

# BALLOTS

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She said the old machine and system, which the county has used since 2007, sometimes jammed, causing delays in tallying ballots.

The only change voters might notice is that the new machine allows for a small change in the size of the ballot, which can be changed depending on the number of items

on the ballot for each election, Kirby said.

“As far as the voter process, it’s not any different,” she said.

The Baker County Commissioners approved the \$62,211 purchase of the new ballot tallying system in December 2020, and the system arrived in late January, Kirby said.

## Security precautions

The new machine is not connected to the internet

and has encrypted password protection. No one is able to use the machine without the password, and Kirby is the only one who has it.

The machine is connected to an audit printer and every time the machine is touched or used, the audit machine records the action.

“We needed to upgrade our technology because the last machine was very old. It was starting to show its age,” Kirby said.

Once ballots are processed, Kirby uses an encrypted flash

drive to transfer the data to a laptop computer.

The laptop, which is also password-secured, can’t be connected to the internet.

“Nothing, nothing, nothing is connected to the internet and that hasn’t changed from the last (machine),” Kirby said.

“I’m totally comfortable with the (new) machine,” she said. “I completely stand behind ES&S, it’s what we’ve used for a long time. They are a good company, they’re reputable, they’re certified, most importantly. But I still

have some things to learn more within the election ware report laptop just because we haven’t had this reporting before.”

For the May 18 election, since it’s the county’s first with the new model, technicians from the company will be on hand to help Kirby and the elections board ensure the tallying machine is working properly.

“Everybody that I’ve talked to that have them, other clerks, love it. So I’m excited,” Kirby said.

## Ballots due May 18

Ballots for the May 18 election must be brought to a dropbox or to the County Clerk’s office in the Courthouse, 1995 Third St., by 8 p.m. on May 18. A dropbox on the west (Fourth Street) side of the Courthouse is open all the time. As of Friday afternoon, May 14, 35.3% of ballots had been returned.

## TURNING BACK THE PAGES

### 50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald May 15, 1971

Bishop-elect Thomas J. Connolly will be ordained as the new Bishop of Baker in ceremonies June 30 at St. Francis Cathedral.

### 25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald May 15, 1996

A suggestion for parents: pack an extra sandwich or two when you take the kids to Geiser Pollman Park for a picnic this summer.

The Baker City Council voted unanimously Tuesday night to buy a new playground toy that has enough activities to keep children busy for hours.

### 10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald May 16, 2011

Record-setting rain Sunday pushed several Baker County streams to near flood stage, and in at least one case slightly above.

No major flooding was reported, though, and county officials had received only one report of road damage, on Cracker Creek Road about three miles of Sumpter.

“We’re doing pretty well, but we’re set up to get a lot more water,” Baker County Roadmaster Ken Helgeson said this morning.

### ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald May 16, 2020

Lawyers representing a Baker City church and other plaintiffs on one side, and Oregon Gov. Kate Brown on the other, spent 3 hours Thursday morning making their case to Baker County Circuit Court Judge Matt Shirtcliff regarding the governor’s legal authority to continue restricting Oregonians’ activities as part of the effort to control the spread of coronavirus.

The plaintiffs, including lead plaintiff Elkhorn Baptist Church of Baker City, are seeking a preliminary injunction that would block Brown from continuing to enforce executive orders related to the pandemic.

They were represented in Thursday’s hearing by Ray Hacke of Salem, an attorney with the Pacific Justice Institute, and Kevin Mannix of Salem, a former state legislator.

Mannix represents a group of intervenors, including Bill Harvey, chairman of the Baker County Board of Commissioners, who joined the lawsuit in support of the plaintiffs.

Shirtcliff on Thursday granted Mannix’s motion to add the intervenors to the lawsuit.

Brown was represented by two attorneys from the Oregon Department of Justice, Marc Abrams and Christina Beatty-Walters.

They are asking Shirtcliff to not only reject the motion for a preliminary injunction, but to dismiss the lawsuit.

