

Local

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald July 1, 1971

Most Rev. Thomas J. Connolly was consecrated Fourth Bishop of the Diocese of Baker yesterday afternoon in ceremonies conducted in the Baker St. Francis de Sales Cathedral by Mos. Rev. Robert J. Dwyer, archbishop of Portland.

25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald July 1, 1996

Flagstaff Sports opened its doors in a new location on Baker City's Main Street today.

The bicycle and outdoor shop moved from 1719 Main St. to a location in the Basche-Sage Place, 2101 Main St.

10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald July 1, 2011

Stacy Dinger can't fathom functioning in the daytime temperatures soldiers have faced in Iraq.

"It's averaging 130 degrees over there," she said. "I can't imagine that."

Her husband, Anthony, is stationed there with the National Guard unit from Eastern Oregon.

She decided to make Anthony a neck cooler — a strip of fabric stuffed with a teaspoon of super-absorbent polymer crystals.

At first, she just sent a couple to Iraq.

"I made them for him, and then another soldier, and then another."

So far she's mailed 416 neck coolers.

ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald July 2, 2020

Three more Baker County residents have been infected with COVID-19, bringing the county's case total to four.

The three new cases, reported Tuesday, follow the initial confirmed case reported May 6. No other infections were reported as of 4 p.m. Wednesday.

The Baker County Health Department is investigating the three cases, and contact tracers will be trying to get in touch with people who might have been in close contact in the past 14 days with any of three people who tested positive.

"While additional cases were not unexpected, this is a good reminder to isolate yourself at home if you become sick with a fever or cough to help prevent the spread of illness," Dr. Eric Lamb, the county's public health officer, said in a press release Tuesday. "If you are not sick you can still help prevent the spread by practicing social distancing, wearing a mask or face shield, and good hand hygiene. Following these guidelines helps protect the whole community."

Baker County Commissioner Mark Bennett, the county's incident commander during the pandemic, said Tuesday that he was not surprised that the county had additional infections.

Bennett pointed out that among the counties bordering Baker County, Union County has had 342 cases of the virus, the majority of those connected to an Island City church, and Malheur County has had 124 cases.

"It certainly wasn't unexpected," Bennett said of the three confirmed cases. "I was delighted we made it as long as we did (with only one case)."

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, June 28

6 — 15 — 16 — 18 — 20 — 44
Next jackpot: \$4.7 million

POWERBALL, June 26

8 — 31 — 39 — 43 — 60 PB 17
Next jackpot: \$88 million

MEGA MILLIONS, June 29

8 — 31 — 39 — 43 — 60 Mega 17
Next jackpot: \$88 million

WIN FOR LIFE, June 28

45 — 58 — 72 — 74

PICK 4, June 29

• 1 p.m.: 0 — 7 — 6 — 7

• 4 p.m.: 6 — 4 — 7 — 8

• 7 p.m.: 7 — 2 — 0 — 9

• 10 p.m.: 9 — 1 — 3 — 1

LUCKY LINES, June 29

1-5-11-15-20-22-25-31

Next jackpot: \$13,000

SENIOR MENUS

- **FRIDAY:** Pork roast with gravy, red potatoes, carrots, rolls, potato salad, lemon squares
- **MONDAY (July 5):** Closed for Independence Day
- **TUESDAY (July 6):** Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, rolls, corn, ambrosia, cookies
- **WEDNESDAY (July 7):** Chili burger with cheese and onion, tater tots, mixed vegetables, cottage cheese with fruit, brownies
- **THURSDAY (July 8):** Chicken strips, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn, rolls, green salad, berry 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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GOVERNOR

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But though she won't run against Brown, McQuisten said the governor's approach will be a focal point of her campaign.

"COVID is just indicative of how the Kate Brown regime has been run," McQuisten said. "But it's not the only issue. There's also the matter of rebuilding the state's economy, the education system, a number of things that cross party lines."

Appealing to Democrats is vital — indeed, it's a prerequisite — for any Republican who hopes to become the first GOP candidate to be elected governor in four decades.

Vic Atiyeh, who served two terms, is the last Republican governor in Oregon. He was elected to his second term in 1982.

McQuisten, a seventh-generation Baker County resident who was raised on a cattle ranch in the Burnt River area, recognizes how daunting the challenge is.

The more immediate obstacle isn't 40 years of electoral history, but rather the current political affiliations of Oregon voters.

There are one-third more registered Democrats in the state — 1,035,000 — than registered Republicans, at 738,000.

Nonaffiliated voters also outnumber Republicans, at 963,000.

