

## TURNING BACK THE PAGES

## 50 YEARS AGO

from the Democrat-Herald

November 12, 1972

HALFWAY — Pine-Eagle celebrated a birthday here Saturday afternoon with Umatilla furnishing the best present of all — a berth in the state semifinal playoffs.

It was halfback Curt Randall who made another circuit through the calendar, but it was difficult to tell who the birthday boy was in the jubilant Spartan dressing room. The Spartans were still hopping with adrenaline after completely dominating Umatilla for three quarters of a quarterfinal bout to crush the Vikings 20-7 in Pine-Eagle's biggest offensive show of the year.

## 25 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald

November 12, 1997

Air Force Airman Ryan P. Leigh has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, he studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs and received special training in human relations.

## 10 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald

November 12, 2012

Jim Thomas, adjutant for the Veterans of Foreign Wars' Anthony Lakes post, spoke Sunday morning to about five dozen residents in front of the Veterans Memorial outside of the Baker County Courthouse.

Today, Monday, is the legal Veterans Day holiday this year. Sunday, however, was the true day of observance, which occurs during the 11th month, on the 11th day and at the 11th hour.

Veterans Day is devoted to remembering all of those who served, living or dead. Thomas devoted a significant portion of time talking about those who died while serving their country.

## ONE YEAR AGO

from the Baker City Herald

November 13, 2021

VIRTUE FLAT — Cole Hauter twists the throttle and his motorcycle suddenly races up a rock-strewn slope that looks like a fine place to fall down.

The rear knobby tire flings a stream of dirt more than 20 feet in his wake, the sort of brown fountain a grenade explosion might spawn.

In a few seconds Hauter has disappeared, the only evidence of his presence the banshee-like rasp of the Yamaha YZ450FX's 450 cc single-cylinder engine echoing through the sagebrush gullies.

His progress through the contorted terrain at this off-highway vehicle riding area east of Baker City is so rapid that it confuses the eye. As Hauter zooms from the base of a knob to its summit and beyond in a handful of seconds he seems to be, if not defying gravity and other immutable physical laws, then at least giving them a good stretch. Although there is no obvious pattern to Hauter's progress, he is riding on this gusty evening of Nov. 4 for a particular purpose.

Practice.

In two weeks he'll be speeding through similar topography, at speeds up to 120 mph, more than 1,000 miles away.

On the morning of Nov. 18 Hauter, a 25-year-old Baker City resident, will jump onto a motorcycle very much like this one and start racing south through the desert of Mexico's Baja Peninsula. He'll be part of a seven-rider team competing in the 54th Baja 1000 — the ultimate competition in off-road racing.

And in that instant when he starts rolling, Hauter will fulfill a goal that dates back two decades, to when he was a boy whose head wouldn't have reached the handlebars of his current Yamaha.

"It's something I've been dreaming of since I was five," Hauter said.

Back then Hauter rode a comparatively tame Honda 70.

## OREGON LOTTERY

**MEGABUCKS, NOV. 9**  
4 - 6 - 26 - 36 - 37 - 47  
Next jackpot: \$1.5 million

**POWERBALL, NOV. 9**  
7 - 14 - 24 - 30 - 56 PB 7  
Next jackpot: \$47 million

**MEGA MILLIONS, NOV. 8**  
5 - 13 - 29 - 38 - 59  
Mega 23  
Next jackpot: \$189 million

**WIN FOR LIFE, NOV. 9**  
36 - 54 - 55 - 74

**PICK 4, NOV. 10**  
• 1 p.m.: 0 - 6 - 9 - 5  
• 4 p.m.: 4 - 4 - 0 - 7  
• 7 p.m.: 3 - 2 - 3 - 5  
• 10 p.m.: 9 - 9 - 4 - 1

**LUCKY LINES, NOV. 10**  
4-5-9-14-17-21-27-31  
Next jackpot: \$27,000

## SENIOR MENUS

**MONDAY (Nov. 14):** Salisbury steak, au gratin potatoes, green beans, rolls, broccoli-bacon salad, cheesecake

**TUESDAY (Nov. 15):** Stuffed peppers, scalloped potatoes, peas, cottage cheese with fruit

**WEDNESDAY (Nov. 16):** Sweet-and-sour chicken, brown rice, Oriental vegetables, rolls, Asian slaw salad, cinnamon rolls

**THURSDAY (Nov. 17):** Thanksgiving lunch: Roasted turkey with stuffing, butternut squash with apples and cranberries, vegetables, cranberry sauce, rolls, broccoli-bacon salad, pumpkin pie

**FRIDAY (Nov. 18):** Baked ziti, garlic bread, carrots, green salad, ice cream

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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## Local Briefing

## Lions Club volunteers screened 510 students for vision issues

This fall, 10 volunteers with the Baker City Lions Club conducted vision screenings for local students. In the Baker School District, the club screened 510 students, resulting in 76 student referrals for vision conditions.

