

Local

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald June 12, 1971

Baker County residents can find room for optimism in a decision this week by the Oregon Public Utilities Commissioner, Sam Haley, to suspend for three months a decision regarding the proposed Cal-Pac rate increase.

In a letter to William Quigley, master, Baker Pomona Grange and a board member of a local producers organization objecting to the increase, Haley said "the commissioner finds that good and sufficient cause exists to further investigate the propriety and reasonableness of the proposed rates."

25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald June 12, 1996

The Baker City Council on Tuesday pledged its support for a proposed sports complex north of Baker High School.

Councilors also voted 5-0 (Mayor Larry Griffith and Councilor Bill Gwilliam were absent) to donate irrigation water for the planned complex, which includes two full-sized baseball fields, two Little League baseball/softball fields, and three football/soccer fields.

10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald June 13, 2011

A white skeleton holding a scythe, crossed out in red, and marked with the words "never give up."

This is the symbol of the Bikers Fighting Cancer organization.

Members of the group participated in the Hells Canyon Motorcycle Rally this weekend.

ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald June 13, 2020

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.

Shirtcliff agreed with the plaintiffs' contention that because Brown, in issuing several executive orders since March, invoked the state's public health emergency law, chapter 433 of the Oregon Revised Statutes, those orders were constrained by the 28-day limit prescribed in that law.

The governor's lawyers, meanwhile, argued that the governor's executive orders were not subject to the 28-day limit because Brown, in her initial March 8 declaration of an emergency related to the coronavirus, cited a different, more general, emergency law, chapter 401, which has no time limit.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, June 9

2 — 3 — 14 — 22 — 23 — 43

Next jackpot: \$3.9 million

POWERBALL, June 9

19 — 28 — 46 — 50 — 54 PB 9

Next jackpot: \$20 million

MEGA MILLIONS, June 8

9 — 22 — 39 — 41 — 54 Mega 19

Next jackpot: \$20 million

WIN FOR LIFE, June 9

20 — 42 — 45 — 47

PICK 4, June 10

• 1 p.m.: 8 — 2 — 9 — 8

• 4 p.m.: 5 — 6 — 6 — 0

• 7 p.m.: 1 — 4 — 4 — 5

• 10 p.m.: 7 — 2 — 4 — 4

LUCKY LINES, June 10
1-6-10-16-20-24-26-29
Next jackpot: \$58,000

SENIOR MENUS

- **MONDAY:** Salisbury steak, scalloped potatoes, peas, rolls, ambrosia, banana pudding with wafers
- **TUESDAY:** Barbecued ribs, au gratin potatoes, green beans, cornbread, broccoli-and-bacon salad, cinnamon rolls
- **WEDNESDAY:** Hot beef sandwich, mashed potatoes with gravy, carrots, Jell-O with fruit, sherbet
- **THURSDAY:** Chicken with gravy over a biscuit, mixed vegetables, coleslaw, brownies
- **FRIDAY:** Breaded pork loin, stuffing with gravy, peas and carrots, rolls, sauerkraut salad, cheesecake

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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Bentz says investigation of Jan. 6 Capitol riot is a constitutional duty

By Antonio Sierra
East Oregonian

PENDLETON — By the time he stopped in Pendleton to meet with local leaders on Monday, June 7, U.S. Rep. Cliff Bentz, R-Ontario, had already visited Bend, Madras, Klamath Falls and Medford. Despite the disparate nature of each community, Bentz said the issues constituents wanted to talk about were often the same: climate, wildfires, drought, housing, homelessness,



Bentz

agriculture and infrastructure.

"I would say the issues are very alike," he said.

Bentz was thrown almost immediately into the fire when on Jan. 6, a group of rioters breached the U.S. Capitol as lawmakers were voting to certify President Joe Biden's victory. In May, Bentz was one of 35 House Republicans who joined Democrats in creating a bipartisan commission to investigate the attempted insurrection.

For Bentz, the commission was preferable to the alternatives.

Under the legislation creating the commission, the body would be comprised of an equal number of Democrats and Republicans and require a majority to issue subpoenas. Bentz said the structure of the commission would allow Republicans to also scrutinize Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Democrats and whether they played any role in some of the security lapses that day.

Bentz said the alternative was a select committee House Democrats assembled that would conduct an investigation in a more partisan manner.

