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Good Day Wish To A Subscriber

A special good day to Herald subscriber Mike Trindle of Baker City.

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LACONIA, N.H. (AP) — New England Patriots safety Patrick Chung has been indicted in New Hampshire on a charge of cocaine possession, according to court paperwork released Thursday.

A Belknap County grand jury indicted the 32-year-old Chung on Aug. 8.

BRIEFING

Special event scheduled Saturday

The monthly Foundation of Hope night is scheduled Saturday at the Ruda Ranch just west of Baker City.

The event, which includes a barbecue potluck, begins at 5 p.m. Those attending are asked to bring a side dish or dessert.

Music and a special message will be presented by Dick and Jill Schoenberg of Tri-Cities, Washington.

WEATHER

Today

89 / 49

Partly cloudy

Saturday

88 / 43
Mostly sunny and pleasant

Sunday

81 / 41
Sunny and pleasant

Full forecast on the back of the B section.

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Annual Memory Cruise and Steak Feed Saturday

Cruisin' Baker City



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Bob and Cheri Ward of Baker City look for any opportunity to start up and drive away in their classic cars.

By Samantha O'Conner
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The annual Memory Cruise is gearing up for its 29th year Saturday.

Between 140-180 cars will be shown at this year's event at Geiser-Pollman Park.

Wayne Ryder, one of the organizers of the event, said registration begins at 8 a.m. with a raffle during the day and live music.

They have 40 awards that will be given out at 4 p.m.

The Durkee Steak Feed at the Quail Ridge Golf Course will go from 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and the Downtown Cruise will begin at 8:30.

Among the cars to be shown will be Bob and Cheri Ward's 1956 Ford pickup truck that Bob has rebuilt three times.

Bob, 66, had always wanted a '56 pickup since he had seen one driving by his high school.

Cherie, 67, explained he finally got his pickup after they were married.

"He brought it home and it was on a flat bed trailer and in boxes and he's rebuilt it three times," said Cherie. "The last time was in 1988."

In previous years, they had also showed Cherie's 1967 Ford Mustang, but this year they decided to only show the pickup.

In getting ready for the Memory Cruise, they clean and wax the exterior, polish the wheels, do detailing and other steps to have their truck ready for the show. Cherie also cleaned the

engine compartment on the pickup.

The Ward's have been in the Memory Cruise for 13 years.

"Almost always you see cars that you haven't seen before," Bob said.

"It's been fun. It's been a lifelong journey since 1976 to present," Cherie said.

They moved to Baker 14 years ago from Winnetka, in California's San Fernando Valley.

They had driven through Baker on vacation not long after they were married.

"And we thought, 'what a cute little place,'" Cherie said. "And wouldn't it be a great place to retire."

Cherie explained that they

sold their home in California and were moved to Baker within a month.

"It's been a dream come true for us," said Cherie.

Bob and Cherie met in 1971 on a blind date, were married in 1973, and were part of Pickups Limited of Southern California, a large club for car enthusiasts.

Cherie said the club used to have 12 chapters. The Wards were in the Burbank Chapter.

They joined the club after Bob bought his truck and were club members for 24 years.

While in California, Bob worked in the aerospace industry and then with Disney.

Cherie said Bob worked on the truck as a side project

while he worked.

Cherie worked as a manager in a veterinarian office.

When they moved to Baker City in 2005 she worked briefly at a vet's office and then worked in medical records at the hospital.

She then transferred to La Grande where she worked as a medical records analyst for a little over nine months, commuting between Baker and La Grande through Community Connection.

Bob worked in a carpentry business, Blue Mountain Workshops, and then at the 5J School District as an IT (information technology) technician.

The couple retired last year.



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Three vertical tail lights haven't changed since the original Mustangs hit the streets.

Reorganized task force makes arrests

Members of a newly reorganized Baker County Drug Task Force arrested two men and seized evidence of methamphetamine distribution after executing search warrants at two west Baker City homes Monday.

No arrests were made at the first home at 3220 14th St., Baker City Police Chief Ray Duman stated in a press release issued Thursday.

Detectives seized evidence related to distribution of methamphetamine

and identity theft. Police found scales and packaging materials as well as multiple drivers licenses and Social Security cards, Duman said.

The evidence will be submitted to the Baker County District Attorney's Office for possible indictment, Duman said. He declined to identify residents at that address pending further investigation.

Detectives executed the second search warrant at 1905 15th St.

Monday where they also seized evidence of methamphetamine distribution.

Officers arrested Brandon Robert Radle, 31, on a charge of unlawful possession of meth; and Chuck Wayne Briney, 26, on an outstanding Baker County warrant charging him with violating his release agreement.

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Gun violence solutions offered

By Phil Wright
EO Media Group

PENDLETON — Barely a day after back-to-back mass shootings rocked the nation, police in Hermiston on Aug. 5 were tracking down who shot and injured two teen boys.

Pendleton police three days later were chasing their own shooting suspect, who ended the pursuit when he shot himself in the head.

The East Oregonian and its sister publications in Eastern Oregon reached out to police chiefs, sheriffs, lawmakers, mental health care providers, school officials and others to ask them to give their ideas for curbing gun violence. We asked them to provide no more than a few hundred words and to stay away from culture issues of violence or legal issues of gun rights.

Not everyone we asked participated. In some cases we accommodated sources who preferred short interviews. We primarily edited responses for length and clarity.

What follows are their ideas.

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Commission approves 2 purchases

By Brandon Taylor
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The Baker County commissioners approved two new Road Department purchases during their regularly scheduled open meeting Wednesday.

The commission approved the Road Department's purchase of a 50-ton lowboy trailer from Load King Custom Truck Source at \$87,138 — the lowest of the three bids. The new lowboy will update the Road Department's fleet. The only other lowboy the department has is a 40-ton lowboy trailer that had to be rebuilt twice, according to Road Master Nolan Perkins. The Road Department will keep the old lowboy for lighter loads and emergencies.

The County Commission also approved the Road Department's purchase of a 1991 Autocar snow plow for \$8,500 from The General Services Administration. The new snow plow will update the Road Department's fleet back to its 2016 fleet size of three snowplows.

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MONDAY — MEMORY CRUISE WEEKEND FOLLOWUP