

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO

from the Democrat-Herald

November 4, 1972

ENTERPRISE — “I’ve told the kids all along that I thought we were number one, and I think they’re finally starting to believe it.”

Mike Murray’s bubbling message came after the Pine-Eagle Spartans had wrestled a 13-6 victory from a determined Enterprise squad Friday night to win the Wapiti League championship.

25 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald

November 4, 1997

There’s still plenty of discarded vehicles and junk in Baker City, despite two citywide clean-ups in the past 18 months.

City Manager Karen Woolard recently toured about 95 percent of the city’s residential areas and found 242 discarded vehicles and 85 junk piles. Woolard made that tally without driving through any alleys.

“I was unpleasantly surprised at how many (junk piles and discarded vehicles) there are,” Woolard said this morning. “It’s a beautiful town and for the most part it’s clean, but there are those places that need attention.”

10 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald

November 2, 2012

The Baker FFA Chapter’s Ag Mechanics team finished 14th out of 40 teams competing at the national FFA convention last week in Indianapolis.

The Baker team received a gold medal.

Team members Joel Rohner and Mark Voboril each received individual goal awards, and Cameron Kerns and Mickayla Hall received silver awards.

ONE YEAR AGO

from the Baker City Herald

November 4, 2021

Bob Reinhardt’s master’s thesis is growing into a full-fledged endeavor that he says will take years to complete.

Probably until he retires.

“It’s a long-term project,” he said.

It’s also a project that involves a Baker County village that disappeared.

Reinhardt’s work started 15 years ago at the University of Oregon when he began researching the old town of Detroit, along the North Santiam River in the Cascade foothills east of Salem.

Detroit disappeared beneath its namesake reservoir after a dam was built in the early 1950s.

While studying the history of Detroit, Reinhardt discovered more towns that had the same fate — including Robinette, at the eastern edge of Baker County.

“I had advisors who said there are dozens of these places in the American West,” he said.

Reinhardt learned more about the topic during a stint as executive director at the Willamette Heritage Center in Salem.

“It gave me the opportunity to return to the topic,” he said.

He’s now in his fifth year at Boise State University, where he is an associate professor in the department of history.

He has named his project “The Atlas of Drowned Towns.”

In 2020, he received a “digital project for public” discovery grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to help “recover and interpret the history of these towns that were displaced or disappeared,” he said.

The list includes Robinette, which was on the banks of the Snake River east of Richland.

Robinette, named for James Robinette, who settled in the area in 1887, had its post office established in 1909.

The town, which had a population of 25 to 30 for much of its history, was abandoned in 1957 as construction neared completion on Brownlee Dam on the Snake.

Brownlee Reservoir inundated the site of Robinette in 1958.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, OCT. 31

4-8-20-22-26-34

Next jackpot: \$1.1 million

POWERBALL, OCT. 31

13-19-36-39-59 PB 13

Next jackpot: \$1.2 billion

MEGA MILLIONS, NOV. 1

5-9-15-16-17

Mega 25

Next jackpot: \$119 million

WIN FOR LIFE, OCT. 21

47-53-54-75

PICK 4, NOV. 1

• 1 p.m.: 1-3-4-2

• 4 p.m.: 7-8-6-9

• 7 p.m.: 0-0-3-1

• 10 p.m.: 5-1-8-4

LUCKY LINES, NOV. 1

1-6-10-14-18-22-27-31

Next jackpot: \$18,000

SENIOR MENUS

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

WEDNESDAY (Nov. 9): Tuna salad, croissant chips, pickle wedges, green salad, pudding

THURSDAY (Nov. 10): Meatloaf, mashed potatoes with gravy, carrots, rolls, green salad, apple slices

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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ODOT encourages drivers to be ready for winter driving

BY DICK MASON

The Observer

As winter weather arrives in Northeastern Oregon, the state transportation department is reminding motorists to be prepared for adverse driving conditions.

Travelers are being urged to have winter gear in their vehicles, including warm clothing, flashlights, blankets, ice scrapers and chains they know how to use.

“We are always encouraging drivers to be prepared,” said Tom Strandberg, a public information officer for the Oregon Department of Transportation in La Grande. “We encourage people to practice putting their chains on in a safe location before they need to use them.”

Drivers are also advised to make sure their vehicle’s batteries are strong since their power drops in cold weather; their tires are properly inflated and have plenty of tread and they have at least half a tank of fuel at all times, especially if they are leaving town.

Meanwhile ODOT’s staff transitioned into its winter schedule starting Tuesday, Nov. 1. Work schedules will again be split up so there is an evening shift, making it easier for ODOT’s staff to respond quickly when a storm hits.

“There will be people available to start plowing snow in the middle of night if necessary,” Strandberg said.



Oregon State Police/Contributed Photo, File

Dozens of vehicles line Interstate 84 near milepost 230 after a multiple-car crash on Monday, Feb. 21, 2022.

