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TURNING BACK THE PAGES 50 YEARS AGO

from the Democrat-Herald

December 1. 1972

River Brook subdivision near Hughes Lane on the Powder River is complete and ready for occupancy, according to Bruce and Bill Kirkpatrick, owners. The 15-acre subdivision, containing 58 lots, is planned for mobile homes, factory-built and modular type homes designed to be set on permanent foundations.

25 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald

December 1, 1997

HAINES - No one was injured today when 12 cars of a Union Pacific train derailed at the north end of Haines a few minutes after midnight.

One of the cars was carrying naphthalene, a toxic substance used to make industrial cleaners, but that car remained upright and did not leak, said Mike Furtney, a Union Pacific spokesman

Eric Schoenfeld of the Haines Fire Department, which responded to the derailment, said the car carrying naphthalene

10 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald

November 30, 2012

The Baker City Police Department is seeking help from the community in an investigation of what Chief Wyn Lohner terms a "very disturbing" animal abuse crime.

Lohner said police are investigating the bludgeoning of a domestic cat that first had its limbs bound, its head covered and then was placed inside a plastic bag.

The bag contained a "significant amount of blood and body fluids," Lohner said.

The animal's dead body was found in a backpack that had been left in a residential garbage can in front of a south Baker City home.

ONE YEAR AGO

from the Baker City Herald

December 2, 2021

Baker School District teachers Bibiana Gifft and Nicole Merchant have received the Outstanding Middle/Secondary Agricultural Award for an 11-state region for their agriculture education program.

The pair traveled to New Orleans on Tuesday, Nov. 30 to receive the award on stage at the National Association of Agricultural Educators (NAAE) National Conference.

"We were so proud to be announced, especially because there were some other impressive programs across the state in the running as well," Gifft wrote to the Baker City Herald.

Gifft, an FFA agricultural teacher, said the application process, which started last year at the state level, is arduous.

"The application process includes a very long application, featuring categories including: classroom instruction, experiential learning, student leadership, program marketing, community partnerships, and professional growth of the agriculture instructors," Gifft wrote. "We also submit multiple pages of supplemental documents (usually photos and newspaper clippings)."

Merchant, the agricultural science teacher and FFA advisor for the Baker Technical Institute at Baker High School, said in a written statement that she and Gifft applied and received the Outstanding Middle/Secondary Agriculture Program for Oregon

"After you win your state then you apply the following spring for the national level." Merchant said. "They select a national winner from each region and we are in region 1 and there are six regions in total."

According to its website, the NAAL is a federation of state agricultural educators associations with more than 9,000 members. They are involved in school-based agricultural education at any level and state and national education leadership.

They advocate for agricultural education, provide professional development for agricultural educators and work to recruit and retain agricultural educators in the profession.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS. NOV. 28

10-25-26-28-34-48

Next jackpot: \$2.3 million **POWERBALL, NOV. 28**

29-30-32-48-50 PB 20 Next jackpot: \$64 million

MEGA MILLIONS, NOV. 29

20 - 23 - 37 - 46 - 52Mega 6

Next jackpot: \$333 million

WIN FOR LIFE, NOV. 28 8 - 12 - 16 - 69

PICK 4, NOV. 29

• 1 p.m.: 8-3-3-0

• 4 p.m.: 2 – 5 – 7 – 3

• 7 p.m.: 0 – 2 – 2 – 2

Next jackpot: \$20,000

• 10 p.m.: 7 – 5 – 9 – 9

LUCKY LINES, NOV. 29 1-6-9-16-20-21-26-31

SENIOR MENUS

FRIDAY (Dec. 2): Chicken a la King, rice, rolls, broccoli, green salad, brownies

MONDAY (Dec. 5): Chicken-fried steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, biscuits, corn, green salad, cookies TUESDAY (Dec. 6): Spaghetti, garlic breadsticks, green

beans, green salad, apple slices WEDNESDAY (Dec. 7): Chicken cordon bleu, rice pilaf, mixed vegetables, rolls, macaroni salad, brownies

THURSDAY (Dec. 8): Pork roast, scalloped potatoes, peas, rolls, green salad, 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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NORTH POWDER RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENT



The North Powder Rural Fire Protection District's new fire station at 710 ESt., North Powder, is ready for service Saturday, March 20, 2021. In 2022 the Wildhorse Foundation awarded the North Powder Rural Fire Department a grant of \$19,813 to help it purchase a utilitarian terrain side-byside vehicle plus a Stokes basket for transporting patients off-road.

Department gets grant to help purchase off-road rescue vehicle

BY DICK MASON

The Observer

NORTH POWDER — The North Powder Rural Fire Department is a step closer to getting the funding it needs to purchase an off-road vehicle that will make it easier to rescue people who cannot be reached by an ambulance.

The Wildhorse Foundation has awarded the department a grant of \$19,813 to help it purchase a utilitarian terrain side-by-side vehicle plus a Stokes basket for transporting patients.

