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Good Day Wish To A Subscriber

A special good day to Herald subscriber Mark Bogart of Baker City.

BRIEFING

Documentary on substance abuse airs Thursday

"The Shift," a local documentary exploring the dynamics of substance misuse and the effects on youth will air Thursday, June 6, at 5:30 p.m. at the Churchill School, 16th and Broadway streets. A panel discussion and music by Shannon Gray and Jay Fleming will follow. The documentary was done by Jacol Filmworks, Baker County Safe Communities Coalition and New Directions Northwest.

WEATHER

Today

82 / 50



Mostly sunny

Thursday

64 / 37



Storms possible

Full forecast on the back of the B section.

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Correction: A story in Monday's issue about Baker High School's commencement included an error. In her speech, valedictorian Morgan Stone spoke about her teacher at Keating Elementary, Kathy Shaw. The sentence should have read: "Valedictorian Morgan Delaney Stone spoke next, recounting a conversation she once had with her teacher at Keating Elementary, Kathy Shaw. She would tell Shaw she was tired and would always get the response, "Hi, Tired, I'm Mrs. Shaw."

Haines Elementary School Celebrates Its Centennial

Happy 100th, Haines



Lisa Britton/For The Baker City Herald

Students at Haines Elementary began the 100th-year celebration by singing patriotic songs directed by Russell Carpenter and accompanied by the Baker Community Orchestra.



Lisa Britton / For The Baker City Herald
Anthony Johnson

By Lisa Britton
For the Baker City Herald

Haines Elementary opened its doors when Woodrow Wilson was president and the world was reeling from the great influenza pandemic.

The school celebrated its 100th birthday on May 30 amid much fanfare — patriotic songs performed by students, a speech by an alumni and former principal, and reminiscing at the nearby Eastern Oregon Museum.

The celebration started at the museum, which was used as the school gymnasium from 1931 to 1945.

The museum opened in 1959, and is celebrating its 60th year with a special exhibit dedicated to rural schools of the area.

Donated items include year-books and PTA records.

"It's so nice to have this history," said museum volunteer Mary Jane Guyer.



Lisa Britton/For the Baker City Herald

A new exhibit at the Eastern Oregon Museum highlights rural schools of the area. Displays include memorabilia such as this poster of a PTA fundraiser.

Museum visitor Mac Kerns started first grade at Rock Creek School.

"We rode horses," he said. "It was a mile and a half from our house."

And then, as today, students had some playground shenanigans.

"We'd eat our lunch, save the waxed

paper from our sandwiches, then use those to slide down the slide — it was slick," he said.

Mac's brother, Tim Kerns, also toured the museum.

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22,000-Square-Foot Building Planned Near Powder River Correctional Facility

New Directions NW to build office

New Directions Northwest, the Baker City non-profit organization that has a variety of mental health and drug and alcohol treatment programs, plans to build a 22,000-square-foot office and a 10,000-square-foot health facility on a vacant lot it owns in north-west Baker City.

New Directions has

filed a site design review application with the Baker City-County Planning Department.

The Baker City Planning Commission will have a public hearing on the application June 19 at 6 p.m. at City Hall, 1655 First St.

Koby Myer, finance manager for New Directions, said the company's plan is

to "consolidate our employees into one building."

New Directions' business office is at 2100 Main St.

Myer said the goal is to have the office finished within one year. New Directions did not have an estimated cost for the project.

The site is a 3.75-acre property that New Directions owns at 13th and K

streets, just west of the Powder River Correctional Facility and east of the Baker County Sheriff's Office and Baker County Jail.

New Directions bought the land for \$155,000 in May of this year, according to the Baker County Assessor's Office.

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E.O. Media Group plans to buy Herald

■ Company, which owns the East Oregonian in Pendleton, the Capital Press and The Astorian, also intends to buy The Observer in La Grande

By Kathleen McLaughlin
WestCom News Service

Two Oregon media companies want to buy most of Western Communications' community newspapers for a combined price of more than \$1.1 million, according to motions filed Tuesday in bankruptcy court.

The East Oregonian Company, known as EO Media Group, would pay \$775,000 for The Observer in La Grande and the Baker City Herald.

Country Media Inc., which owns newspapers on the Oregon Coast and in Montana and North Dakota, would pay \$350,000 for the Del Norte Triplet in Crescent City, California, and the Curry Coastal Pilot in Brookings.

The proposed buyers have requested hearings on June 27 in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Portland, according to motions filed Tuesday. Closings would occur days after the court orders the sales.

Competing bids may be submitted no later than June 21.

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Arson suspect facing more charges

A Baker County grand jury has indicted Raymon Haze Garcia on two counts of first-degree arson and one count of reckless burning in connection with the fire that destroyed historic buildings in Huntington last week.

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FRIDAY — HOSPITAL EMERGENCY ROOM REMODEL UNDERWAY