ODOT hires additional seasonal employees to do winter road maintenance work. Strandberg said because of the continuing labor shortage afflicting all of the United States, ODOT this year has not been able to hire as many seasonal workers as it needs.

“We are still working to fill some vacancies,” he said.

In response to the open positions, Strandberg said, ODOT is shifting people from other departments to do winter road maintenance work if they have the proper experience.

ODOT crews will again be applying salt to Interstate 84 to help keep the roads as free of snow and ice as possible. ODOT started doing this five years ago and, Strandberg said, it is proving to be an excellent tool for reducing accumulations of snow and ice on Interstate 84.

“It has been a positive program that keeps our roads safer,” he said.

Strandberg said some motorists initially expressed concerns about the corrosive impact salt could have on vehicles but this is not proving to be a problem.

“I have not heard many negative comments,” he said, adding he believes this is because of the small amount of salt ODOT crews apply. “We use as minimal an amount as possible.”

Despite the use of salt it is still critical for motorists to use traction tires or chains when bad weather hits, Strandberg said, particularly large trucks. Strandberg said a high percentage of the interstate’s winter closures are caused by trucks that jack-knife because their drivers are not using chains when they are required.

Local Briefing

Financial advisor collecting pet supply donations

Katherine A. Bailey, financial advisor with Edward Jones in Baker City, is hosting a pet supply drive to benefit Best Friends of Baker City. Donations of cat and dog food (wet or dry), and kitty litter, can be brought to her Edward Jones office, 2017 First St., (corner of First Street and Washington Avenue) through the close of business on Friday, Dec. 16.

Edward Jones cannot accept gift cards, cash, check or monetary donations of any kind.

Idaho Power campgrounds remain open; water turned off

Idaho Power Company campgrounds in Hells Canyon remain open, but drinking water has been turned off. Fish-cleaning stations and RV dumps are also closed.

In Hells Canyon, loops C and D at Woodhead Park are closed for the season. The U.S. Forest Service’s Hells Canyon Visitors Center is also closed.

LDS church releasing new ‘Friend to Friend’ episode

Primary children, parents and teachers are invited to view a new “Friend to Friend” episode titled “Friend to Friend:

My Heavenly Father Loves Me.” This film will be released Saturday morning, Nov. 5 at 8 a.m. and be available any time thereafter. It will feature music, activities and messages from the Primary General Presidency of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Fast Sunday will be Sunday, Nov. 6, and members will have the opportunity to share testimonies during the Sacrament Service, as well as to make donations to help the less fortunate. Sunday School classes will be held during the second hour of worship services.

The “Come, Follow Me” lesson for the week of Nov. 7 will be taken from the Books of Hosea (chapters 1-6; 10-14) and Joel with “a focus on the importance of keeping the covenants made with God and His willingness to forgive us if we stumble along the way.”

Vector Control District board meets Friday

The Baker Valley Vector Control District’s board of directors will meet Friday, Nov. 4 at 10:30 a.m. at 1933 First St. in Baker City.

The Vector Control District is the 200,000-acre, property tax-funded district responsible for controlling mosquitoes in much of the Baker, Bowen and Keating valleys.

Man injured after falling from horse near Reds Horse Ranch

The Observer

LA GRANDE — A man in his early 60s was injured Monday afternoon, Oct. 31 after he fell from a horse about a mile from Reds Horse Ranch in the Eagle Cap Wilderness.

A Life Flight Network helicopter was sent to rescue the man after his party notified first responders of the accident. The patient was able to walk to the helicopter with the assistance of members of Union County Search and Rescue and was then flown to Saint Alphonsus Medical Center-Baker City, according to Union County Emergency Manager Nick Vora.

Vora said that initial reports indicated that the man was not able to walk and would have to be carried to the helicopter. He said additional rescue personnel were ready to be flown in to help move the patient to the helicopter until it was determined he could walk to the helicopter with assistance.

The man was injured about 6 miles from the Moss Springs Trailhead, which is about 8 miles south of Cove.

Those who assisted Union County Search and Rescue, in addition to Life Flight, included the Union County Sheriff’s Office.

News of Record

DEATHS

Charles James ‘Jim’ Conro: 92, of Haines, died Oct. 30, 2022, at his residence in Spring Ridge Senior Living in Meridian, Idaho. Arrangements are under the direction of Coles Tribute Center in Baker City. To leave an online condolence for Jim’s family, go to www.colestributecenter.com.

FUNERAL PENDING

Daryl Ray Schuchardt: 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.

POLICE LOG

Baker City Police

Arrests, citations

FIRST-DEGREE CRIMINAL MISCHIEF, INTERFERING WITH A POLICE OFFICER, SECOND-DEGREE DISORDERLY CONDUCT, OBSTRUCTION: Justin Michael Shelton, 32, transient, 12:17 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 2 at Washington Avenue and Resort Street; jailed.



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