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TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald August 21, 1971

Irving Rand, a general practitioning attorney in Baker since 1967, was recently appointed temporary city attorney. He will replace Gary Marlette, who resigned from the post in order to devote more time to his practice. Rand practiced law in Portland from 1924 to 1967.

25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald August 21, 1996

The federal government plans to bring the last 25 of about 775 capsules of radioactive cesium 137 through Northeastern Oregon to the Hanford Nuclear Reservation during the next several weeks.

Capsules were last taken to Hanford — in trucks via Interstates 84 and 82 — in June 1995.

10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald August 22, 2011

Wallowa-Whitman National Forest officials might allow a second lightning fire to burn itself out in the Eagle Cap Wilderness

Fire managers intend to decide later today whether to monitor, rather than extinguish, a 2 1/2-acre blaze reported Saturday near the Minam River about 13 air miles east of Cove, said Matthew Burks, a public affairs specialist for the Wallowa-Whitman.

The Pot Creek fire is about three miles southeast of the Jim White Ridge fire, which was sparked by lightning Aug. 3.

ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald August 22, 2020

Kathy Olsen cringes every time another bill arrives. Daniela Stone has struggled to pay her rent since the preschool where she teaches closed in March due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The two Baker City residents were among several dozen who gathered outside Old West Federal Credit Union Thursday afternoon hoping to claim a \$500 relief check.

Similar scenes happened across the state, with lines extending for blocks in some cities.

The Oregon Legislature in July allocated \$35 million in federal pandemic aid for the emergency relief program.

The program started Wednesday, and by Friday morning, as lines formed again at Old West, the entire amount had been allocated.

The Legislature earmarked the money for 70,000 people who have suffered financially due to state-mandated restrictions related to the pandemic.

The state created the emergency distribution program in part because Oregon's antiquated computer system has been unable to keep pace with the rate of unemployment claims, with tens of thousands of people still waiting for jobless benefits.

State officials set up an unorthodox method to disburse the \$35 million.

Residents could visit any of about 150 banks and credit unions and fill out a brief application. Those who qualified received a \$500 check immediately. The system was firstcome, first-served.

The state did limit the number of checks any individual bank or credit union can issue, to ensure the money is distributed across the state.

In Baker City, Old West Federal Credit Union, at Broadway and Second streets, and Umpqua Bank, a block east and on the opposite side of Broadway, were authorized to process applications and distribute checks.

Oregon Lottery

MEGABUCKS, Aug. 18 2 - 4 - 7 - 9 - 29 - 44

Next jackpot: \$2 million

POWERBALL, Aug. 18

35 - 36 - 51 - 55 - 61 PB 26 Next jackpot: \$290 million

MEGA MILLIONS, Aug. 17 3 - 6 - 16 - 38 - 56Mega 24 Next jackpot: \$256 million

• 10 p.m.: 9 − 6 − 6 − 1 **LUCKY LINES, Aug. 19** 4-7-12-13-18-22-26-31 Next jackpot: \$64,000

WIN FOR LIFE, Aug. 18

• 1 p.m.: 9 − 8 − 5 − 7

• 4 p.m.: 3 − 4 − 2 − 4

• 7 p.m.: 2 - 8 - 0 - 2

23 - 27 - 47 - 67**PICK 4, Aug. 19**

Senior Menus

- MONDAY: Chicken-fried steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn biscuits, cottage cheese with fruit, cheesecake
- **TUESDAY:** Meatloaf, baked beans, peas, coleslaw, tapioca ■ **WEDNESDAY:** Hot turkey sandwich, mashed potatoes
- with gravy, carrots, three-bean salad, birthday cake ■ **THURSDAY:** Pot roast with gravy, mashed potatoes,
- mixed vegetables, rolls, carrot-raisin salad, pudding
- FRIDAY: Baked ham, candied yams, green beans, rolls, broccoli-bacon salad, peach crisp

Public luncheon at the Senior Center, 2810 Cedar St., from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; \$5 donation (60 and older), \$7.50

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County has 19th COVID-related death

■ Vaccination rate rises slightly

By JAYSON JACOBY

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Authority reported Friday, Aug. 20 that a Baker County resident had died after testing positive for COVID-19.

It's the 19th COVID-19-related death in the county.

The person who died is a 95-year-old woman who died on Aug. 17 at her home, according to OHA.

The date she tested positive, and the presence of underlying medical conditions, had not been determined as of Friday.

