

# Local

## TURNING BACK THE PAGES

### 50 YEARS AGO

from the Democrat-Herald

March 3, 1972

"Money has very little to do with it," a striker said last night. Another added, "We want job security and seniority."

Those appear to be the basic issues in the Ellingson Burnt River Sawmill strike as picketers yesterday withstood steady rains, mud and cold feet.

In response to the strikers' complaints, an Ellingson spokesman declined to comment.

### 25 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald

March 3, 1997

PORTLAND — Baker's Ryan Brewster ended his record-setting high school wrestling career Saturday by finishing second at the state championships in Memorial Coliseum.

Brewster, the state's top-ranked Class 3A wrestler in the 119-pound class, lost 2-1 to Scappoose's Sam Lofland in the championship match.

Lofland, ranked sixth, beat the second- and third-seeded wrestlers at 119 pounds to advance to the championship match, said Bill Givens, Baker High School wrestling coach.

### 10 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald

March 2, 2012

A seven-woman, five-man jury has convicted Daniel Myers of murdering Travis Weems by shooting him in the chest with a high-powered rifle on Jan. 27, 2011, at Myers' home on Cracker Creek Road near Sumpter.

Judge Greg Baxter called the 56-year-old Myers to court via video link before summoning the jury and reading the verdicts about 11 a.m. Thursday.

Myers has remained at the Baker County Jail throughout the trial, which began Feb. 21. His court-appointed attorney, Mark Rader of Ontario, again, as he has throughout the trial, asked Baxter to delay the trial or grant a mistrial before the jury was called to the courtroom to present the verdicts to the judge.

Baxter again denied Rader's request.

### ONE YEAR AGO

from the Baker City Herald

March 2, 2021

Becky and Bruce Litke were excited at the prospect that a brief pinprick will lead to them seeing their grandchildren and great-grandchildren again.

The Baker County couple were among 390 people who received their first dose of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine on Friday, Feb. 26.

Another 67 people received their second and final dose.

The free clinic at Baker High School was the biggest since the first doses of vaccine were administered in the county in mid-December.

Nurses from the Baker County Health Department gave a total of 457 doses, most of those going to people 75 or older.

"We haven't seen our grandkids or great-grandkids in a year, so we're really excited about it," Becky Litke said.

Friday's clinic helped boost Baker County's vaccination rate, per 10,000 residents, to the sixth-highest among Oregon's 36 counties. As of Monday, March 1, Baker County's vaccination rate was 1,662 per 10,000 residents.

The county has now offered the vaccine to residents age 80 and older who wanted to be inoculated, and many of those attending Friday's clinic are between 75 and 79, said Nancy Staten, director of the Baker County Health Department.

## OREGON LOTTERY

### MEGABUCKS, FEB. 26

20-29-34-40-44-46

Next jackpot: \$2.2 million

### POWERBALL, FEB. 26

15-32-36-48-64 PB 19

Next jackpot: \$65 million

### MEGA MILLIONS, FEB. 25

15-31-40-56-66 Mega 4

Next jackpot: \$102 million

### WIN FOR LIFE, FEB. 26

8-23-30-31

### PICK 4, FEB. 27

• 1 p.m.: 9-5-4-5

• 4 p.m.: 0-2-6-5

• 7 p.m.: 4-7-6-2

• 10 p.m.: 9-0-1-6

### LUCKY LINES, FEB. 27

3-5-12-16-17-24-25-29

Next jackpot: \$17,000

## SENIOR MENUS

**WEDNESDAY (March 2):** Salisbury steak, baked beans, mixed vegetables, rolls, macaroni salad, cheesecake

**THURSDAY (March 3):** Herb-baked chicken, rice pilaf, carrots, rolls, green salad, cookies

**FRIDAY (March 4):** Barbecued ribs, baked beans, corn, rolls, coleslaw, cinnamon rolls

**MONDAY (March 7):** Lasagna, garlic bread, green salad, cheesecake

**TUESDAY (March 8):** Baked ham, candied yams, peas and carrots, rolls, fruit cup, cinnamon rolls

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 for those under 60.

