

Local

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald January 30, 1971

Ontario came to town last night with their red basketball shoes and their wild cheering section, but that was not enough to stop Baker as they went on to win in the second overtime, 51-49.

25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald January 30, 1996

Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative has joined nine other rural Northwest cooperatives to form a new organization.

The New Pacific Northwest Generating Cooperative is separate from an older entity to which OTEC also belonged. One of the new cooperative's goals is to help its members benefit from a more competitive power market by combining their needs and buying electricity in larger blocks.

However, OTEC, the largest of the members with more than 28,000 customers, probably won't be able to take advantage of those lower costs, said Cliff Stewart, general manager.

The reason is that OTEC has contracts with the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) that allows the BPA, from which OTEC buys the majority of its electricity, to reduce its payments to OTEC for power lines and equipment the cooperative leases to BPA, he said.

10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald January 31, 2011

It's all concentration here, as the archers quietly line up and take aim.

A deep breath, a trigger release, and an arrow flies 20 yards to embed in the foam target, ideally in the "kill zone."

With the winter weather, and early sunset, the Elkhorn Archers head indoors to hone their skills every Thursday, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., January through March.

ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald January 31, 2020

BOISE — The people who tell us whether it's likely to rain tomorrow rely on satellites 22,000 miles above the Earth and on balloons that aren't so different from what you might use to decorate a toddler's birthday party.

This combination of advanced and basic technology reflects the inherent complexity of the atmosphere, said Jay Breidenbach, warning coordination meteorologist at the National Weather Service office in Boise.

The federal government's newest weather satellite, which started transmitting its detailed images of clouds and other phenomena in November 2018, is a vital tool for forecasters, Breidenbach said.

"It's a quantum leap forward in terms of what we can observe from space," he said of the data supplied by the GOES-West satellite, the second of four satellites the federal government plans to put into orbit.

The first of the four launched in 2016. The third is scheduled to lift off in December 2021, and the final satellite in 2024.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the federal department of which the National Weather Service is a part, will spend about \$10.8 billion to launch the quartet of weather satellites (GOES is an acronym for Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellite. Geostationary refers to the orbit, which is stationary so the satellite sees the same part of the Earth).

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, Jan. 27
14 — 15 — 18 — 37 — 43 — 47
Next jackpot: \$1.2 million

POWERBALL, Jan. 27
17 — 33 — 35 — 42 — 52 PB 9
Next jackpot: \$30 million

MEGA MILLIONS, Jan. 26
29 — 49 — 56 — 66 — 67 Mega 24
Next jackpot: \$25 million

WIN FOR LIFE, Jan. 27
21 — 55 — 67 — 74

PICK 4, Jan. 28
• 1 p.m.: 4 — 4 — 9 — 0
• 4 p.m.: 2 — 3 — 1 — 2
• 7 p.m.: 8 — 1 — 8 — 1

LUCKY LINES, Jan. 28
4-5-10-14-20-24-25-30
Next jackpot: \$11,000

SENIOR MENUS

- **MONDAY:** Boneless chicken breast, cream gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, roll, macaroni salad, cheesecake
- **TUESDAY:** Beef pot roast, scalloped potatoes, green beans, roll, green salad, cake
- **WEDNESDAY:** Sweet and sour chicken, rice, Asian vegetables, roll, Asian salad, brownies
- **THURSDAY:** Pork tips over fettuccine noodles, mixed vegetables, roll, green salad, bread pudding
- **FRIDAY:** Baked cod, cup of clam chowder, capri vegetables, roll, coleslaw, lemon squares

Public luncheon at the Senior Center, 2810 Cedar St., 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; \$4.50 donation (60 and older), \$6.75 for those under 60. Meals must be picked up; no dining on site.

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VACCINE

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Staten said about half of those eligible people agreed to be inoculated.

As of Friday, Jan. 29, a total of 760 county residents had received their first dose, and 188 had both doses and were fully vaccinated against the virus.

The total of 948 residents is about 5.6% of the county's population of 16,800.

