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A special good day to Herald subscriber Susan Yen of Baker City.

BRIEFING

**Reno Hammond receives Saint Alphonsus Auxiliary scholarship**

Reno Hammond of Baker City has received a \$1,500 health care scholarship from the Saint Alphonsus Baker Auxiliary.

Hammond, 20, is a 2019 Baker High School graduate studying chemistry at Oregon State University with a pre-medicine option.



Hammond

"It is my hope that I will have the opportunity to give back to Baker County by receiving a doctorate degree and returning to the community as a general physician," Hammond said.

The Scholarship Committee members are Marilyn Bloom, Marilyn Delfatti and Peggy Payton.

The Auxiliary supports Saint Alphonsus Medical Center with proceeds from its gift shop and provides volunteers. Those interested in joining should email Laura Huggins for more information at [laura.huggins@saintalphonsus.org](mailto:laura.huggins@saintalphonsus.org)

WEATHER

**Today**  
75 / 47



Partly sunny

**Wednesday**  
78 / 47



Partly sunny

Full forecast on the back of the B section.

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Memorial Day Ceremony At Mount Hope Cemetery

## Paying Tribute



Jayson Jacoby/Baker City Herald

Volunteers Bill Nordquist, front, and Jerry Hunter, background, placed American flags along the west side of Mount Hope Cemetery just after sunrise Monday. Other volunteers were Craig Tweney, Christine Menolascina and Jerry Endicott.

By Jayson Jacoby

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Summer Curry's voice faltered for just a moment as she talked about those who didn't make it home.

"They gave the ultimate sacrifice," Curry said as about 100 people listened in silence under the warm May sunshine Monday morning at Mount Hope Cemetery.

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Summer Curry of Baker City, right, who served with the U.S. Army in Afghanistan and Iraq, was guest speaker at a Memorial Day ceremony at Mount Hope Cemetery.



## Legal case back to judge

■ Oregon Supreme Court gives Judge Matt Shirtcliff deadline today to respond in the lawsuit challenging Gov. Kate Brown's legal authority during COVID-19 pandemic

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A week after Baker County Circuit Court Judge Matt Shirtcliff ruled that Oregon Gov. Kate Brown's executive orders related to the pandemic exceeded her legal authority, the legal spotlight is cast again on Shirtcliff's chambers.



Shirtcliff

Shirtcliff, the former long-time Baker County district attorney whom Brown appointed as Circuit Court judge effective Nov. 1, 2019, on May 18 granted a preliminary injunction to the plaintiffs in a lawsuit challenging Brown's executive orders that have restricted businesses and other activities since mid March.

The governor's attorneys appealed to the Oregon Supreme Court, which later on May 18 issued a temporary stay that blocked Shirtcliff's order and kept Brown's executive orders in effect.

Last week, attorneys for the plaintiffs, which include Elkhorn Baptist Church in Baker City, and the governor submitted briefs to the Oregon Supreme Court in the matter of the preliminary injunction.

On Saturday the Supreme Court returned the issue to Shirtcliff.

The state's highest court issued an alternative writ of mandamus, which asks Shirtcliff to either vacate his May 18 order for the preliminary injunction, or submit a written opinion for why the injunction should be reinstated.

The state Supreme Court gave Shirtcliff a deadline of 5 p.m. today to respond.

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## City Council to get update on economic recovery

Baker City Council members will hear about the local economic recovery when they meet this evening.

Some councilors will attend in person at City Hall, 1655 First St., and others will participate via Zoom. The public can attend, subject to limits to ensure social distancing. The meeting starts at 7 p.m.

Jeff Nelson, whom the county hired to help local businesses during the reopening phases, will give councilors an update on how businesses have fared since Baker County started phase one on May 15, and answer questions.

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