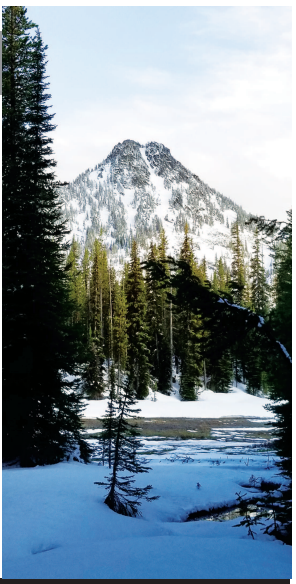


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Good Day Wish To A Subscriber

A special good day to Herald subscriber Heidi Quintela of Baker City.

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Gov. Kate Brown on Thursday evening issued a one-week pause in the schedule to reopen counties closed for weeks because of the pandemic quarantine. Multnomah County was scheduled to go into Phase 1 of reopening on Friday.

BRIEFING

Red Cross blood drive set Monday in Baker City

The American Red Cross has scheduled a blood drive for Monday, June 15, at the Baker City Nazarene Church, 1250 Hughes Lane, from noon to 6 p.m. Please call Myrna Evans at 541-523-5368 to make, cancel, or reschedule an appointment.

Donors should expect safety measures to protect them and volunteers from COVID-19 such as social distancing, temperature screenings and face masks. Donors will also be asked to wear face masks. Guests will not be allowed to attend if they are not also donating. Donors can save time by going to redcross-blood.org/rapidpass to fill out a questionnaire.

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Morning showers

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Rain likely

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Court overrules judge

■ Oregon Supreme Court orders Baker County Circuit Court Judge Matt Shirtcliff to vacate his May 18 decision — later blocked — finding that the governor's coronavirus restrictions exceeded her authority



Shirtcliff

By Jayson Jacoby
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The Oregon Supreme Court concluded that Baker County Circuit Court Judge Matt Shirtcliff erred in his May 18 ruling that Gov. Kate Brown exceeded her legal authority in restricting businesses and

social gatherings during the coronavirus pandemic.

The state's highest court on Friday issued a ruling ordering Shirtcliff to vacate his decision granting a preliminary injunction to a group of plaintiffs, including Elkhorn Baptist Church in Baker City, who

sued the governor May 6.

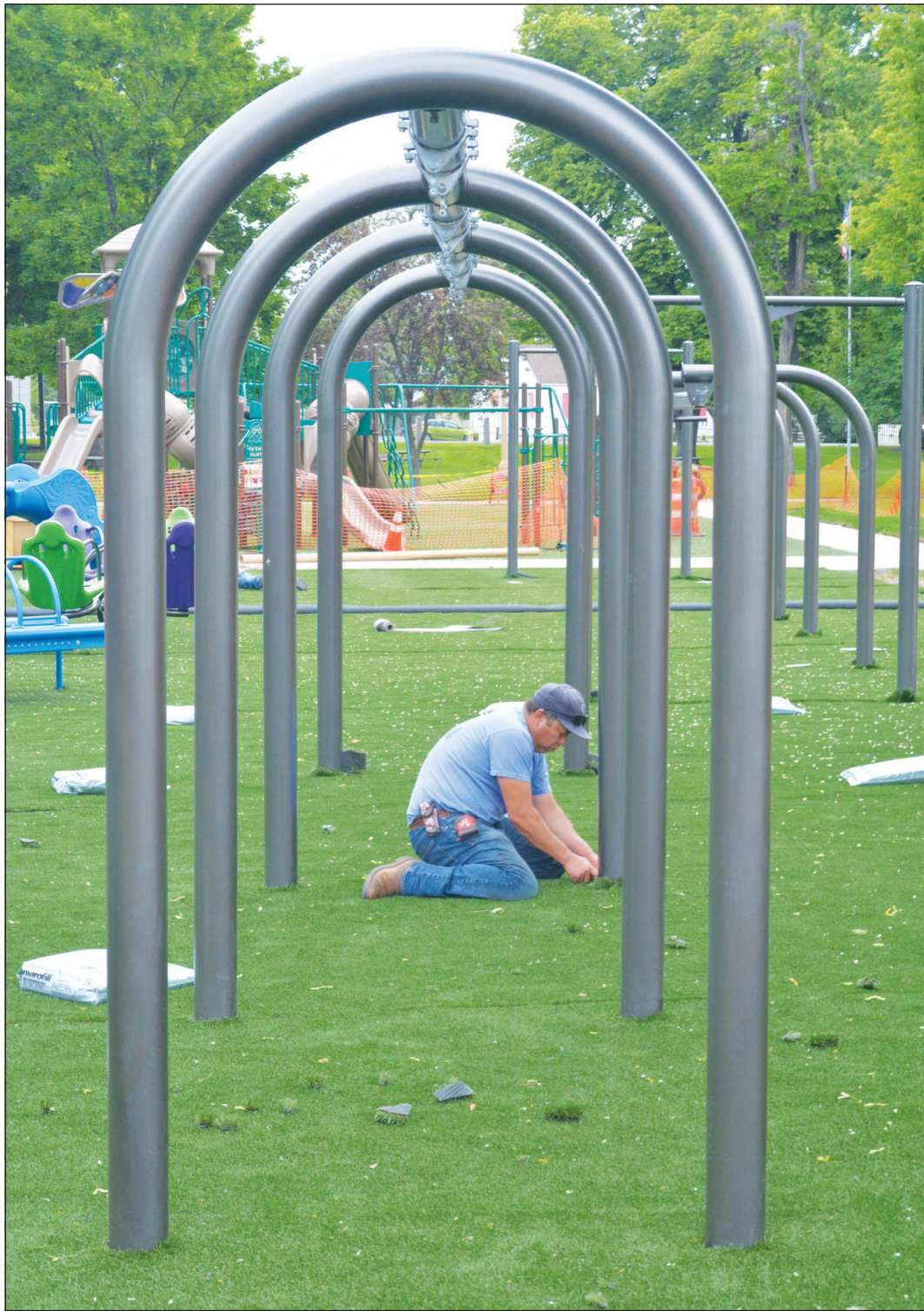
The Supreme Court issued a temporary stay on Shirtcliff's ruling later on the day he made that decision, so the governor's executive orders, which limit business activity and the size of public gatherings, among other things, have remained in