Statewide, about 7% of Oregon's nearly 4.3 million residents have received at least the first dose.

Based on the number of people in the education group who have made an appointment to be vaccinated, Staten said she thinks a higher percentage of that group — perhaps 60% — will choose to be vaccinated.

The state's current schedule calls for residents 80 and older to be offered the vaccine starting the week of Feb. 7, followed in succession by:

- 75 and older, Feb. 14
- 70 and older, Feb. 21
- 65 and older, Feb. 28

All told, those groups comprise more residents than in the earlier health care and educator phases.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, there are about 4,275 people in Baker County older than 65 — 26.5% of the population.

Although some of those people have already been vaccinated, or offered the vaccine, because they live in a group care facility, the task of making the vaccine available to everyone 65 and older will be considerable, Staten said.

To that end, she said county officials are working on a strategy to let people in those age groups know how to schedule an appointment to be vaccinated.

The outreach likely will include social media posts as well as posters and other outlets designed to reach as many people as possible.

Staten said Saint Alphonsus and St. Luke's Clinic are also planning to mail



Lisa Britton/For the Baker City Herald

A vial of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine at the Baker County Health Department. Each vial contains 10 doses, and the vaccine must be administered within six hours after the vial is punctured.

letters to eligible residents.

She said county officials are also discussing the best places to schedule vaccination clinics, as the health department, in its new office at 2200 Fourth St., might not be the most convenient spot for some residents.

Thus far, Staten said, the county has received sufficient doses to accommodate residents who were eligible and willing to be vaccinated.

She hopes that will continue as the county moves to larger groups of residents.

COVID-19 vaccines are somewhat more complicated to administer due to the two-dose requirement, Staten said.

However, she said the state designates each dose as either a first or second dose, and county officials track each dose to ensure each is used as intended.

The goal is to ensure that when people are scheduled for their second dose, that dose will be available, Staten said.

That system is working well so far, she said.

Staten said the health department

has also avoided wasting even a single dose of vaccine.

Unlike other vaccines, which can be refrigerated after a vial is opened, the Moderna vaccine that the health department has been administering comes in 10-dose vials that must be used within six hours after the vial is punctured.

New COVID-19 cases remain low

Baker County reported 21 new cases during the 13-day period, Jan. 16-28. That's the fewest cases during a 13-day period since October.

Staten said 97 people were tested during a free COVID-19 testing clinic on Wednesday, Jan. 27, in Halfway. Results likely will be available this weekend or early next week, she said.

Staten said free testing clinics can reduce the county's test positivity rate, one of two statistics (total new cases is the other) that determines the county's risk level and resulting restrictions on businesses and other activities. During two clinics in Baker City, just four of 216 people tested were infected.

OBITUARY

James Maxwell

Haines, 1930-2021

James Oliver (J.O.) Maxwell, 90, of Haines, crossed over into eternal glory on Jan. 12, 2021, in his own home, surrounded by loved ones, after a brief illness.

Due to health regulations related to the virus pandemic, there is no funeral service at this time. A graveside memorial service will be planned at a later date.



James Maxwell

Honorary pallbearers include: Gerald Maxwell, Cliff Coles, Larry Curry, Larry Rood, George Dudley and Ken Bain.

J.O. was born on Jan. 24, 1930, to Glenn Hand Maxwell and Melva Arvilla Spence Maxwell in his maternal grandparents' farmhouse in the Muddy Creek area west of Haines. He was the namesake of his paternal grandfather, James Oliver Maxwell.

J.O. grew up on the Maxwell Ranch. His first chores included packing wood, gathering eggs and feeding the chickens. Later, he tended sheep and belonged to the 4-H Sheep Club. At 13 years of age, he began working in the hay fields, driving a team of work horses pulling a mowing machine, to driving a grain truck from the threshing machine to the farm granaries.

J.O.'s first years of schooling were at Muddy Creek School, a couple of miles from home. There was no high school at Muddy Creek, so he moved to Baker City and graduated from Baker High School. During the high school years he worked for the John Deere machinery dealer after school. He attended a year at Oregon State College. The following year, he decided to go to Cal-Tech Aircraft Power Plant and Airframe Mechanic's School in Glendale, California, to be a licensed A & E mechanic.

