### TURNING BACK THE PAGES

### **50 YEARS AGO** from the Democrat-Herald May 27, 1971

Sen. Robert Packwood, R-Ore., flew into Baker yesterday afternoon, with a party of 30, to begin a four-day boat trip on the Snake River.

Packwood will float through Hells Canyon during the Memorial Day weekend to make a firsthand visit of the area as well as make an environmental study.

### 25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald May 27, 1996

EUGENE — Baker finished eighth in the team standings at the OSAA/U.S. Bank Class 3A girls track and field championships Saturday at Hayward Field on the University of Oregon campus.

The Bulldogs finished with 22 points. Gladstone won the girls' team title. Baker went scoreless in the boys half of the meet.

### 10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald May 27, 2011

Phillips Reservoir is full, and still filling.

The explanation for this apparent contradiction is that for this reservoir, along the Powder River about 17 miles southwest of Baker City, "full" has two separate definitions.

Which is appropriate, as the reservoir, which first held water in 1968 as Mason Dam was finished, has two pur-

The first is to impound water that irrigates crops in the Baker Valley.

### **ONE YEAR AGO** from the Baker City Herald May 28, 2020

Baker County Circuit Court Judge Matt Shirtcliff is sticking with his May 18 opinion that Oregon Gov. Kate Brown exceeded her legal authority in issuing executive orders related to the coronavirus pandemic.

In a letter dated Tuesday, Shirtcliff wrote that "I have elected to stand by my original ruling."

The Oregon Supreme Court had given Shirtcliff a deadline of 5 p.m. Tuesday to respond to the alternative writ of mandamus the Court issued on Saturday.

That legal document asked Shirtcliff to either vacate his May 18 ruling, which temporarily prevented the state from enforcing the governor's executive orders, or to issue a written opinion defending his decision. The Supreme Court issued a stay on May 18, which temporarily put a halt to the preliminary injunction and allowed the state to enforce the governor's executive orders. The state continues to have that authority.

Shirtcliff's third option is the one he chose — to not vacate his decision but not issue a supplemental written opinion.

The issue now returns to the Oregon Supreme Court. Attorneys representing the governor have until today to file briefs related to the preliminary injunction. The plaintiffs' attorneys have until June 2 to file responding briefs.

The current legal issue is the preliminary injunction, not the lawsuit itself.

Whether or not the Supreme Court decides to reinstate the injunction Shirtcliff granted May 18, the lawsuit could proceed to trial in Baker County Circuit Court.

## **Oregon Lottery** -

WIN FOR LIFE, May 24

• 1 p.m.: 7 - 1 - 8 - 9

• 4 p.m.: 6 — 0 — 7 — 0

• 7 p.m.: 4 - 5 - 9 - 7

1 - 2 - 29 - 43

**PICK 4, May 25** 

**MEGABUCKS, May 24** 6 - 13 - 15 - 19 - 20 - 33Next jackpot: \$3.2 million

**POWERBALL, May 22** 3 - 19 - 27 - 37 - 40 PB 8 Next jackpot: \$236 million

**MEGA MILLIONS, May 25** 14 - 21 - 31 - 34 - 54 Mega 11 Next jackpot: \$22 million

• 10 p.m.: 3 − 0 − 9 − 0 **LUCKY LINES, May 25** 2-6-12-15-18-21-25-30 Next jackpot: \$42,000

Senior Menus **FRIDAY:** Beef pot roast, red potatoes, mixed vegetables,

- rolls, broccoli and bacon salad, cheesecake
- MONDAY (May 31): Closed for Memorial Day ■ TUESDAY (June 1): Chicken fried chicken, mashed
- potatoes with country gravy, capri vegetables, biscuits, coleslaw, bread pudding ■ WEDNESDAY (June 2): Old-fashioned steak, red potatoes,
- mixed vegetables, rolls, pea-and-onion salad, cheesecake
- THURSDAY (June 3): Chicken strips, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn, rolls, green salad, brownies

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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# **Battle of the Bands event canceled**

■ Summer concert series at Geiser-Pollman Park still planned, starting June 13

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Baker City Events, which organizes the Powder River Music Review, has announced that the planned "Battle of the Bands" will not be happening.

According to a press release, not enough musicians applied to participate, and sponsor funding could not be secured.

The regular concert series, however, is still scheduled for the summer.

Frank Carlson will kick off the season on Sunday, June 13. The music goes from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in Geiser-Pollman Park.

These concerts are free to the public. However, an annual membership of \$80 is available to support the series. Membership includes 10 raffle tickets at each concert.

A raffle of donated items is held at every event. Tickets can be purchased for \$5 each or 15 for \$20.

