for at least the next week — a top priority for prescribed burning is an area in the Whitney Valley, as well as parts of Sumpter Valley, Lewis said.

It's possible that conditions won't be suitable for prescribed burning this fall, he said.

Although prescribed fires can affect hunters, Wallowa-Whitman officials said the low-intensity blazes, in addition to reducing fuel loads that can lead to larger wild-



Nick Schramm of the La Grande Hot Shots firefighting crew keeps an eye on a prescribed fire burning near Phillips Reservoir in April 2021.

Jayson Jacoby/
Baker City Herald,
File

fires in the future, also spur the growth of grasses and shrubs that deer and elk rely on for food.

The Forest Service recognizes that hunting season coincides with prescribed burning season and can impact hunters, but controlled burns are necessary to reintroduce fire to the landscape and encourage healthy vegetation that will ultimately improve landscapes and forage for big game.

Hunters should be cautious when entering a recently burned area and be aware of increased hazards, particularly snags. Dead or dying trees that remain standing after a fire are unstable, especially in high winds.

The Wallowa-Whitman works closely with the Oregon Department of Forestry and Washington Department of Natural Resources in accordance with the each state's Smoke Management Plans to determine when, where,

and how much is burned on a daily basis. Potential smoke impacts, looking at volume of smoke, direction of spread, and mixing heights, are determined prior to each burn. All burns will be monitored until a season ending rain or snow occurs.

The Wallowa-Whitman National Forest has a prescribed fire interactive map — a link is available at www.fs.usda.gov/main/wallowa-whitman/fire. The map allows the user to zoom in on certain areas and click on a burn unit for more information (such as acreage, status, etc). When burning operations begin the interactive map will be updated to display which burn units are actively burning.

Areas where prescribed burning is possible this fall include:

- Sumpter Valley.
- North, south and east of Phillips Reservoir.
- Marble Creek west of

Baker City.

- Goose Creek and other areas north and northeast of Keating.

- Wolf Creek area northwest of North Powder.

In addition to the interactive map, precise prescribed fire ignition dates will be posted at the following locations:

- Wallowa-Whitman National Forest Facebook and Twitter Pages: @WallowaWhitman

- Blue Mountains Prescribed Fire Council Blog: <https://bluemtnprescribedfire.blogspot.com/>

For more information about the Wallowa-Whitman's prescribed burn program, call:

- Trevor Lewis, Whitman District: 541-523-1394
- Steven Cooke, La Grande Ranger District: 541-805-8708
- Mark Moeller, Wallowa Valley R.D and Hells Canyon Nation Recreation Area: 541-426-5518

News of Record

DEATHS

Richard J. 'Dick' Sheehy Sr.: 100, a longtime Baker City resident, died Oct. 10, 2022, at Meadowbrook Place in Baker City. Services are under the direction of Coles Tribute Center. Memorial contributions can be made to the Thomas Bunch Scholarship Fund (OSU) or a charity of one's choice, through Coles Tribute Center, 1950 Place St., Baker City, OR 97814. To light a candle in Dick's memory, go to www.colestributecenter.com.

Lance Eugene Whitmore: 81, of Milton-Freewater, and formerly of Baker City and La Grande, died Oct. 8, 2022, at his home. He was born June 28, 1941. Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home of Milton-Freewater is in charge of arrangements.

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

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 planned 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.

POLICE LOG

Baker City Police

Arrests, citations

PROBATION VIOLATION: James Robert Blitch, 52, Baker City, 1:05 p.m. Monday, Oct. 10 at Valley Avenue and Pear Street; cited and released.

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