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# Horde running for governor as March 8 filing deadline looms

BY GARY A. WARNER

Oregon Capital Bureau

SALEM — When the gavel falls in the House and Senate, the focus will flip immediately from legislation to the election season.

March 7 is the last day the Legislature can meet before the constitutionally mandated end of its 35-day session.

March 8 is the last day candidates can file to run in the May primary election.

The calendar leaves just 70 days until the May 17 primary election day — though Oregon's mail-in only ballot means the time for candidates to make their case is even shorter.

As of Friday afternoon, Feb. 25, 309 candidates have registered with the Secretary of State to run for office in 2022. There are 36 running for governor, 35 for U.S. House, 10 for U.S. Senate, and four for Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries.

Scores more are running for the state House and Senate, along with a collection of judgeships, district attorney offices, mayors and other local offices.

Some news and notes from the legislative halls and campaign trails:

### Changing traditions to choose sides

The Democratic parties in Deschutes and Linn counties have broken with their long-standing tradition against endorsing candidates in primary races. Both groups voted to back the insurgent progressive candidacy of Jamie McLeod-Skinner in her race to unseat incumbent U.S. Rep. Kurt Schrader, the least liberal Democrat of Oregon's delegation to Capitol Hill. McLeod-Skinner was also endorsed this past week by former Gov. Barbara Roberts. Schrader's re-election will be backed by the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee.

### Sorry, neighbor

Gov. Kate Brown was the target of harsh words — and an apology — from Washington Sen. Marko Liias this past week.

The Democrat from Lynnwood is chair of the Senate Transportation Committee and author of a bill to add a 6-cents-per-gallon tax on fuel refined in Washington that is bound for neighboring states. When Brown expressed her opposition to the plan, Liias went on KVI radio with a biting reaction.

"The fact that she dare say a word is just a joke," Liias said. "This governor down in Oregon is living in Fantasyland. She is in the last few months of her term. She is losing relevance. She is a lame duck."



The Oregon Capitol in Salem.

EO Media Group, File

On Friday, Liias rose on the Senate floor in Olympia to offer an apology.

"Yesterday, I participated in a radio interview where I made unkind and disrespectful and inappropriate comments about the governor of Oregon, and I deeply regret those comments," Liias said. "I have expressed my apologies to Gov. Brown and look forward to continuing to build a strong relationship between our two states."

### Rising cash stash

The Federal Elections Commission reports that \$5.7 billion in fundraising was reported for the 13 months between Jan. 1, 2021 and Jan. 31, 2022. Candidates' campaign finance committees pulled in just under \$1.23 billion. Political party committees reported just over \$1.04 billion. Political Action Committee contributions totaled just over \$3.4 billion.

### Teachers' picks

Though the filing deadline has yet to pass, the union for 46,000 public education employees has issued four endorsements for the May 17 primary.

The Oregon Education Association backed three candidates in the Democratic primaries: Former House Speaker Tina Kotek for governor, McLeod-Skinner in the 5th Congressional District, and Rep. Andrea Salinas of Lake Oswego for the new 6th Congressional District. In the officially non-partisan race for labor commissioner, the union will back Portland attorney Christina Stephenson.

### Grand Old Party spot

With COVID-19 on a trajectory of steep decline, both major political parties are planning a return to major election year conclaves. First up will be the Republicans, who will hold their Dorchester Conference April 22-24 at the Hood River Resort. Staking claim to being the oldest continuous political conference in the nation, it takes its name from the Lincoln City hotel where the first event was held in 1965. The conference plans on a governor candidates debate and a straw poll of attendees to pick their choice of the moment.

### Dems head to bluer mountains

Democrats will make their traditional trek to the Sunriver Resort in newly Democratic-leaning Deschutes County. The onetime Republican stronghold voted for President Joe Biden in 2020, the first time a Democrat won more than half the county's presidential votes since Lyndon Johnson in 1964. The event had been scheduled for mid-March, but organizers felt the COVID-19 situation would be improved in the spring and have rescheduled the event to April 28-May 1. It too will include a debate of governor candidates, as well as meetings with other current and prospective officeholders.

### Borderline bid

Katherine "Kat" Gallant, a conservative commentator, has switched races for the 2022 election. She's now filed to run against U.S. Rep. Cliff Bentz, R-Ontario, in the 2nd Congressional District.

