

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO

from the Democrat-Herald

November 3, 1972

Baker's Gary Hammond may have recorded a first in the history of the University of Oregon's basketball clinic last Saturday.

The highly successful retired Bulldog coach may have become the first prep mentor to lecture at the annual clinic. He was in the select company of Dick Harter, head Duck basketball coach, and Bobby Boyd, University of Southern California coach.

25 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald

October 31, 1997

An unfortunate combination of wind, rain and fog faced hunters who were lucky enough to draw a tag for the first bull elk rifle season that began Wednesday.

A hunter who was lost Thursday night was found safe this morning southwest of Unity.

Hunting success was low, according to reports from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and Oregon State Police.

10 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald

November 2, 2012

Work began in Central Park on an amphitheater and should continue through the month, according to the city.

Money for the project, \$100,000, comes from the Ford Family Foundation. The grant is specifically for creating public convening space.

The stage will be a semi-circle shape and would have a 35-foot diameter if it were circular, said Michelle Owen, the city's public works director.

People would sit on stones embedded in the hillside to watch activities on the stage.

ONE YEAR AGO

from the Baker City Herald

November 2, 2021

Baker County officials have talked with the state about potential options if local pharmacies need help with a temporary staffing shortage.

Jason Yencopal, the county's emergency management director, said he has talked with the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) about the possibility of providing pharmacy workers if necessary.

As of Monday, Nov. 1, no Baker City pharmacies had contacted the county seeking help with staffing, Yencopal said.

The pharmacy at the Baker City Bi-Mart store is slated to close Nov. 9; the store itself will remain open.

That would leave the county with three pharmacies, in the Safeway, Albertsons and Rite Aid stores.

Helen Loennig, pharmacist and pharmacy manager at Bi-Mart, said she's "really worried about what's going to happen" when the Bi-Mart pharmacy closes and many prescriptions are transferred to one of the remaining pharmacies.

Loennig also sent an email to Nancy Staten, director of the Baker County Health Department, regarding the situation.

"We are about to have a Pharmacy Health Crisis," Loennig wrote in the Oct. 27 email to Staten.

Loennig said in a previous interview with the Herald that the Bi-Mart pharmacy has been processing about 1,500 prescriptions per week.

In addition to the transferring of prescriptions from the Bi-Mart pharmacy, Oregon Gov. Kate Brown's vaccination mandate, which took effect Oct. 18, could also have an effect on staffing, Loennig said.

The mandate applies to pharmacists and pharmacy technicians. Loennig said two of the seven employees at the Bi-Mart pharmacy in Baker City had left their jobs due to the mandate.

According to the OHA, as of Oct. 4, 87% of pharmacists in Oregon were vaccinated, and 82% of pharmacy technicians.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, OCT. 29

19-22-25-28-32-33

Next jackpot: \$1 million

POWERBALL, OCT. 29

19-31-40-46-57 PB 23

Next jackpot: \$1 billion

MEGA MILLIONS, OCT. 28

4-18-31-53-69

Mega 7

Next jackpot: \$87 million

WIN FOR LIFE, OCT. 29

6-14-15-45

PICK 4, OCT. 30

• 1 p.m.: 6-1-2-4

• 4 p.m.: 6-6-0-7

• 7 p.m.: 0-3-6-8

• 10 p.m.: 0-5-9-2

LUCKY LINES, OCT. 30

4-5-9-14-20-21-25-32

Next jackpot: \$16,000

SENIOR MENUS

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

MONDAY (Nov. 7): Chicken with homestyle noodles in gravy, rolls, broccoli, 3-bean salad, cheesecake

TUESDAY (Nov. 8): Ground beef steak with onions, mashed potatoes with gravy, peas and carrots, rolls, fruit cup

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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Wolves kill one, possibly two, calves

Baker City Herald

Wolves in the Lookout Mountain area east of Baker City killed one calf, and possibly killed a second, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) announced Friday, Oct. 27.

A biologist investigated on Thursday, Oct. 27. The previous day, the carcasses of two 500-pound calves were found in a 5,000-acre privately owned pasture near Big Lookout Mountain.

At the time of the investigation, only one of the carcasses was present. The biologist found more than 25 pre-mortem bite scrapes

on the right hind leg above the hock.

"The severity, size and location of these wounds are consistent with injuries to cattle attacked by wolves," the ODFW investigation report states.

The biologist estimated that the calf was killed three days earlier.

The other carcass was missing — the report doesn't explain why — and that case was listed as "possible/unknown" for a wolf attack.

Oregon State Police announced recently that the breeding female wolf from what had been the Lookout Mountain pack was illegally shot and killed, probably on Oct. 2.

The pack's breeding male wolf was found dead in July. There was no evidence of poaching in the male wolf's death.

Brian Ratliff, district wildlife biologist at ODFW's Baker City office, said the deaths of the two breeding wolves mean there is no longer a functioning pack in the Lookout Mountain area.

The group of wolves in that area consists of a yearling wolf born in the spring of 2021 (the gender is not known) and an unknown number of pups born in the spring of 2022, Ratliff said.