At North Powder Charter School, they screened 134 students and referred 18 for vision concerns.

## Book reading features 'High Contrast'

A book reading featuring Andrew Kaza and his book "High Contrast: A Story of Basketball, Race and Politics in Oregon 1972," is set for Thursday, Nov. 17 at 6 p.m. at Crossroads Carnegie Art Center, 2020 Auburn Ave.

The event is sponsored by Betty's Books. In the book, Kaza recounts the March 25, 1972, Class AAA boys state championship basketball game in Portland's Memorial Coliseum, pitting the underdog Baker Bulldogs against the powerful Jefferson Democrats from Portland.

## Advent retreat scheduled for Nov. 19

An Advent retreat, "The Second Coming of Christ! Conversion, Hope and Humility" is set for Saturday, Nov. 19 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Francis de Sales Cathedral, 2235 First St. in Baker City. Cost is \$20, and includes lunch. The retreat will be presented by Father B. Clements. To register, call 541-523-4521.

## OTEC sponsoring food drive through Nov. 14

Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative (OTEC) is sponsoring a community food drive to help provide meals to local residents for Thanksgiving. Through Monday, Nov. 14, OTEC members can drop off non-perishable food at any OTEC office. In Baker City that's at 4005 23rd St., just south of Pocahontas Road west of the railroad tracks. All food will be donated to food banks across OTEC's service territory for distribution before Thanksgiving. More information is available by emailing communications@otec.coop or calling 541-523-3616.

## Final Sciences &amp; Arts lecture set for Nov. 17

The fifth and final Baker Community Sciences & Arts Lecture will be Nov. 17 at the OTEC conference room, 4005 23rd St. Doors open 5:30 p.m., and the lecture starts promptly at 6 p.m. The lecture is titled "A Brief History of Art: Fabulous Facts, Divine Discoveries, and Creative Connections." Award-winning local artist, teacher and writer Nancy Coffelt will share her expertise and inspiration. The series was supported in part by a grant from the Baker County Cultural Trust Coalition, funded by the Oregon Cultural Trust, the Baker chapter of AAUW, Amplify Marketing and Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative.

## Turkey Trot scheduled for Thanksgiving morning

The 15th annual Turkey Trot run/walk happens Thanksgiving morning, Nov. 24, in front of Kicks Sports on Main Street.

Registration starts at 7:30 a.m. and the event begins at 9 a.m. Participants are asked to bring a non-perishable food item to donate. Proceeds from the event support the Northeast Oregon Compassion Center. Entry is \$15 per person. Register online at [www.neoregon-compassioncenter.org](http://www.neoregon-compassioncenter.org) or find a link on the Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/NortheastOregonCompassionCenter](http://www.facebook.com/NortheastOregonCompassionCenter). Participants can also register the day of the race from 7:30 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.

Awards will be given for the top overall finishers and teams.

## News of Record

POLICE LOG  
Oregon State Police  
Accident report

On Wednesday, Nov. 9 at 7:14 a.m., police responded to a single vehicle rollover on the westbound lanes of Interstate 84 near Milepost 320. A Ford F-250 pickup truck driven by Jose Juan Morales Zavala, 30, of Payette, Idaho, lost traction and struck a hill on the right side of the freeway, causing it to roll at least once before coming to a stop upright. Morales Zavala and his

passenger, Daniel Garrett Lovins, 21, of Payette, had minor injuries and were taken to Saint Alphonsus Medical Center in Baker City by ambulance, according to an OSP report.

## ANTHONY LAKE



Lisa Britton/Baker City Herald, File

Anthony Lake is a popular summer fishing destination.

## Warm water caused trout deaths in July

BY IAN CRAWFORD

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The approximately 200 hatchery rainbow trout that died in late July after being released in Anthony Lake succumbed to thermal shock when they splashed into the comparatively warmer surface water in the alpine lake, a state fish biologist said.

"It was a temperature difference between the transport and the water body they're released in," said Joe Lemanski, district fish biologist at the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's (ODFW) La Grande office.