The Powder River Music Review continues every Sunday — and several Saturdays — through Sept. 5. There will be extra concerts during Miners Jubilee, July 16-18.

Below is the summer schedule. Concerts

- begin at 4 p.m. unless otherwise noted. • June 13: Frank Carlson
  - June 20: Cale Moon
- June 26 (Saturday): Barefoot and Bonafide
  - June 27: D' Club L'Eveque
  - July 4: Brady Goss
  - July 11: Levi Blom

- July 16 (Friday, 4:30 p.m.): Wasteland
  - Kings • July 17 (Saturday): Drum & Bugle Corps at noon; Leather and Lace at 1
  - p.m.; Tri-City Drummers at 3:30 p.m.; Brass Fire at 5:30 p.m.; Barefoot & Bonafide at 8 p.m. (Main and Court streets downtown)
    - July 18: Blue Yesterdays, noon
    - July 25: Wasteland Kings
  - July 31 (Saturday): Barefoot & Bonafide
  - Aug. 1: Brass Fire
  - Aug. 3 (Tuesday): Barefoot & Bonafide, 3 p.m.
    - Aug. 8: Inland Northwest Musicians
    - Aug. 15: Coyote Joe
  - Aug. 29: Blue Yesterdays
  - Sept. 5: Ghost Wind

## **VACCINE**

Continued from Page 1A (Matt's wife and Shane's mother, Elsa Cunningham, said Matt was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis after he received a Tdap vaccine, which includes the tetanus vaccine, in 2015 because he was concerned about tetanus following an accident with a drill when a

metal screw entered his hand.) Shane said he wondered whether he might also be susceptible to autoimmune conditions that could make it more likely that he would suffer significant side effects from a COVID-19 vaccine.

He said he wasn't satisfied with the clinical trials that Moderna, Pfizer and Johnson & Johnson conducted prior to receiving emergency use authorization for their vaccines from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

Shane said he isn't opposed to vaccinations in general.

He said he was inoculated against formerly common childhood diseases such as measles and chickenpox.

"Vaccinations have made an incredible difference across history," Shane said.

But after weighing the benefits and the potential risks, he said he concluded that it made little sense for him to be vaccinated against COVID-19 now.

He said he also preferred not to take doses of the vaccine



Contributed Photo

Shane Cunningham plays tennis for Treasure Valley Community College in Ontario.

when other people, because of their age or underlying medical condition, are at much higher risk from the virus and would naturally want to be protected by a vaccine.

Shane said he understands the argument that even people who have a low risk of becoming seriously ill if they're infected with CO-VID-19 should be vaccinated so as to reduce the chance that they might spread the virus.

He said people who are at higher risk have the option of being vaccinated — his grandparents, for instance, have been inoculated.

He believes government agencies have done an "exceptional job of making the vaccine available."

Shane said that if he felt ill, or tested positive for COVID-19, he would isolate himself to ensure he didn't infect anyone.

"That's just common courtesy with any illness," he said.

Shane said he has been tested for COVID-19 multiple times, all of those being negative, before going on trips as a freshman tennis player for Treasure Valley Community College.

He said he's never had any symptoms consistent with COVID-19 infection.

Shane said that although he knows that vaccination is a contentious societal issue particularly on social media, he said — he has had a much different experience in discussing the topic with classmates, teammates and others in his peer group.

"Some have opted for the vaccine, and some haven't," he said. "Everybody has different reasons, but it's all been very

civil and respectful whatever the decision. It's nice to see that."

Shane said he believes that fundamentally this is a matter of individuals making a personal decision about health care.

He believes government officials are trying too hard to influence that decision by not only encouraging people to be vaccinated, regardless of their risk level, but also offering incentives such as lottery jackpots.

"I have an issue not with the vaccine itself but with the way it's being pushed," Shane said.

He contends that government officials should simply make the relevant statistics available, both about the pandemic and the vaccine, and not try to persuade people about what they should or shouldn't

do. Shane said he has talked at length with his parents about COVID-19 and the vaccine.

"It's definitely a topic of conversation in our household, the pandemic in general," he said.

He said his parents haven't pressured him in either direction regarding vaccination.

Shane said that although he has decided for now that he won't be inoculated, he will continue to follow evidence in the months ahead.

If new variants of the virus emerge, or he becomes at higher risk, he said he might reconsider his choice.