At the conclusion of the hearing Shirtcliff said he would issue a written ruling “possibly tomorrow (Friday) but more likely early next week.”

## OREGON LOTTERY

**MEGABUCKS, May 12**  
6 — 19 — 21 — 31 — 35 — 43  
Next jackpot: \$1.7 million

**POWERBALL, May 12**  
1 — 19 — 20 — 38 — 54 PB 17  
Next jackpot: \$183 million

**MEGA MILLIONS, May 11**  
7 — 8 — 20 — 36 — 39  
Next jackpot: \$430 million

**WIN FOR LIFE, May 12**  
6 — 17 — 34 — 51

**PICK 4, May 13**  
• 1 p.m.: 4 — 5 — 7 — 4  
• 4 p.m.: 3 — 0 — 3 — 7  
• 7 p.m.: 1 — 7 — 5 — 5  
• 10 p.m.: 4 — 3 — 1 — 6  
**LUCKY LINES, May 13**  
3-5-12-13-19-21-28-32  
Next jackpot: \$30,000

## SENIOR MENUS

- **MONDAY (May 17):** Pork roast, red potatoes, mixed vegetables, rolls, fruit, cookies
- **TUESDAY (May 18):** Chicken ala king over a biscuit, carrots, broccoli-bacon salad, lemon squares
- **WEDNESDAY (May 19):** Baked ziti, zucchini, breadsticks, Italian pasta, cinnamon rolls
- **THURSDAY (May 20):** Chicken cordon bleu, rice pilaf, broccoli, rolls, potato salad, ice cream
- **FRIDAY (May 21):** Roasted turkey, stuffing with gravy, biscuits, capri vegetables, beet-and-onion salad, peach crisp

Public luncheon at the Senior Center, 2810 Cedar St., from 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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## Jerry Huddleston

Baker City, 1936-2021

Jerry W. Huddleston, 84, of Baker City, died peacefully May 7, 2021, in Baker City.

It was his desire that no funeral or memorial service be held.

Jerry was born on Aug. 18, 1936, at Portland to Charles and Beverly (Poppler) Huddleston. He graduated from Cleveland High School in 1954. Jerry served in the United States Army for six years and received an honorable discharge in 1961.

After completing his military service, Jerry returned to the Portland area, where he was employed as an automotive mechanic and pursued his lifelong interest in gunmaking. He lived for a time in the Klamath Falls area but eventually returned to the Willamette Valley around Hubbard. He eventually owned his own automotive and car sales business, which he and his wife, Liz, ran. He was a member of the Hubbard City Council and Planning Department. As his gunmaking interests continued to grow, along with his reputation for his craftsmanship, he began hand engraving his work to add to his artwork repertoire.

In about 2003, Jerry and Liz relocated to Baker City, an area he had spent many years in, hunting and fishing with his father and uncles during earlier years of his life.

Jerry was an avid outdoorsman, hunting and fishing all over Oregon and searching for Indian artifacts. He was a lifelong student of Native Americans, American history, and art, and he maintained an extensive library. His talents in the area of gunmaking and engraving are internationally recognized, and he attained the title of Master Engraver within the Firearms Engraver’s Guild of America (FEGA). He and his artwork have been recognized in many periodicals and books, and his work has been highly sought after by collectors and firearms aficionados. He was an active member in FEGA and the Custom Gun Makers Guild.

Jerry was a deeply religious man, committed to his Lord and Savior. He was devoted to his loving wife and his many friends. He was a mentor and teacher of his artistic talents and a caring and generous gentleman. He will be greatly missed by loved ones and the many friends of his life.

He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Elizabeth “Liz” Huddleston of Baker City; and two brothers, Charles of Portland and Tom of Salt Lake City.

The family would like to thank the staff at Saint Alphonsus Hospital of Baker City and Gray’s West and Co. Pioneer Chapel.