Although the water is generally cool in Anthony Lake, at elevation 7,100 feet, direct mid-summer sunlight can warm the top layer to as much as 60 to 70 degrees, Lemanski said.

Water in the hatchery transport truck that delivered the trout to the 22-acre lake on July 26, by contrast, was likely in the 50s or below, he said.

"With a good amount of sunlight and ambient heat, it can heat up really quickly," Lemanski said. "By July we'd already had a few 100 degree days, and by the time they were released the temperature difference was too great."

An automated weather station just east of Anthony Lake, and at nearly the same elevation, recorded a high temperature of 75 degrees on July 26, the day 2,000 rainbow trout were released in the lake.

High temperatures over the previous two weeks ranged from 64 degrees to 79 degrees.

Lemanski said ODFW began to get reports from anglers soon after the July 26 release, including one report from a Forest Service employee who took photos of dead fish.

The dead trout were concentrated near the

boat ramp at the southeast corner of the lake — which is where the hatchery truck disgorges its load of rainbow trout.

Lemanski said it doesn't appear that a large number of fish were dead before they were released, however, since there were no reports of dead fish floating near the boat ramp during or immediately after the release.

He suspects most of the fish died within a day or less, based on the timing of the reports.

This summer, prior to the lab test results, Lemanski said thermal shock was a possible cause for the fish deaths.

He noted that there were no reports of dead trout after 2,000 rainbows were released in Anthony Lake, at the same site, three weeks earlier, on July 5.

Temperatures were much cooler during the two weeks prior to the July 5 release, with the high below 60 degrees on several days.

Indeed, lingering snowdrifts, the result of an abnormally cool, wet spring that brought snow to the area as late as mid June, delayed the second trout release until July 26.

"They were hoping to get those fish in a few weeks earlier, but the snow accumulated prevented an earlier release," Lemanski said.

After reports started coming in about dead trout near the boat ramp, ODFW officials collected some carcasses.

"A handful of specimens were taken to our fish health lab at EOU, they evaluated them for everything — blood, tissue, bacteria, virology," Lemanski said.

The tests confirmed thermal shock as the cause, and ruled out other, potentially more troubling, problems such as toxins in the water, an infection in the trout, or failures with the hatchery truck or release procedures.

## Man whose home was condemned, torn down describes his depression

Lucas Gwin concedes property was 'messy,' but he contends he was treated unfairly

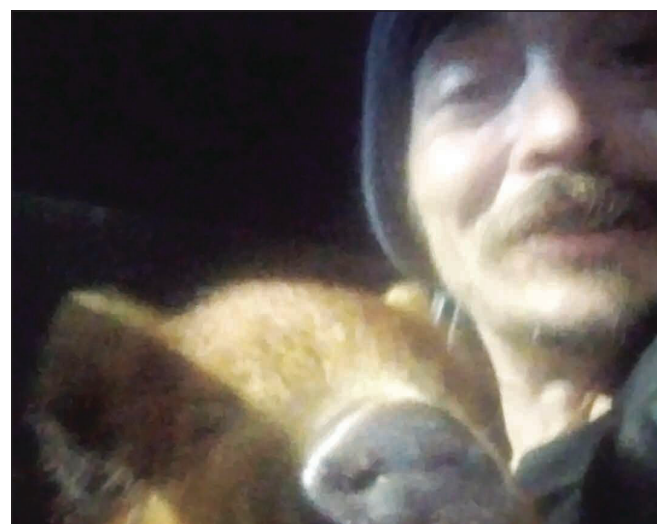
BY JAYSON JACOBY

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The man who owned a home that Baker City had torn down in early August after the city's building official deemed it dangerous says the experience has left him in a "crippling state of depression."

Lucas Buddy Lee Gwin, 37, whose home was at 1975 Birch St. in east Baker City, at the corner of Birch Street and Washington Avenue, wrote in an email to the Baker City Herald that he's been "looking at what I do have and trying to learn to let go of the pain and anger of what I've lost."

See **Condemned** / A5



Contributed Photo

Lucas Gwin with his pet pig.

The family of  
**Clay Gyllenberg**  
expresses their sincere appreciation for the outpouring of love at his recent passing. We are humbled by all your prayers, phone calls, flowers, food, and support at his celebration of life. We are blessed to live in a caring community.

Sincerely,  
Chris, Cody and Dusty Gyllenberg  
Gyllenberg Family

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