## News of Record

## **DEATHS**

Francis A. Williamson: 95, of Baker City, died May 24, 2021, at Saint Alphonsus Medical Center-Baker City. A visitation will be Friday, May 28 from noon to 4 p.m. at Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave. Mass of Christian burial will be Saturday, May 29 at 10 a.m. at St. Francis de Sales Cathedral, with Father Suresh Kumar Telegani officiating. Graveside interment with military honors will be Tuesday, June 1 at 10 a.m. at Mount Hope Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be made to the American Legion, St. Francis de Sales Cathedral, or the charity of one's choice through Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814. To leave an online condolence for Francis' family, go to www.grayswestco. com.

Joane M. Martell: 94. of Baker City, died May 24, 2021, at Settler's Park. Services are under the direction of ColesTribute Center. To light a candle in memory of Joane, go to www. colestributecenter.com.

### **FUNERALS PENDING** Walt and Ronda Dillman:

Graveside services for Walt and Ronda will be Saturday, May 29 at 11 a.m. at Pine Haven Cemetery in Halfway. A reception will follow immediately at the Pine Valley Fairgrounds. Contributions in their memory can be made to the Pine Valley Fire Department, Pine Valley Fair Association or Pine Valley Ambulance, through Coles Tribute Center, 1950 Place St., Baker City, OR 97814. To light a candle in memory of Walt and Ronda, go to www.colestributecenter. com.

Calvin McCullough: Celebration of his life, and a potluck, will be Saturday, May 29 at 3 p.m. at the VFW Hall in Halfway. Please bring a fun memory or story to share. Online condolences can be made at www. tamispinevalleyfuneralhome. com.

Iva E. Speelman: Potluck gathering to celebrate her life will take place Saturday, May

29 at the home of her daughter, Elaine Livran, in Sumpter starting at noon. Online condolences can be made at www.driskillmemorialchapel.com.

Candy WIlliams: Celebration of her life will take place Sunday, May 30 from noon to 2 p.m. at the Elgin Community Center. Refreshments will be provided. For those who would like to make a donation in memory of Candy. the family suggests the Crime Victim and Survivors Services (CVSS) through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services, P.O. Box 543, Halfway, OR 97834. Online condolences can be made at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

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.

**Helen Marie Bogart:** Celebration of her life will take place Saturday, June 5 at 2 p.m. at Clyde Holliday State Park near Mount Vernon. Memorial contributions can be made to the John Day Senior Center through Driskill Memorial Chapel, 241 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day, OR 97845. To offer online condolences to her family, go to www. driskillmemorialchapel.com.

Dan Douglas: Graveside service with military honors will take place Sunday, June 6 at 2 p.m. at Pine Haven Cemetery in Halfway. Online condolences can be made at www.tamispinevallevfuneralhome.com.

Robert Lee Butler: Graveside memorial service Tuesday, June 7 at 11 a.m. at Moon Creek Cemetery in Mount Vernon. Memorial contributions can be made to the Wounded Warriors Project or to the American Heart Association through Gray's West & Company Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814. To leave online condolences for Bob's family, go to www.grayswestco.com.

James Roger Kennedy: Short, informal celebration of life picnic Friday, June 11 at noon at Geiser-Pollman Park. It will be a no-host bring-your-own-picnic event due to COVID-19 issues. If you would like to join, please pack a lunch and bring a picnic basket or camp chair. To leave an online condolence for his family, go to www.grayswestco.com.

### **POLICE LOG Baker City Police** Arrests, citations

DRIVING UNDERTHE INFLU-**ENCE OF INTOXICANTS: Teresa** Joyce Edwards, 68, Baker City, 6:43 p.m. Monday, May 24 in the 900 block of Highway 7; cited and released.

#### **Baker County Sheriff's** Office

FAILURETO APPEAR (Lincoln County warrant): Darion Alyssa Grove, 26, Baker City, 10:09 p.m. Tuesday, May 25 at the sheriff's office: cited and released.

### **Oregon State Police** Arrests, citations

FAILURETO APPEAR, SUPPLY-ING CONTRABAND (warrant). LINI AWELL POSSESSION OF METHAMPHETAMINE (warrant), FOURTH-DEGREE ASSAULT (warrant), DISORDERLY CON-DUCT (warrant): Michelle Diane Grende, 41, Lexington, Oregon, 1:59 a.m. Wednesday, May 26 on Interstate 84, Milepost 306

eastbound; cited and released. FAILURE TO REGISTER AS A SEX OFFENDER: Michael Scott Tugman, 31, Baker City, 9:14 a.m. Tuesday, May 25 at the Baker County Jail, where he was in

custody on other charges. DRIVING UNDERTHE INFLU-ENCE OF INTOXICANTS, RECK-LESS ENDANGERING: Michaelle Lisa Clarke, 54, 9:40 p.m. Monday, May 24 on Highway 7, Milepost 38; cited and released.

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