August on record pace for new cases

August is on pace to set a new record high for COVID-19 cases.

From Aug. 1-19, the county reported 188 cases. The highest monthly total is 196 in December 2020.

August's total so far

exceeds the combined total of July (91) and June (70).

Vaccination pace increases slightly

Baker County's vaccination rate has been higher during August than it was for most of July.

From July 10-31, the seven-day running daily average of vaccine doses administered in the county ranged from nine to 15.

So far in August the running daily average has ranged from 16 to 21 doses.

On Tuesday, Aug. 17, a total of 35 doses were administered — the most in a single day since June 17, when 36 doses were administered.

For the first 17 days of August, there were 321 doses given in Baker County, compared with 213 doses during the final 17 days of July.

During vaccination clinics at Baker High School

during March and April, the county gave more than 600 doses on four days.

Baker County's vaccination rate of 48% of residents 18 and older is the seventh-lowest of Oregon's 36 counties.

Washington County has the highest rate, at 77.3% of residents 18 and older.

Lake County has the lowest rate, 38.9%.

Elsewhere in Northeastern Oregon, county rates include:

- Wallowa, 60.3%
- Union, 50.4%
- Umatilla, 46.4% • Grant, 43.6%
- Malheur, 39.6%

Breakthrough cases

The OHA has released its biweekly report on "breakthrough" cases infections in people who are fully vaccinated.

Baker County has had 27 breakthrough cases. Almost half of those — 12 — were reported from Aug. 1-14. That's 8.2% of the

nieces, Danielle Fite and

Michelle Torre.

Formerly of Baker City,

'Pat' Spivey

1937-2021

county's 146 cases reported during that period.

Statewide, breakthrough cases accounted for 14.4% of Oregon's COVID-19 cases from Aug. 1-14.

There were 20,701 cases during that period, and 2,982 were in fully vaccinated residents.

Of the state's 7,138 breakthrough cases during the pandemic, 5.8% of those have been hospitalized, and 0.8% died, according to OHA. Most of the deaths — 46 of 58 were people 60 or older.

The OHA breakthrough report doesn't show whether any of the fully vaccinated Baker County residents who tested positive have been hospitalized.

Outbreaks

OHA is reporting only one active COVID-19 outbreak in Baker County. Marvin Wood Products has had six cases, the most recent on Aug. 1.

Obituaries

'Jacki' Harris Baker City, 1966-2021

Jacqueline "Jacki" Harris, 54, of Baker City, died unexpectedly at her home on Aug. 14, 2021.

A private family memorial will take place.

Jacqueline Rachelle Hanley was born on Aug. 22, 1966, at Portland. She lived in Rainier until she was 5 years old. She then moved to Richland where she attended Richland Elementary. Her family moved to Halfway where she was educated at both the middle and high school. She dropped out of school to attend JobCorps and graduated from

Tongue Point in 1984. After graduation Jacki met James Young Jr. and had a son, Tim. Three years later, in 1990, she married Ernie Harris and together had children Rachel and Albert. They later divorced. Jacki found love once more when she met Dan Lockett. During their relationship they added children Dawn

and Amanda to the family. Jacki loved the color pink, daisies, and her special pitbull,

Daisy. She liked the outdoors, fishing, old cars and amusement parks. A fond memory she often spoke of happened when she was in the fifth grade. She went on a trip with her grandparents to Disney World. Following that adventure they headed north to see other major sites. This experience planted a love of travel that she carried throughout her life.

Jacki's proudest accomplishment and job was being a mom. She cherished spending time with her children and grandchildren. A phrase she repeated often was, "If you don't have anything nice to

say don't say anything." She is survived by her mother, Carol Dennis; her sons. Timothy (Autumn) Hanley, and Albert (Ginny) Harris; her daughters, Rachel Knight, Amanda (Jason) Riley, and Dawn Lockett; her stepbrothers, Tom, Aron and Amos Dennis; 16 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Jacki was preceded in death by her

father, Edwin Hanley; her stepfather, Alton "Tom" Dennis; and her stepbrother, Andy

For those who would like to make a donation in memory of Jacki, the family suggests Best Friends of Baker (animal rescue) or contributions to defray funeral expenses 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 Childers Baker City, 1957-2021

Jacki Harris

Dennis.

William John Childers, 63, of Baker City, died Aug. 13, 2021, at his home, surrounded by family and friends.

