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**QUICK HITS**

**Good Day Wish To A Subscriber**

A special good day to Herald subscriber Carmen Ott of Baker City.

**Oregon, 3A**

SALEM — The Oregon House is set to vote on tougher rules for childhood vaccinations, after a key panel approved the measure Friday over the opposition of hundreds of parents.

The Joint Committee on Ways and Means voted 13-7 to make routine childhood vaccinations a condition of attending Oregon public schools unless a student has a doctor's note. The measure will now go to the House for full consideration.

**BRIEFING**

**National Day of Prayer set May 2**

A gathering for the annual National Day of Prayer is set for May 2 from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Geiser-Pollman Park. Everyone is invited to the annual gathering to pray for the nation, state, counties and cities.

**Brooklyn School art show May 3**

Brooklyn Primary School's annual art show is happening Friday, May 3, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The event will showcase samples of artwork created by students (grades K-3) throughout the year. Brooklyn is at 1350 Washington Ave.

**WEATHER**

**Today**

52 / 26



Mostly sunny

**Tuesday**

57 / 24



Partly sunny

**Full forecast on the back of the B section.**

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**Valuable Addition To Library's Baker Historic Photo Collection**

## Treasure On Film

■ Robert N. Gambs owned photography studio here in 1930s and 40s



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Gary Dielman finds that Robert Gambs often photographed with a view camera that produced an 8-inch by 10-inch negative. This one is of a wrecked car that Gambs photographed after he moved from Baker City in 1950.

**By Jayson Jacoby**

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A treasure trove of Baker County history lies in tidy piles on a table in Gary Dielman's home, stacks of black-and-white photographs with curling corners betraying their age.

But this unique collection of several dozen crisply rendered prints, most of them made between 1936 and 1949, constitutes only one chapter of a much longer tale, one that grows more vivid the deeper Dielman digs.

Wedged against the wall are five other fruit boxes crammed with photos and negatives and film reels and.... well, as of Tuesday, April 23, Dielman wasn't sure what those containers might reveal.

He had to that point delved into one box and part of another:

"I haven't even opened four boxes," Dielman, a longtime Baker County historian, said as he began to investigate the accumulated collection of photographer Robert N. Gambs, who operated a studio at 2110 Main St. in two stints separated by his service in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

A few days later Dielman, who spent much of last week poring over the boxes' contents in a manner not so different from a child enthralled by a



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Gambs seemed to have stored most of his negatives in appropriate sleeves but in a variety of containers, including a cigar box.

stack of Christmas gifts, had a much better sense of the scope of this donation.

And a much greater appreciation for its historic value.

"I feel like someone who gave

me a big box of chocolates and I've been eating them all day," Dielman wrote in an email to the Herald on Thursday.

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## April's frigid finish

■ Record-low temperature was set this morning at the Baker City Airport

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The second-to-last day of April probably will be the coldest of the month in Baker City.

Which, besides prompting people to figure out which seat their ice scraper had been hiding beneath, reverses the normal progression of temperatures for the first full month of spring.

The temperature plunged to 19 degrees at 5:20 a.m. at the Baker City Airport. That's 1 degree colder than the previous record low for April 29, set in 2014.

Until a cold front barreled through Baker County on Saturday — winds gusted to 55 mph at the airport — April had been relatively balmy, especially nighttime temperatures.

Through the first 28 days the average low at the airport was 35.7 degrees. That would have made this April the warmest, by that measure, on record, eclipsing the previous record of 35.2 degrees in April 1965.

But today's chilly beginning preserved 1965's supremacy.

This April's average low has dropped to 35.1, and it's all but certain to dip even farther, as the National Weather Service is forecasting a low of 28 degrees on the month's final day.

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## Firewood season opens Wednesday

Firewood-cutting season starts Wednesday on the Wallowa-Whitman, Umatilla and Malheur national forests.

Cutting permits for personal use firewood will be on sale at Forest Service offices and many local businesses, including D&B Supply in Baker City.

Permits cost \$5 per cord with a minimum purchase of 4 cords.

Many areas of the national forests remain inaccessible due to a heavy winter snow-pack that's been slow to melt this spring.

The firewood season continues through Nov. 30.

More information is available at [www.fs.usda.gov/wallowa-whitman/](http://www.fs.usda.gov/wallowa-whitman/)

## Commissioners meet Wednesday

Baker County Commissioners will decide whether to authorize the sale of a county property on Hunt Mountain when they meet Wednesday at 9 a.m. at the Courthouse, 1995 Third St. The county acquired the property through foreclosure.

Commissioners will also consider bylaws for the Local Public Safety Coordinating Council, and approve proclamations for Wildfire Awareness Week and Older Americans Month.



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