

## TURNING BACK THE PAGES

## 50 YEARS AGO

from the Democrat-Herald

October 29, 1972

ADVERTISEMENT FOR ALBERTSON'S — Center cut rib pork chops, 98 cents a pound; bananas, 8 pounds for \$1; whole fryers, 38 cents a pound; applesauce cake doughnuts, 18 for \$1.

## 25 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald

October 29, 1997

The trick-or-treater returned twice, just to be sure about the talking pumpkin. Satisfied, he ran home through the chilly evening to tell his parents.

The year was 1962. Chuck Schlingman remembers that as easily as he remembers his kids' names. The boy was about 7, surely no older than 8.

For each of the past 35 years, Chuck and Virgene Schlingman's house at 2475 Campbell St. has been the most popular destination in Baker City.

One year about 1,100 kids stopped there.

They came for sugar, sure, but quite a few walked away with not an ounce more of chocolate or caramel in their bag than they had when they left the last porch.

The real reason they came was to see the pumpkin. And, of course, to hear it.

It was a jack-o'-lantern, to be precise.

## 10 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald

October 29, 2012

Baker County residents and businesses produced less garbage in 2011 than the year before, but they also recycled a bit less.

The results from the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality's annual report were somewhat surprising, said David Henry, president of Baker Sanitary Service, which handles trash collection in Baker City and also owns and operates the landfill about three miles southeast of town.

Henry said Baker Sanitary workers at both the landfill and the company's recycling center at 12th and Campbell streets in Baker City didn't notice any major changes in traffic during 2011.

Statistics from the DEQ report include:

- Baker County generated 15,372 tons of trash in 2011, or 1,896 pounds per person, a decline of 12.3 percent from 2010.

- The county disposed of 11,926 tons, or 1,471 pounds per person, a drop of 13 percent.

- Residents and businesses recycled 3,446 tons, or 425 pounds per person, down 9.3 percent.

## ONE YEAR AGO

from the Baker City Herald

October 30, 2021

Lori Rowland is hoping one of nature's great light shows will make a rare appearance tonight, Oct. 30, in Baker County.

A geomagnetic storm on the sun could make the northern lights — aurora borealis — visible tonight in Baker County, said Rowland, a local photographer who captured images of the phenomenon earlier this month.

There are no guarantees, to be sure, in celestial matters.

But Rowland is excited about the potential.

According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Space Weather Prediction Center, a coronal mass ejection on Oct. 28 could result in "elevated auroral activity" today extending into the morning of Oct. 31.

"The warning is a G3, a 'strong' watch level," according to the Space Weather Prediction Center.

The terrestrial weather also is promising.

The National Weather Service is forecasting mostly clear skies Saturday and Saturday night in Baker County.

Rowland recommends people who want to get a glimpse of the northern lights to find a vantage point away from city lights and with an unobstructed view to the north.

## OREGON LOTTERY

## MEGABUCKS, OCT. 26

1-11-14-19-21-30

Next jackpot: \$7.9 million

## POWERBALL, OCT. 6

19-36-37-46-56 PB 24

Next jackpot: \$800 million

## MEGA MILLIONS, OCT. 25

21-30-35-45-66

Mega 21

Next jackpot: \$64 million

## WIN FOR LIFE, OCT. 26

25-34-54-61

## PICK 4, OCT. 23

• 1 p.m.: 4-9-0-8

• 4 p.m.: 5-3-9-5

• 7 p.m.: 0-3-9-4

• 10 p.m.: 8-2-7-2

## LUCKY LINES, OCT. 27

2-8-9-16-17-23-27-32

Next jackpot: \$13,000

## SENIOR MENUS

**MONDAY (Oct. 31):** Sweet and sour chicken, rice, peas, rolls, green salad, pudding

**TUESDAY (Nov. 1):** Chicken-fried steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, biscuits, corn, green salad, cookies

**WEDNESDAY (Nov. 2):** Chicken broccoli fettuccini, garlic bread, carrots, fruit cup

**THURSDAY (Nov. 3):** Spaghetti, garlic bread sticks, green beans, green salad, bread pudding

**FRIDAY (Nov. 4):** Chicken-fried chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, rolls, mixed vegetables, Jell-O with fruit

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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## Rezone

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The Gazleys applied to rezone the property, which covers a little more than half an acre, from general industrial to general commercial.

A prior owner converted some buildings on the property to a dwelling without applying for approval from the city's building or planning departments, according to city records.

The Gazleys are seeking to rezone the property to bring their property into compliance.

The property is bordered on the west by general commercial properties, on the north by residential-high density properties and on the east and south by general industrial properties.

Leonard Gazley, who attended Tuesday's meeting, said he and his wife started the process to make the property compliant, and he believes they had done everything that had been asked of them.

In their application, filed in late June, the Gazleys, who bought the property in 2014, wrote that the building in question has been used as a residence "for 18 years and has no adverse effects on Industrial or Commercial properties."

The Baker City Planning Commission has reviewed the Gazleys' application and recommends the city council approve the rezoning.

The planning commission also approved a conditional use permit for the buildings that are used as a dwelling.

The city council has the final say, however, on rezoning properties.

In a timeline regarding the property, Dawn Kitzmiller, the city's building official, wrote that in 2019, the Gazleys built an awning to the front of the dwelling without obtaining a permit.

In December 2021, Kitzmiller sent the Gazleys a letter notifying them that the structures on their property are out of compliance with city codes.