A celebration of his life will take place on Saturday, Sept. 18 at 2 p.m. at the Baker Elks

Lodge, 1896 Second St. John was born on Nov. 8, 1957, at Baker City to William and Norma Lee Childers. He graduated from Baker High School in 1976. After graduation, he served in the United States Air Force and after his service worked at various law enforcement agencies around the state. He then went on to own his own business, CTI International, for 18 years and then Baker City Saddle Co. Most recently, he worked as the secretary of the Baker City Elks Lodge No. 338, where he had previ-

ously served as Exalted Ruler. He is survived by his father, Bill Childers; his wife, Kaia Struckman; his sons and daughters-in-law, Shawn and Lea Childers, and Christopher and Katelyn Struckman; his daughters, Alicia and Makenna Childers; his grandchildren, Kristoffer, Katiana, Aeson and Tyus; his sister, Vicki Fite; and his

Patricia "Pat" Spivey, 84, of La Grande, and formerly of Baker City, died

Aug. 17, 2021, at her residence in the Wildflower Lodge. At Pat's request, there will be no formal funeral service. A private family gathering

pandemic. Patricia J. Miller was born on March 26, 1937, at Detroit, Michigan, to Charles Doring-

will occur at an appropriate

time following the COVID-19

ton Miller and mother Maude Marie (Cary) Miller.

Pat was a

longtime resident of Baker after moving from the Ontario-Payette area during the late 1950s.

Pat married Clyde Spivey of Baker in 1960. The two raised their family in Baker and remained together until

John

Childers

Clyde's passing in 2011. She loved going ... even though she was famous for losing her car keys and being late! During the summertime, when it was hot and the kids were young, you could often find the family at the Marble Creek picnic area, basking in the cool mountain air and the cold clear water of Marble Creek. Pat also loved vacations and built some of the best memories for her children while camping their way around Oregon.

In later years Pat and Clyde could often be found in their travel trailer at the Phillips Lake campground. Pat also loved Christmas and was known to keep her Christmas tree on display until late spring and at least once into July. The kids really looked

forward to Christmas! Pat also kept her age a

great secret. It wasn't until dementia set in that she admitted she wasn't "26" (as she had been for at least 50+ years after the fact). As her children

began moving away from home, Pat began working at jobs outside of

Pat Spivey

the home. The most notable, and her favorite, was becoming the librarian at South Baker Elementary School. Pat worked at South Baker Elementary for many years until she retired. The one job that mom bragged about the most though, was when she worked at the Hotel Baker and served room service to John F. Kennedy and his wife, Jackie, while they were on a political campaign and spent the night in Baker. After retirement she volunteered for the Red Cross blood drives, serving senior meals and volunteering at Saint Elizabeth

Hospital. Pat is survived by her brother, David Oliver of Edmonds, Washington; her five children, Terry Mitchell of Virginia, Robert Mitchell of Washington, Thomas Supan of Baker City, Jeanne (Tammy) Supan/Curry of Portland, and Deb Spivey/Koopman of La Grande; as well as 15 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

Pat was preceded in death by her parents and her brother, Dr. Charles D. Miller, DDS, of The Dalles.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Best Friends of Baker, your local food bank, or a charity of your choice through Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel by mailing your donation to 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814.

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



The kindness and sympathy of our neighbors and friends, caregivers, and Gray's West & Co., in our recent sorrow, will always remain with us a precious memory. Our sincere thanks and gratitude for all those comforting acts.

The family of Wayne Morin



News of Record

DEATHS Helen M. Olds: 94. of Baker

City, died Aug. 17, 2021, at her home. A private vault interment will take place at the Joseph Cemetery in Joseph. Services are under the direction of Coles Tribute Center in Baker City. Memorial contributions can be made to Best Friends of Baker through Coles Tribute Center, 1950 Place St., Baker City, OR 97814. To light a candle in memory of Helen, go to www. colestributecenter.com. **POLICE LOG**

RECKLESS DRIVING: Wil-

Baker City Police

Arrests, citations

liam Joseph La Rocque, 28, La Grande, 9:10 a.m. Monday, Aug. City limits; cited and released Arrests, citations

PROBATION VIOLATION (Boise County, Idaho, warrant): Tobbie Leroy Huston, 39, Baker City, 10:35 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 18 at the sheriff's office; jailed.

16 on Highway 7 near the Baker **Baker County Sheriff's Office**