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HARVEY

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O'Day went on to note that Oregon's ethics laws do apply equally to all public officials.

He said that although he expects the Commission will conclude the case by finding that Harvey committed violations, "I do hope that as we move on to the next phase of the case, which will be to determine appropriate consequences, that the emphasis will be on education."

Harvey, in a phone interview Friday afternoon, said he hopes the Commission will agree with O'Day's call for education rather than sanctions of some sort.

In an email to the Herald, Susan Myers, an Ethics Commission investigator who looked into the allegations against Harvey, wrote that Harvey can appeal the

preliminary findings.

Harvey said he looks forward to presenting more information at a hearing.

The Commission's preliminary finding Friday concurs with Myers' conclusion that Harvey violated a state law prohibiting public officials from using their position for their own or a relative's financial gain, and a law regarding public officials who have conflicts of interest.

Myers wrote in her report that "a preponderance of evidence" indicates that Harvey violated the two laws.

The investigation was prompted by a complaint that Greg Baxter, Baker County district attorney, filed with the Ethics Commission in September 2020.

Myers investigated three issues:

- Harvey's hiring of his son to help haul docks to the

county-owned Hewitt Park near Richland, for which his son was paid \$1,710.

- Harvey's proposal, which he later withdrew, to hire his son to help with remodeling of the county's new health department building.

- Harvey's reimbursements from the county for mileage and meal expenses while he was working at the Hewitt and Holcomb parks.

In a written response he submitted to the Ethics Commission, Harvey requested that the Commission issue him a warning for approving the payment to his son for hauling the docks, and a warning for the health department building issue.

He wrote that it is "absurd" to believe that he used his position to benefit himself.

Harvey requested that the Ethics Commission dismiss

all allegations related to reimbursements for mileage and meals.

Myers contends that Harvey received about \$535 more than he should have under the county's policy because he was reimbursed at a rate of 54.5 cents per mile for using his own pickup truck even though county vehicles were available. In that case the reimbursement rate is 35 cents per mile.

But Harvey argued that because none of the three county vehicles available is a truck, none was sufficient for hauling materials to the county parks.

Ethics Commission member Amber Hollister said she understands Harvey's point.

As the daughter of a construction company owner, Hollister said she recognizes that some vehicles aren't suitable for every task.

OBITUARIES

Mary Jennings

Baker City, 1930-2021

Mary Lucille Jennings, 90, of Baker City, died June 4, 2021, at her residence in Settler's Park Assisted Living Facility.

A visitation took place Thursday, June 10 at Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel. Her funeral followed the visitation, and graveside interment was Friday, June 11 at Mount Hope Cemetery.

Mary Lucille Jennings was born on July 23, 1930, at home in Miles City, Montana, the first child born to Leonard and Martha May Cline, and later the big sister to Laverne, Sonny and Bobby.

She started motherhood with her son, John, followed by Linda, Eva and Russell.

Mary was proud of the fact that she finished high school at night school after starting her family and carried a 4.0 GPA.

God and family were Mary's first priorities. In addition, she was a lifelong member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, which was most comforting to her.

Mary loved to cook and help out everyone in need, so it was only natural that after moving to Baker City, she started the Oake Grove adult care business. Oake Care was always filled with folks needing extra care and attention. The business thrived until her retirement in 2003.

Mary Lucille had countless adventures, both trying and enduring, but she never lost sight of her God and Jesus.



Mary Jennings

Instead, she always strived forward with faith.

She is survived by her best friend and husband, Glenn Jennings, whom she married on June 22, 2003; her sister, Laverne Lefave, and her husband, Bob, of Kennewick, Washington; her son, John Cline and his wife, Margy, of Soap Lake, Washington; her daughter, Linda Wuest and her husband, Robert, of Dalton Gardens, Idaho; her son, Russell Cline of Ontario; nine grandchildren, Jason Nearing, Kevin Cline, Carie Cline, Hans Cline, Heidi Merrick, Robin Wuest Happeny, Sara Wuest, Danielle Cline Carrol and Jeff Cline; great-grandchildren, Lauren and Michele Merrick, Lane Carrol, and John and Carrie's three grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mary was preceded in death by her sweet daughter, Eva; and her brothers, Sonny and Bobby.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Baker City Seventh-day Adventist Church through Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814.