None of those wolves has a tracking collar.

NOXIOUS WEED OF THE WEEK: GOLDENROD



Rich Olds/Contributed Photo

Goldenrod flowers can each produce hundreds of seeds.

Perennial spreads through its roots

BY JEFFREY PETTINGILL

The enemy: Missouri goldenrod (*Solidago missouriensis*)

This native perennial plant grows to a height of 4 feet and produces hundreds of seeds from each bright yellow columnar flower that grow at the end of the plants. Although the plant produces thousands of seeds it generally spreads by creeping roots.

The alternate narrow leaves follow single stems that contain web-like veins and are sometimes toothed.

We typically find this plant on ditch banks and in marshy areas.

Due to flower color many people will mistake this plant for leafy spurge. There are over 100 species of *Solidago* species in North America.

As this plant spread mainly by roots, it can outcompete other desirable plants, and furthermore increases the chance of fires getting out of hand when burning the ditch banks.

This plant is also undesirable as a food source for livestock, therefore the plants increase in numbers as the livestock eat away the other plants and this helps it creep from ditch/creek bank into the pastures.

The defense

This is another plant in the sunflower family (like thistles), which makes the choice of herbicides easy — the Pyridine family of herbicides such as Milestone,

Opensight, or Curtail are all effective. Be extremely careful as to make sure your product is



Rich Olds/Contributed Photo

Missouri goldenrod commonly grows on ditch banks and in marshy areas.

labeled and if so not to get it on the inside of the ditch.

As this plant is native to the area there are no bio-controls available outside of runaway grasshoppers or the like. You can get goats to eat it as with most species that appear to have a woody stem in the fall.

Call your local weed professional such as your County Weed Supervisor for proper identification and more information.

■ Jeffrey Pettingill, supervisor of the Baker County Weed District, can be reached at 541-523-0618 or 541-519-0204.

Rain

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Those areas, which include the slopes along the Snake River between Richland and Huntington, and in the hills on the north side of the Keating Valley, could still green up before heavy snow arrives.

"We did get enough rain to potentially see a response with the grass," Ratliff said. "We'll just have to see if it happens."

Prior to the rain, it was extremely dry at all elevations.

Although there was plenty of grass thanks to the damp spring, that grass had cured

and wasn't as nutritious as green foliage, Ratliff said.

With dry grass so ample, deer are generally able to maintain their body weight, he said.

But they need protein-rich green grass to pack on the fat layer that can sustain them through the winter, when they need to burn more calories to maintain their body temperature and, potentially, to dig through snow to reach forage.

Ratliff said that even if the recent rain doesn't yield a late flush of green grass, he's optimistic about the prospects for deer to fare well this winter.

"Animals are in great body condition right now," he said.

"I'm not incredibly worried about deer. We're not going into winter with deer starving,"

Ratliff said fawns and buck deer tend to be most susceptible to the deprivations of winter.

Fawns are vulnerable because they're small and less able to stay warm.

The issue with bucks is energy — they expend a lot of calories chasing does during the fall breeding season, and as a result enter winter with scantier fat reserves than female deer.

News of Record

DEATHS

Jane Ann Wiegand: 86, of Baker City, died Oct. 26, 2022, at her residence.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel. To leave an online condolence for Jane's family, go to www.grayswestco.com.

Gerald Floyd Grover: 83, of Baker City, died Oct. 28, 2022, at his home. Arrangements are under the direction of Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel. To leave an online condolence for Gerald's family, go to www.grayswestco.com.

Bruce Clark: 75, of Baker City, died Oct. 30, 2022, at Saint Alphonsus Medical Center-Baker City. A celebration of Bruce's life will be announced later.

Arrangements are under the direction of Tam's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Condolences and memories can be shared online at www.tamspinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

Justin James Smith: 21, of Baker City, died Oct. 30, 2022, in Baker City. Arrangements are under the direction

of Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel. To leave an online condolence for Justin's family, go to www.grayswestco.com.

POLICE LOG

Baker City Police

Arrests, citations

FIRST-DEGREE THEFT, FIRST-DEGREE CRIMINAL MISCHIEF: Tyson James Balius, 25, Baker City, 8:49 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 30 in the 3500 block of Place Street; cited and released.

PROBATION VIOLATION: K-Leigh Rhuanna Pogue, 27, Baker City, 4:05 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 30 at Resort and Campbell streets; jailed.

SECOND-DEGREE DISORDERLY CONDUCT: Sean Dean Taylor, 31, Baker City, 8:31 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29 at Cedar and H streets; cited and released.

THIRD-DEGREE THEFT, CONTEMPT OF COURT (3 Baker County Justice Court warrants): Chloe Taylor-Virginia Stoffelsen, 26, Baker City, 1:59 p.m. Friday, Oct. 28 at 1205 Campbell St.; cited and released.

Baker County Sheriff's Office

Arrests, citations

PROBATION VIOLATION (Baker County Circuit Court warrant): Andrew Jay Culley, 33, Baker City, 11:20 a.m. Friday, Oct. 28 in the 3400 block of 13th Street; jailed.

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