If any of his friends or loved ones care to donate in his memory, it is requested that contributions be made to the Wounded Warrior Project through Gray’s West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814.



Jerry Huddleston

Online condolences can be made at [www.grayswestco.com](http://www.grayswestco.com).

## Jamie ‘Skip’ Weiss

Baker City, 1965-2021

Jamie Joseph Weiss, 55, also known to many as “Skip,” sadly died April 11, 2021, in Baker City.

A private family service will take place in his hometown of Reno, Nevada.

Skip was born on April 17, 1965, at Reno to Judith Weiss. He spent his childhood in Reno where he attended Wooster High School, and greatly enjoyed fishing on the Truckee River. He later moved to Baker City, where he remained until his death.

Skip was a very talented craftsman, specializing in carpentry, masonry and art. He could create just about anything he put his mind to. His hobbies included fishing, target shooting, woodworking, archery, and camping. He dreamed of building a mini house on his Freightliner and traveling the country, stopping along the way to visit his children and grandchildren that he loved so deeply.

Skip sincerely had a heart of pure gold, always finding the means to help others going through hard times. Even when he had nothing to give he always found a way to make people smile. The love he held for his children and family was beyond measure. Sadly, the burden of trauma and addiction took him from us far too soon.

Skip is survived by his daughter, Amanda White; his son, David Weiss; his granddaughter, Amelia, and grandson, Edison; his mother, Judy; his brother, Chris; his sisters, Amy and Jody; and his uncles, David and Carson.

Skip was preceded in death by his son, Jacob Weiss.

Skip’s passing truly leaves a void in the hearts of those who loved him. He will be deeply missed and remembered for the joy that he brought into our lives. May he finally be at peace and know how greatly he was loved. Online condolences can be made at [www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com).

## David Curtis

Baker City, 1934-2021

David Orcutt Curtis, 86, of Baker City, went to be with the Lord on May 8, 2021, at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Baker City, surrounded by family.

His memorial service will take place on Friday, May 21 at 11 a.m. at the Harvest Christian Church, 3720 Birch St. Friends are invited to join the family for a reception following the service at the church, food and refreshments will be provided.

Dave was born on Nov. 19, 1934, at Baker to Edmund (Ted) and Marion (Jo) Hauser Curtis. He was the second of four children. He was raised in Baker



‘Skip’ Weiss

where he attended school and made lifelong friends. In 1952, Dave graduated from Baker High School and went on to Oregon College of Education in La Grande on a football scholarship. He left college to join the Army and was stationed with an anti-aircraft battalion at Skokie, Illinois, as a radarman. It was here that he was introduced to his future wife, Carol Uttenreuther. He boxed for his unit where his buddies labeled him “Clobbering Curt” as he won the Kenosha Golden Gloves light-heavy-weight crown.

He was discharged from the army in 1956 and married Carol on Jan. 14, 1957, in Baker. He attended Southwestern State College in Weatherford, Oklahoma, before they moved to Illinois where he became a salesman for Cream Crest Farms. In 1963, he took a job with Pioneer Federal Savings and Loan and moved his family to Baker. He worked 36 years for the bank, many of them as the branch manager, retiring as underwriter in 1999.

He was actively involved in the community, umpiring and coaching Little League and joining the Kiwanis. He volunteered many years for the district and state basketball tournaments, ran the chains at Baker High and Shriners’ football games, and ministered at the Powder River Correctional Facility. He volunteered for many things; he couldn’t say no. His family was very proud when he received the Legacy Man of the Year in 2005.

Dave’s greatest passions were the Lord and his family. All of their children were in sports, he and Carol wouldn’t miss an event! If one child was playing at home, Dave would be there while Carol would “hitch a ride” to support another child elsewhere. They traveled many miles for all of their children. When Dave came after work, Carol would have a seat saved next to her. When the grandchildren started sports, it was the same story but this time they traveled together.

Dave loved the outdoors, getting out to hunt, snowmobile, waterski, ride motorcycles or four-wheelers, and taking the family to the mountains.