To leave an online condolence for Mary's family, go to www.grayswestco.com.

Nancy Bush

Baker City, 1935-2021

Nancy Elizabeth Bush, 85, of Baker City, died June 4, 2021, at Memory Lane Homes in Baker City.

A family service was held at the New Hope Church in Baker City on June 8.

Mrs. Bush was born on Nov. 27, 1935, at Toledo, Ohio, to James and Helen (Lucas)

Ashley. She married Joe R.

Bush on April 13, 1985, in Cedar Hill, Texas. She spent her years being a pastor's wife and secretary. Some of Nancy's favorite hobbies included knitting, cooking, solving puzzles and gardening, and she was a member of New Hope Church in Baker City.

Mrs. Bush is survived by her husband, Rev. Joe R.



Nancy Bush

Bush of Baker City; her sons, Mack Goshorn Jr. of Baker City and Don Goshorn of Garland, Texas; her sister, Donald Meyers of Lamherville, Michigan; 13 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

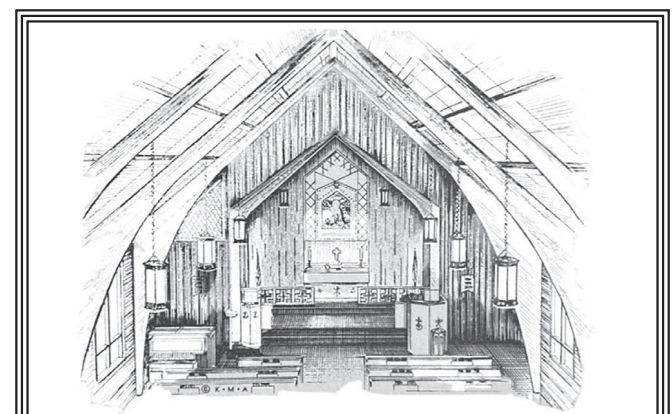
She was preceded in death by her mother, Helen Powers; and a sister, Joyce Montoya.

Memorial contributions can be made to New Hope Church through Coles Tribute Center, 1950 Place St., Baker City, OR 97814. To offer online condolences to Nancy's family, go to www.colestributecenter.com.



The wife and family of John Randall extend their heartfelt thanks to all the family, friends, and neighbors who joined us on May 30 to celebrate John's life and accomplishments. We truly appreciate all of the phone calls, cards, visits, and offers of help. A special thank you to those who brought food, both to the house and to the celebration. Changing Covid restrictions created confusion regarding food preparation, therefore we'd like to say thank you to those who brought food to the meal, even though we're unsure who contributed some of the items. Thank you to Tami Waldron and the Pine Valley Funeral Home for their special way of coordinating the celebration. Special thanks go out to Gordon Bond for the service, Clinton and Frank Randall for the tributes, everyone who shared special memories, and all the Grange members who provided help, served food and cleaned up. The continued support of the family and community are greatly appreciated. The celebration was a wonderful tribute to John and we appreciate all those who shared in it. We are so blessed to have all of you in our lives.

Dorothy Randall, Judy & family, Rocky & family, and Teresa & family



First English Evangelical Lutheran Church
Baker City, OR

We are celebrating our

100th Anniversary

June 13th, 10:00am

Anniversary Divine Liturgy with Bishop Dan Selbo of the NALC preaching.

A cake reception will follow worship and we will honor some of our special members.

More events are scheduled in July and August and can be found on our facebook page.

NEWS OF RECORD

POLICE LOG

Baker City Police Arrests, citations CONTEMPT OF COURT

(Baker County Justice Court warrant): Tamara Kay Fine, 47, Baker City, 3:32 p.m. Thursday, June 10 in the 1100 block of Elm Street; cited and released.

WARRANT (federal Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms agency), charges of possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute, felon in possession of a firearm, possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime: Tom Raymond Carroll, 37, Baker City, 11:15 a.m. Thursday,

June 10 at Madison and Ninth streets; jailed.

Oregon State Police Arrests, citations

FAILURE TO APPEAR, PROBATION VIOLATION: Daniel D. Zimmerman, 40, Baker City, 11:14 a.m. Wednesday, June 9 on Highway 7 near Milepost 44; cited and released.

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