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QUICK HITS

Good Day Wish To A Subscriber

A special good day to Herald subscriber Mel Hauser of Baker City.

BRIEFING

Eastern Oregon Regional Theater youth to present play this weekend

Eastern Oregon Regional Theater's youth will present the play "Summer of Kaos" at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday at the Iron Gate Theater, 2101 Main St., Baker City.

Tickets are \$10 adults, \$5 students or \$25 for a family.

Fires banned in state parks

SALEM — Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) is prohibiting all campfires and open flames in all state park properties. The campfire and open flame ban includes campgrounds, day-use areas, and all areas of the Ocean Shore and beaches managed by OPRD.

The fire ban applies to wood, charcoal, and other flame sources that cannot be turned off with a valve. Liquid fuel stoves or cooking devices that can be turned off with a valve are permitted.

The fire ban is expected to last at least one week, but will be evaluated based on weather, resource conditions.

County has vacancies on multiple boards

Baker County is seeking volunteers for the following boards/committees:

- Wolf Depredation Advisory Committee, openings for the livestock owner and business owner positions
- Transient Lodging Tax Committee
- Baker County Development Corporation
- Baker County Planning Commission
- Baker County Parks and Recreation Board

Volunteer forms are available at www.baker-county.org/commissioners. More information is available by calling the Commissioner's Office at 541-523-8200 or by emailing hmartin@bakercounty.org

WEATHER

Today
86 / 45



Mostly sunny

Saturday
86 / 43



Mostly sunny

Sunday
89 / 48



Mostly sunny

Motorcycle Riders Honoring Fallen American Soldiers

Two-Wheel Tribute

■ The group honored Mabry Anders, who died in Afghanistan in 2012



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Genevieve Woydziak shares a moment with Brett Misemer of Mansfield, Missouri, who lost a son in Iraq on Feb. 16, 2005. Misemer said he'll be riding with the contingent until he reaches home. Near right of Genevieve is Warren Williamson, Tribute to Fallen Soldiers executive director.

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A cross-country procession of about 25 motorcycle riders stopped at the Baker City Airport Thursday afternoon to honor Army Spc. Mabry Anders, a 21-year-old Baker City soldier who was killed in action in Afghanistan on Aug. 27, 2012.

The Tribute to Fallen Soldiers riders, escorting the Fallen Soldiers Memorial Flame from Eugene to Arlington National Cemetery, parked their bikes outside a hangar around 12:15 p.m. and played "Amazing Grace" from the speakers of a motorcycle before greeting the crowd that

attended the reception.

Warren Williamson, Tribute to Fallen Soldiers Executive Director, presented Anders' mother, Genevieve Woydziak, with a canvas painting of a young Anders with his parents in front of an American flag backdrop along with a patch with Anders' name. The riders also bear that patch as they travel across the country.

"It's not a club that you want to be a part of, but with this patch Mabry will be with us as we travel to Arlington," Williamson said.

Woydziak also signed one of three American flags in her son's name that the group will fly with them as they ride into

Arlington.

The group left Eugene on Tuesday after the mother and sister of a fallen soldier lit the flame, and they are slated to arrive in Washington, D.C., on Aug. 3.

Their ride will end on Aug. 5, after two days of honoring soldiers, when they extinguish the flame at the 9/11 memorial and lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

This is not the first time the tribute to Fallen Soldiers has come to Baker City to honor Anders, having also stopped here in 2013.

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SUBDIVISION PROPOSED NEAR SAM-O SWIM CENTER

Planners approve townhouse proposal

By Casey Crowley
Baker City Herald

The Baker City Planning Commission on Wednesday unanimously approved a proposed subdivision that would include up to 28 townhouses on a 2.83-acre parcel near Sam-O Swim Center.

Several residents in that neighborhood told planning commissioners they are concerned about the traffic the development would generate, as well as potential effects on their property values.

Kevin and Kimberly Luckini, who own a local construction company, plan to call the development Park Springs.

The subdivision would be the first of its kind in Baker City, including, at full development, seven separate structures, each containing four two-story townhouses.

"We are thankful we got through the Planning Commission and we hope the neighborhood will give us an opportunity to prove that we are serious about trying to be good neighbors," Kevin Luckini said in a phone interview.

The subdivision would be built in phases, Luckini said.

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Unity voters will decide pot shop ban

By Casey Crowley
Baker City Herald

The Baker County Board of Commissioners approved an ordinance Wednesday that temporarily bans marijuana-related businesses from opening in Unity.

But voters in the town of 75 residents, about 46 miles southwest of Baker City, will have the final say in the matter at the Nov. 6 election.

Unity's 45 registered voters will decide then whether to make the ban on pot shops permanent.

Commissioners on Wednesday also approved a resolution putting the matter on the Nov. 6 ballot.

Commissioners are involved because Unity has not been able to find enough residents to serve on a City Council for several years. Under Oregon law, county commissioners have acted as a city council for Unity. Commissioner Mark Bennett has served as the city's administrator.

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Schools receive grant for summer programs

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Baker School District is one of 26 Oregon districts to receive a 21st Century Community Learning Center (21st CCLC) grant from the Oregon Department of Education.

Assistant Superintendent Betty Palmer applied for the five-year, \$804,600 grant for summer programs such as Kindergarten Camp and Summer Academy.

The district will receive \$178,800 for each of the first three years, then \$134,100 in both the fourth and fifth years.

Superintendent Mark Witty said this funding is "critical" and will help the district solidify summer programs for about 300 to 350 students.

Palmer said this grant will help the district do the "heavy-lifting" to strengthen these programs.

"It's a pivotal opportunity for us,"

she said.

According to a press release, the grants are funded through the Oregon Department of Education. The current batch of grants totals \$10.6 million.

Witty said the Baker District applied for the amount that officials thought would be necessary to make summer programming "sustainable" and something the district can continue after the grant expires in 2023.

Palmer agreed, saying the amount

they received is "adequate" to fund the summer programs in addition to the district's Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics (STEAM) camps.

Nonetheless, Witty said district officials are always looking for grants. The district can re-apply for the state grant in five years if the summer programs are still active.

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