Dave is survived by his wife of 64 years, Carol; his sons, Don (Lenora), Dan, Dave (Lori) and Dale Curtis; his daughters, Arlene (Jerry) Spangler and Marla (Jon) Henricks; 17 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren; his brother, Linden (Cheryl); brothers-in-law, Bill (LaDonna) and Tom Uttenreuther; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother; his sister, Jacqueline; and his baby sister, Jennifer.

For those who would like to make a memorial donation in honor of Dave, the family suggests either St. Luke’s Mountain States Tumor Institute or St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital through Tami’s Pine Valley Funeral Home, P.O. Box 543, Halfway, OR 97834. Online condolences can be made at [www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com).



David Curtis

## NEWS OF RECORD

### FUNERALS PENDING

**John Randall:** Celebration of his life will take place on Sunday, May 30 at 1 p.m. at the Eagle Valley Grange Park in Richland, with food and beverages following. Those who would like to make a donation in John’s memory may do so to the Hilary Bonn Benevolence Fund, or the charity of one’s choice, through Tami’s Pine Valley Funeral Home, P.O. Box 543, Halfway, OR 97834. Online condolences can be made at [www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com).

**Marie Yvonne Marks:** Celebration of life barbeque will take place Saturday, May 22 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the home of Joanne and Kody Hufford, 47862 Anthony Lakes Highway, Norht Powder. In lieu of flowers, her family asks that donations in her memory be made to the North Powder Charter School through Gray’s West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814. To leave an online condolence for her family, go to [www.grayswestco.com](http://www.grayswestco.com).

### POLICE LOG

**Baker City Police Arrests, citations**  
FIRST-DEGREE CRIMINAL TRESPASSING (Baker County Justice Court warrant): Joseph Allen Charbonneau, 41, Baker City, 11:09 p.m. Thursday, May 13 in the 3300 block of Pocahontas Road; cited and released.  
SECOND-DEGREE CRIMINAL TRESPASSING: Adrienna Dione Morris, 23, transient, 9:51 p.m. Thursday, May 13 in the 200 block of Bridge Street; cited and released.  
SECOND-DEGREE CRIMINAL TRESPASSING: Raleigh David Rust, 46, Baker City, 9:22 p.m. Thursday, May 13 in the 600 block of Campbell Street; cited and released.  
FIRST-DEGREE FORGERY

(Union County Circuit Court warrant): Cameron Leo Williamson, 33, 1:54 p.m. Thursday, May 13 in the 2100 block of 14th Street; cited and released.

CONTEMPT OF COURT (Baker County Justice Court warrant): Timothy Kelly Slaney, 32, 11:02 a.m. Thursday, May 13 at Madison Street and the Leo Adler Memorial Parkway; cited and released.

CONTEMPT OF COURT (Baker County Justice Court): Brian Scott Griffin, 37, 1:23 p.m. Wednesday, May 12 at the Baker City Police Department; cited and released.

CONTEMPT OF COURT: Michael Steven Myers-Gabiola, 29, Baker City, 8:09 a.m. Wednesday, May 12 at the Baker City Police Department; cited and released.

### Baker County Sheriff’s Office

**Arrests, citations**  
CONTEMPT OF COURT (Baker County Justice Court warrant), FAILURE TO APPEAR (Union County Circuit Court warrant), FAILURE TO APPEAR (Wallowa County Circuit Court warrant): Kody Allen McManus, 25, Richland, 9:31 p.m. Thursday, May 13; jailed.  
DUII DIVERSION (Baker County warrant): Brian Gerrold Simpson, 58, Halfway, 1:31 p.m. Wednesday, May 12 at Fish Lake Road and Cornucopia Highway; cited and released.  
FAILURE TO APPEAR (Baker County warrant): Wayne Anthony McFadden, 51, Huntington, 6:58 a.m. Wednesday, May 12 in Huntington; jailed.

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