The summer before going to school in California, J.O. met a young woman, Sue Williams, while they were each waiting on their sisters to take swim lessons. After becoming acquainted, they began dating and stayed in touch after he went to California.

Upon completing aircraft school, J.O. joined the United States Air Force which he served for six years.

While in the service, he and Sue married on Aug. 12, 1951.

They adored each other for 69 years and have two children. After the military, J.O. worked for the Maxwell Ranch and for Sue's father drilling water wells in both Oregon and Arizona. He then worked as an aircraft mechanic, managed a city airport, and became a commercial pilot and flight instructor.

For several years, he managed the airport in La Grande and did contract flying for the U.S. Forest Service, dropping smokejumpers and firefighting equipment as well as running the aircraft maintenance and repair, flight instruction, ground school, air charter, air ambulance and various other related services.

J.O. and Sue relocated to Tucson, Arizona, where he worked in well drilling and house construction. He again moved, to Virginia and Tennessee, before returning to Haines in the early 1990s to care for his aging parents. Not one to be idle and enjoying the work of a mechanic, J.O. worked well past the age of retirement. He never met a stranger, was always congenial, when he spoke there came words of wisdom or wit. He lived the life of a Christian in both word and deed, earning the respect and love of many across the country who he ministered to through his wise guidance and recordings. He will surely be missed but we know he has reached his eternal destination, his family said.

He is survived by his loving wife, Sue Elaine Maxwell; his daughter, Kathie Sue Maxwell of Albuquerque,

New Mexico; his son, Howard James Maxwell of Beaumont, Texas; his sister, Glennabelle Barney and her husband, Jim, of Lincoln City; his grandchildren, Jeremy Black, Andrea Black, Aaron Black, James O. Maxwell, Stephen Maxwell, Rebekah Maxwell and Elisabeth Maxwell; as well as two great-grandchildren.

J.O. was preceded in death by his parents, Glenn and Melva Maxwell.

The family expressed special appreciation to Pam Maxwell for her tender care to both J.O. and Sue recently until other family arrived. J.O. will be missed by many friends and relatives not only in Eastern Oregon but across the nation as well, including special family friend, Mary Craig.

His family thanks all those who made phone calls and expressions of condolences.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Haines Elementary School or a charity of your choice through Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814.

Pam Maxwell is compiling a memory book for the family. If you have a fond memory or a copy of a photo, please send them to Pam Maxwell at 15177 Muddy Creek Lane, Haines, OR 97833.

NEWS OF RECORD

DEATHS

William 'Bill' Gorbet: 93, of Richland, died on Jan. 28, 2021, at his 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

Lloyd Harry Bigler: A military honors ceremony will take place at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 20, at Union Park. Those attending must wear a mask and practice social distancing. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions to the Union VFW Post, 518 N. Main St., Union, OR 97883. Online condolences may be made at www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com

(Baker County Circuit Court warrants): Alex Cooper Horn, 25, of Baker City, 12:15 p.m. Wednesday in the 3200 block of Court Avenue; jailed.

PROBATION VIOLATION (Baker County warrant): Jace Taylor Prowell, 30, of Baker City, 2:54 p.m. Thursday, in the 3200 block of Court Avenue; cited and released.

Baker County Sheriff's Office

FAILURE TO ABIDE BY CONDITIONS OF DUI DIVERSION AGREEMENT (Baker County Circuit Court warrant): Audrey Ann Slavich, 67, of 3085 Resort St., Apartment 13, 7:42 a.m. Thursday, in the 42000 block of Cedar Street; cited and released.

POLICE LOG

Baker City Police
CONTEMPT OF COURT, two counts, and FAILURE TO APPEAR

Baker County Veteran Services

Until further notice Veterans will not be seen in person. If you need assistance, call Rick's work number 541-523-8223 and he will call you back to help you over the phone. This is a measure that is being implemented to minimize the spread of COVID-19.

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