The side-by-side UTV would have room for multiple riders, including space for transporting people with injuries. The grant puts the North Powder department about halfway toward raising the approximately \$38,000 needed to purchase the vehicle and Stokes basket, according to Colby Thompson, chief

of the North Powder Rural Fire Department.

The vehicle will make it possible for fire department crews to reach individuals in difficult to reach places like steep rocky or brush-filled terrain. Thompson said the Stokes basket would make it easier to carry patients out

and could be secured within the UTV sideby-side. He said presently the North Powder de-

partment has only two options when it must get to patients its ambulance cannot get to. "We have to call search and rescue or carry

them out," he said. Thompson said Union County Search and Rescue, which has the vehicles needed to get

to places difficult to reach, does an outstand-

ing job, but it takes time for its "We have to call personnel to get to the North search and rescue or Powder area in an emergency. This will no longer be an issue carry them out." when the North Powder fire department has its own off-road

- Colby Thompson, chief of the North **Powder Rural Fire** Department

> The North Powder Rural Fire Department has applied for grants from other private sources for the purchase of the off-road rescue vehicle. Thompson said there is a chance his department could receive the grants soon. "I'd like to have them by the end

"This will help us get people

out faster," Thompson said.

side-by-side.

Thompson said he's hopeful, with the addition of other grants, the department might have the UTV and Stokes basket by early

Eastern Oregon University presidential search committee is appointed

BY DICK MASON The Observer

LA GRANDE — The Eastern Oregon University Board of Trustees is a step closer to getting its search for a new president into high gear.

The board has named a 22-member presidential search committee to help it find a successor to Tom Insko, who stepped down in August. The search committee is headed by David Nelson, of Pendleton, a former member of the EOU Board of Trustees and a state senator from 1997 to 2013. Nelson served as chair of the board of trustees from 2015 through 2020.

The committee members will also include administrators, members of the faculty and classified staff, students, two current members of the board of trustees, three former members of the board of trustees and Portland State University President Stephen Percy. The state requires that each presidential search committee for state universities have a president of a public Oregon state university on its presidential search committees. The EOU search committee was se-

lected by Cheryl Martin, chair of the EOU Board of Trustees. Martin said that not everyone who wanted to serve on the search committee could be appointed. She said, though, that there will be many opportunities in the future for people to give public input on the selection process in the future.

Martin said she feels good about the chances of the search to go well.

"I know and trust we will find the right person for EOU," the board chair said at a meeting of the board of trustees on Wednesday, Nov. 9. The board of trustees will soon hire

an executive search firm to assist with selecting a new president.

EOU has received 11 requests for proposals from executive search firms and will select its finalists this week and hire a firm shortly thereafter, Martin said.

The board of trustees approved a resolution outlining how its search will be conducted in late September. The resolution states that the board's goal is to have a new president in place by the middle of next year.

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of the year," he said.

Sandra Scott: 73, of Baker City, died Nov. 26, 2022, at her home. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Online condolences can be shared at www. tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

FUNERAL PENDING Judith Schroeder: A Mass of Christian burial will be Saturday,

Dec. 3 at 10 a.m. at Saint Francis de Sales Cathedral in Baker City. A graveside committal will follow at Mount Hope Cemetery. Friends are invited to join the family for a reception immediately following the committal back at the church. For those who would like to make a memorial donation in honor of Judy the family suggests the Alzheimer's Association through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services, P.O. Box 543, Halfway, OR 97834. Online condolences can be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

POLICE LOG Baker City Police

Arrests, citations

FAILURE TO APPEAR (Baker County Circuit Court warrant): Debra Renee Efird, 48, Baker City, 9:56 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 29 in the 1200 block of B Street; jailed.

Baker County Sheriff's Office Arrests, citations

CONTEMPT OF COURT (Baker County Justice Court warrant): Thomas Doyle Owsley, 58, Baker City, 8:52 p.m. Monday, Nov. 28 in the 1000 block of Resort Street; cited and

Baker County Parole and Probation

PROBATION VIOLATION: Craig Anthony Willey, 44, Baker City, 2:48 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 29 at the sheriff's office; jailed. PROBATION VIOLATION: Caleb James Mansuetti, 21, Baker City, 5:24 p.m. Monday, Nov. 28 in the 3400 block of 13th Street; jailed.



VIOLENT NIGHT 4:00,7:00,9:30 1:30,4:00,7:00,9:30 Saturday Sunday 1:30, 4:00, 7:00

Mon-Thurs **STRANGE** WORLD

Mon-Thurs

4:15, 6:45, 9:45 1:15, 4:15, 6:45, 9:45 1:15, 4:15, 6:45

Saturday Sunday

BLACK PANTHER: WAKANDA FOREVER (PG-13) Friday Saturday 3:30, 6:30, 9:00 1:00, 3:30, 6:30, 9:00 1:00, 3:30, 6:30

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