Gallant had earlier announced a bid for Congress — in Arizona's 1st Congressional District.

Gallant said in an e-mail that the delayed U.S. Census information that led to late redistricting of congressional districts in both states had left her out on the border in terms of where she would run.

"Arizona, too, is in the middle of redistricting and it made it confusing to know who I was running against," she said.

Gallant said she was born and raised in Pendleton, has had property in several spots in Oregon, and currently lives in Ukiah, in Umatilla County. She said she also owns a farm in Arizona.

"I had homes in both areas and after looking and analyzing both, I decided to run in Oregon," Gallant said. She said she also owns a farm in Utah.

Oregon state offices have relatively strict residency requirements, as shown by the disqualification of former New York Times columnist Nicholas Kristof in his bid for governor.

But the U.S. Constitution gives a great deal of leeway to candidates for the U.S. House. They do not have to live in the district — just in the state. It's a rule that several candidates are invoking that to get into races in newly redrawn congressional districts beyond where they live.

If Secretary of State Shemia Fagan is satisfied that Gallant is an Oregon resident, she'll be on the May 17 ballot along with Bentz and Mark Cavener of Klamath Falls.

## News of Record

### FUNERALS PENDING

**James Bacon:** Memorial service with military honors will take place Saturday, March 12, at 11 a.m. at the Harvest Church, 3720 Birch St. in Baker City. Memorial donations in Jim's name can be made to the Powder River Sportsmen's Club rifle range, through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services, P.O. Box 543, Halfway, OR 97834. Online condolences can be shared at tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

### POLICE LOG

#### Baker City Police

**Arrests, citations**  
HARASSMENT, TELEPHONIC HARASSMENT, IMPROPER USE OF EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM (Baker County Circuit Court warrants): Jeffery Willis Heaton, 61, Baker City, 11:13 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, at Resort Street and Washington Avenue; cited and released.

FAILURE TO APPEAR (multiple out-of-county warrants): Debra Renne Efrid, 47, Baker City, 2:22 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, at the Police Department; cited and released.

PROBATION VIOLATION (Baker County Circuit Court warrant): Joshua James Smith, 39, Baker City, 12:24 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, in the 400 block of Spring Garden Avenue; jailed.

SECOND-DEGREE THEFT, UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE, SECOND-DEGREE CRIMINAL MISCHIEF, CRIMINAL CONSPIRACY: Samantha Lee Hull, 22, and Gage Michael Niehaul, 22, 1:28 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, in the 1700 block of Valley Avenue; cited and released.

CONTEMPT OF COURT (Baker County Justice Court warrants): John Marisk Guthrie Jr., 50, Baker City, 10:12 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25, in the 1100 block of

Campbell Street; cited and released.

PROBATION VIOLATION: Chuck Wayne Briney, 28, Baker City, 8:15 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25, at Main Street and Court

Avenue; jailed.

**Baker County Sheriff's Office**  
**Arrests, citations**

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE

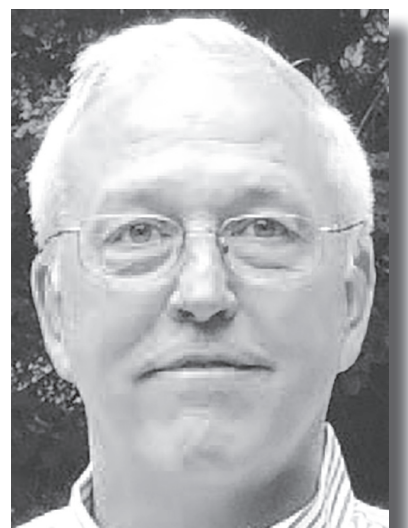
OF INTOXICANTS: Brandon Douglas Culbertson, 33, Baker City, 1:52 a.m. Monday, Feb. 28, at Church and Seventh streets.

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## COME MEET DAN!

Please join us for a Meet & Greet  
**Thursday March 3, 2022**  
**6:30 p.m. - Event Center**  
**Baker County Fairgrounds**

During this informational evening you will hear from Dan and also have the opportunity to ask questions and support him throughout his campaign. If you are unable to make this event, you may support Dan now!



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