effect over the past few weeks pending the Supreme Court's ruling.

The lawsuit itself can continue, as the Supreme Court's ruling was limited to Shirtcliff's granting of a preliminary injunction.

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All-Abilities Playground At Geiser-Pollman Park



Jayson Jacoby/Baker City Herald

Pablo Santillan, owner of A West Pacific Contractors of Salem, installs surfacing at the new all-abilities playground at Geiser-Pollman Park.

Playground Progressing

By Corey Kirk
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The finishing touches are underway on the new all-abilities playground at Geiser-Pollman Park.

"The playground was designed for children that either have limited mobility or cognitive skills to play side by side with normally functioning able-bodied peers," said Joyce Bornstedt, the

city's technical administrative supervisor whose duties include overseeing city parks.

The city received several grants and donations to help pay for the approximately \$300,000 project, the largest being a \$164,000 grant from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department.

The city received that grant last fall, and it allowed officials

to order the various toys and other equipment.

Bornstedt said she was gratified to see all the other donations, which included \$1,230 from a Facebook birthday party fundraiser by Karla Macy of Baker City, whose son, Gus, has spina bifida and will benefit from the new playground.

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Library sets Monday for limited reopening

By Jayson Jacoby
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The Baker County Library tentatively plans to reopen, with limitations, on Monday, June 15.

Patrons will be encouraged to limit the length of their visit, and no more than 30 people will be allowed at a time.

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Churches welcoming worshippers

By Sam Anthony
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With Baker County in phase 2 of the state's reopening plan, some local churches are welcoming back their congregations after relying on alternatives such as online sermons during the coronavirus pandemic.

Phase 2, which Baker County started on June 6, allows for indoor gatherings of up to 50 people, but some facilities, such as churches and movie theaters, can have up to 250 people if the venue is large enough to ensure social distancing.

Calvary Baptist Church in Baker City has continued in-person services during the pandemic by dividing the congregation and having two separate services.

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New Directions Northwest's headquarters nearly finished

By Sam Anthony
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After starting construction last summer, New Directions Northwest is almost ready to open its new outpatient facility, across from the Powder River Correctional Facility at 13th and K streets south of Saint Alphonsus Medical Center.

New Directions Northwest is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping people in Baker County with drug addiction, mental health disabilities and a variety of other issues.

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