But statistics notwithstanding, McQuisten believes the political climate, and in particular dissatisfaction with Brown's executive orders that imposed some of the most stringent restrictions on businesses of any state during the pandemic, gives Republicans a unique opportunity in 2022.

"Change is in the air," she said. "After the past two years, if voters in Oregon aren't willing to make big changes, they probably never will."

McQuisten said she's encouraged about the prospects for a Republican to win the

"After the past two years, if voters in Oregon aren't willing to make big changes, they probably never will."

— **Kerry McQuisten, Baker City mayor who announced her candidacy for Oregon governor on Tuesday, June 29**

governorship in part due to conversations she's had over the past few months with residents across the state, including some lifelong Democrats.

"Some have told me they voted for Kate Brown but would never do so again," McQuisten said.

Although McQuisten is well-versed in politics — her mother, Suzan Ellis Jones, has been chair of the Baker County Republican Party for many years, and McQuisten has been an elected GOP precinct committee person — she said her interest in seeking a different elected office is relatively new.

"A year ago I had no interest in running for any political office," she said.

McQuisten ran for Baker City Council in 2020, citing among other issues her concerns about increasing crime in the city and how the city pursues economic development.

She received the most votes among 13 candidates on the November ballot.

Then, when the new city council convened for its first meeting in January 2021, the seven-member council elected McQuisten as mayor by a 6-1 vote.

(In Baker City's council-manager form of government, the councilors, not voters, choose the mayor, who sets meeting agendas but does not have veto power or other authority beyond the other councilors'.)

But the key event that led to McQuisten's gubernatorial campaign happened on March 23 — although its importance wasn't immediately obvious.

That's the day the city council, at McQuisten's urging and by a 5-2 vote, approved Resolution 3881. The document blames Brown's

COVID-19 restrictions for creating an "economic, mental health and criminal activity crisis" in the city.

The resolution didn't generate much publicity outside the county initially.

But then, on April 28, PJ Media published an online story about the resolution, including comments from McQuisten.

Interest in the resolution has been "nonstop" since then, she said.

She was interviewed on Fox News' Primetime news program on May 3, and elected officials from several other Oregon cities have contacted McQuisten for advice about pursuing a similar resolution in their communities.

McQuisten said publicity about Baker City's resolution has also prompted residents throughout Oregon to get in touch with her to share their frustrations about Brown's executive orders.

"More and more people reached out," she said.

Some of the people she talked with suggested she consider running for governor, an idea that McQuisten said she previously hadn't broached — even at the hypothetical level.

Over the past couple months, though, she said she began to ponder the possibility, and with growing seriousness.

"It's kind of been a slow build," she said. "I feel like I'm just going with the flow."

McQuisten said she was hardly surprised that her fellow Republicans were incensed by Brown's actions.

But she said that hearing similar complaints from longtime Democrats were compelling.

"People are looking for someone who's completely willing to fight for Oregon," she said.

On her website — kerrymcquisten.com — McQuisten

writes that she was also persuaded in part by the reality that as a mayor she has limited power.

"It quickly became clear that I couldn't serve in the way I'd like unless I ran for a higher office," she wrote on the front page of her website. "Oregonians need a leader who will get our children back in school, fight for medical freedoms, protect our individual constitutional rights, prevent criminals from burning and destroying our once-flourishing cities, remind Oregonians of their inherent pioneer spirit, and prevent the kind of rule we've seen from ever happening again."

McQuisten said she wouldn't be surprised if a dozen Republicans vie for the party's nomination in May 2022.

She said she watched earlier this year as candidates declared, waiting to see if there was one who she could support.

"There was no one I could fully get behind, none that I think can beat any Democrat," McQuisten said.

The GOP field so far includes Bud Pierce, who lost to Brown in 2016, receiving 43.5% of the vote.

"People are really tired of perennial candidates," McQuisten said.

Running for governor requires significant fundraising, McQuisten said, and she will have a volunteer coordinator in each of Oregon's 36 counties.

"I'm already putting a strong team in place," she said.

McQuisten said she will schedule meet-and-greet events statewide. The first — "naturally," she said — will be at the Republican Party booth in Geiser-Pollman Park during Miners Jubilee, July 16-18.

"Fundraising is a huge focus — every candidate has that — but I have to run a campaign that feels authentic to me, a Reagan-style campaign," she said.

OBITUARY

Anita Pipes

Kennewick, Washington, 1916-2021

Anita M. Pipes, 104, a resident of Parkview Estates in Kennewick, Washington, died June 25, 2021.

A celebration of Anita's life will take place at a later date.

