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A special good day to Herald subscriber Jennifer Ramos of Baker City.

BRIEFING

Free kids fishing derby set for Saturday

A free fishing derby for kids 13 and younger is scheduled from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, June 1, at the Highway 203 Pond. The pond, which is stocked with rainbow trout, is just east of Interstate 84 at Exit 298, about 5 miles north of Baker City. There will be fishing instruction, prizes, and poles available to borrow.

The fishing derby coincides with Free Fishing Weekend in Oregon. On Saturday and Sunday you don't need a fishing license or tag to fish anywhere in Oregon. All bag limits apply, however.

More information is available by calling Adrian Cuzick at 541-523-1340.

Baker County Garden Club meeting June 5

The Baker County Garden Club will meet June 5 at Grandescapes Nursery, 11001 Island Ave. in La Grande. Meeting at 10:30 a.m. To carpool, meet at the Library at 9:15 a.m. Bring a sack lunch and beverage.

WEATHER

Today

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Showers, storms possible

Thursday

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Full forecast on the back of the B section.

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Fire Levels Landmark 129-Year-Old Building In Huntington

History Destroyed



S. John Collins/Baker City Herald

Marlee Garhart, 29, says her fond memories run deep for Howell's Cafe that burned in Friday's fire at Huntington.

By Chris Collins

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HUNTINGTON — The town of Huntington is in mourning this week.

The sadness came over the community of 440 after a fire swept through the downtown business district Thursday night, destroying iconic buildings that have been a point of pride for Huntington residents since they were constructed in 1890.

The loss of the three-story brick building that housed Howell's Cafe and the Streamliner Lounge and the adjoining building that housed Grady's Tavern has left community residents stunned.

Nearly everyone in the town, near the Snake River about 45 miles southeast of Baker City, seems to have fond memories of time spent in the buildings.

Mayor Richard Cummings, 76, who originally moved to Huntington with his family in 1949, said the buildings were always part of the town.

"The buildings were (Thursday) like they were then," he said. "They stood the times."



S. John Collins/Baker City Herald
Huntington Mayor Richard Cummings



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The historic structures that housed Howell's Cafe, the Streamliner Lounge and a banquet room are reduced to rubble. Grady's Tavern hasn't totally collapsed.

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Hearing for B2H coming to Baker

By Jayson Jacoby

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Officials from the Oregon Department of Energy recommend a state council approval of Idaho Power's controversial plan to build a power transmission line through Baker County.

Local residents will have a chance to express their opinions about the Boardman-to-Hemingway (B2H) project during a public hearing June 19 in Baker City.

Oregon's Energy Facility Siting Council, the seven-member group that reviews and issues construction certificates for major utility projects such as power lines, has scheduled the hearing from 4:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall, 2005 Valley Ave.

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Residents say pot sales ban should stay

By Samantha O'Conner

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A few Baker City residents told the City Council Tuesday that they don't want city officials to reconsider a 2015 decision to ban retail marijuana sales in the city.

City Councilor Lynette Perry, who wasn't on the Council when it voted in March 2015 to ban pot sales, said during a Budget Board meeting last week that she thinks councilors should at least discuss the issue, and in particular the potential tax revenue the city could receive from marijuana businesses.

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A Unique Wax Museum At Haines Elementary History comes alive

By Lisa Britton

For the Baker City Herald

Sacagawea stands stoic, gazing into the distance.

Nearby is a paper that reads "Press the button to hear about this famous person."

One tap to the circle and Sacagawea — aka Stella Carlson, a fifth-grader at Haines Elementary — comes immediately to life and recites facts about the woman who helped guide Meriwether Lewis and William Clark into the American West.

Mary Nice, who teaches fifth grade at Haines, provided her students with a list of famous people and corresponding books. Each read a book about his or her person, then did additional research.

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Alex Jaca dressed like Teddy Roosevelt to accompany his speech. His favorite fact to share is that Roosevelt helped save a certain species of elk — the Roosevelt elk.



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FRIDAY — FOREST SERVICE OFFICIALS VISIT SITE OF PRESCRIBED FIRE