Kitzmiller also wrote in her timeline that none of the buildings was inspected for compliance with residential building codes.

"While I have nothing against whatever decision is made with regard to the zoning of the land, and the permission to dwell on the land or not ... I cannot guarantee that we can get those structures to meet the dwelling codes. If directed to do so, we will do our best to help," Kitzmiller wrote.

Adjacent landowners, Anthony and Lisa Constantine and Kevin and Ruth Woodworth, all signed a letter to the Baker City/County Planning Department urging that the Gazleys' request be denied and that the property remain industrial.

The Constantines and Woodworths both own businesses adjacent to the Gazleys' property.

In the letter they wrote: "A residence between two business properties could potentially lead to conflicts with the existing businesses."

Kevin Woodworth, speaking during the planning commission's Sept. 21 meeting, said he's concerned that complaints from a resident about adjacent businesses, such as dust or noise, could "shut down a business" as well as reduce the value of his property.

Woodworth told commissioners he's not concerned about complaints from the Gazleys, but about potential conflicts with future owners of the property.

Leonard Gazley told councilors on Tuesday that he has read the letters from Kitzmiller and the adjacent property owners.

"There are so many untruths in those letters but I can't dispute that to people," Gazley said. "People are making letters and comments about me that I've never met before."

In other business Tuesday, councilors:

- Learned that the city budget board, which consists of the seven city councilors and seven appointed members, will meet Nov. 9 to begin discussions about managing future budget shortfalls that City Manager Jonathan Cannon said are looming.

- Declared Oct. 28 as National First Responders Day to honor the men and women who act quickly when an emergency is at hand.

## MILESTONE



Contributed Photos

Carl (Gordon) Swinyer and Delores (Dee) Nemeec met on a Baker County ranch where they both worked in 1949. The couple were married Nov. 10, 1952.

## Swinyers to celebrate 70th anniversary

Carl (Gordon) Swinyer and Dee Swinyer of Sumpter will celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary in November.

The couple were married on Nov. 10, 1952, in Everett, Washington.

Carl and Delores (Dee) Nemeec met in 1949 at Orin and Eloise McKittrick's ranch where they both worked. Dee lived on Auburn Road and

Carl lived in Bowen Valley, the straight stretch on today's Highway 7.

Carl and Dee both went to school in Baker City. Carl retired from the U.S. Air Force and worked at the Levinger drug store, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and for Leo Adler. Carl and Dee have two children — Debbie Swinyer, and Gordon Swinyer, who lives in Baker City.

## Local Briefing

## Story of Nez Perce resistance Sunday at Wallowa

WALLOWA — The Wallowa History Center will have a free presentation, "The Untold Story of Nez Perce Resistance and the Land Survey of 1866," Sunday, Oct. 30 at 2 p.m. at the Center, 602 W. First St. in Wallowa.

## Soroptimists offer \$1K award for women in college or training

Soroptimist International of Baker County is offering cash grants to local women for help with school and skills training.

The "Live Your Dream: Education & Training Awards for Women" program started in 1972.

Eligibility requirements include:

- Women who have the primary financial responsibility for themselves and dependents.

- Women who are attending an undergraduate degree program or vocational skills program.

- Women who have a financial need.

The application deadline for a \$1,000 award is Nov. 15. To apply, contact Barbara Stiff at 541-519-5524 or by email, stiffbarbara7@gmail.com.

## Registration starts Nov. 1 for Ski For the Health of It

Registration for Ski for the Health of It opens Nov. 1. Registration links will be sent out on ParentSquare as well as

Facebook (Baker School District and Baker FridayPlus pages).

This program is open to 150 students, fourth grade to 12th grade. It runs for eight weeks on Fridays, Jan. 13 through March 10 (except Feb. 24, which is a school day). For \$80, students receive transportation, lift tickets, rentals and lessons.

A "ride only" option is available to 50 students, ninth to 12th grade.

To be eligible, participants must have completed two consecutive years of the regular program, and must provide ski or snowboard equipment.

Registration will close Nov. 10, and families are notified on Nov. 17. For information, email heidi.stocks@bakersd.org.

## News of Record

## DEATHS

**Daryl Ray Schuchhardt:** 68, of Baker City, died Oct. 24, 2022. His memorial service will take place Friday, Nov. 4 at 2 p.m. at Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave. Memorial contributions in Daryl's honor can be made to Tunnel to Towers or St. Jude's

Children's Hospital through Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814. To leave an online condolence for Daryl's family, go to www.grayswestco.com.

memorial service with military honors on Tuesday, Nov. 1 at 1 p.m. at the Haines Cemetery, with Sally Wiens officiating the service. Memorial contributions can be made to the Anthony Lakes Ski Patrol or to the United Methodist Church through Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814.

## FUNERALS PENDING

**Gerald Omer Maxwell:** Graveside

## Fire

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The site is near the bottom of Spring Grove Gulch, and that's where investigators focused in the days after the blaze, said Steve Meyer, wildland fire supervisor at ODF's Baker City office.

The fire, the largest blaze so close to Baker City in many

years, spawned a smoke plume visible throughout the city.

There was little wind on that day, however, and the fire, after spread relatively rapidly up the sagebrush foothill, was contained the same evening. A jet air tanker dropped retardant, and two helicopters dropped water on the fire.

No structures were damaged, and there were no evacuations. If investigators can identify the person or people responsible for starting the fire, the state could potentially try to recoup firefighting costs from them, Meyer said.

Prakke said the estimated cost of firefighting is \$96,720.

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