Mrs. Pipes was born on Dec. 12, 1916, at Quincy, Illinois, to Arthur and Hulda Schroeder Herrmann. She graduated from Gem City Business College in Quincy in 1938. Living in the La Grande area for 87 years, she attended grade school in Island City and graduated from La Grande High School. Over the years she was bookkeeper for several companies in La Grande including Paul Bunyan Company, Montgomery Ward and Fountain Wholesale.

On July 4, 1940, she and Taylor Roby Pipes were married in Weiser, Idaho. Anita rode her horse to her violin les-

sons which she began playing the violin at the age of 9 and played in the high school symphony. She was a founding member of the Grande Ronde Symphony; she played with the symphony for 26 years and served as Concert Mistress for many years. She always enjoyed music and started playing the autoharp when she was 67; then she began piano lessons at the age of 88.

Anita started using a computer when she was 72, and she was still sending emails on her iPad shortly before her death. She enjoyed her role as a homemaker; she always did the wash on Mondays and baked bread on Tuesdays. She followed the stock market almost daily for 50 years.

Her hobbies included salmon and trout fishing all over the Northwest, pheasant hunting, camping, domestic and international travel and all kinds of cards including bridge. Anita and her husband, Taylor, were quiet philanthropists, having given generously to many

local and regional causes.

Anita moved to Walla Walla, Washington, in September 2004, where she resided at Wheatland Village for 16 years. She moved to Kennewick's Parkview Manor Estates in 2020 following a stroke.

She is survived by two married daughters, Janice (Tim) Kerns of Haines, and Jean (David) Conklin of Pasco, Washington; two granddaughters and two grandsons; six great-grandchildren and three nieces and a nephew.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Taylor, in 2003; and a brother, Harry Herrmann.

For those who would like to make a donation in memory of Anita, contributions may be made to any charity of the donor'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.



Anita Pipes

NEWS OF RECORD

DEATHS

Helen Mary Troy: 89, of Baker City, died June 28, 2021, at Saint Alphonsus Medical Center in Ontario. Visitations will be Monday, July 5 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave. Recitations of the Rosary will be Tuesday, July 6 at 9:30 a.m. at St. Francis de Sales Cathedral, followed by Mass of Christian burial at 10 a.m. She will then be driven in procession to Mount Hope Cemetery for a brief committal ceremony followed by a vault interment. Friends are invited to join the family back at the Catholic church parish hall for refreshments after the committal ceremony. To offer online condolences to Helen's family, or to light a candle in her memory, go to www.grayswestco.com.

Edward George Rau: 83, of Baker City, died June 28, 2021, at Saint Alphonsus Medical Center in Baker City. His funeral will be Saturday, July 3 at 11:30 a.m. at Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel. A brief committal service will directly follow at Mount Hope Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be made to the United Service

Organization (USO) in Edward's honor through Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814. To leave an online condolence for Edward's family, go to www.grayswestco.com.

FUNERALS PENDING

Elizabeth 'Liz' Risley: Graveside service Saturday, July 3 at 11 a.m. at Mount Hope Cemetery. For those who would like to make a memorial donation in honor of Liz, the family suggests either St. Jude's Children's Hospital or Heart 'N Home Hospice (Opal Foundation) 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.

James Oliver (J.O.) Maxwell: Graveside memorial service with Air Force military honors, Monday, July 5 at 10 a.m. at the Haines Cemetery. 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 copy of a photo, please send them to Pam Maxwell, 15177 Muddy Creek Lane, Haines, OR 97833.

POLICE LOG

Baker City Police Arrests, citations
FAILURE TO APPEAR (Baker County Circuit Court warrant): Brandon Robert Radle, 33, Baker City, 3:34 a.m. Monday, June 28 in the 1500 block of Campbell Street; jailed.

Baker County Sheriff's Office Arrests, citations
UNION COUNTY WARRANT: Kyle Ryan Bork, 21, Baker City, 1 a.m. Wednesday, June 30 at

Birch Street and Washington Avenue; jailed.

RECKLESS DRIVING, RECKLESS ENDANGERING: Anthony David Henneck, 18, 9:40 p.m. Tuesday, June 29 at the Highway 203 Pond; cited and released.

HARASSMENT, MENACING: Kyle Ryan Bork, 21, Baker City, 9:40 p.m. Tuesday, June 29 at the Highway 203 Pond; cited and released.

PROBATION VIOLATION (Baker County Circuit Court warrants): Isaac Jeremiah Kolb, 20, Huntington, 12:32 p.m. Monday, June 28 in Huntington; cited and released.

Oregon State Police Arrests, citations
DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF INTOXICANTS (Cannabis), RECKLESS DRIVING: Denny Allen Dingler, 41, Nampa, Idaho, 8:31 p.m. Monday, June 28 on Interstate 84, Milepost 289 eastbound; taken to the Baker County Jail and released.

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