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### QUICK HITS

#### Good Day Wish To A Subscriber

A special good day to Herald subscriber Karen Cloudt of Baker City.

#### Local, 2A

The Baker City Planning Commission will have a public hearing Wednesday, Oct. 16, to consider an application for a 70-foot-tall cell tower on the north side of D Street between East and Clark streets.

The hearing is set for 6 p.m. at City Hall, 1655 First St.

#### Oregon, 8A

SALEM (AP) — If lawmakers again fail to pass a law regulating Oregon's greenhouse gas emissions next year, voters could be called on to do it.

### BRIEFING

#### Quartet to perform John Coltrane's music tonight at Churchill School

The Rob Scheps/Matt Cooper Quartet will present an evening of the music of John Coltrane tonight at 6:30 at Churchill School (3451 Broadway St., Baker City). Tickets are \$8 in advance or \$10 at the door at Churchill School. Advance tickets for the Churchill show are available at Sweet Wife Baking in Baker City.

### WEATHER

#### Today

53 / 20



Mostly sunny

#### Saturday

59 / 30



Partly sunny

#### Sunday

60 / 27



Cloudy

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### Virginia Buchfinck Celebrates Her 100th Birthday

# Major Milestone



Lisa Britton/For the Baker City Herald

Virginia Buchfinck, a longtime Baker City resident, turned 100 on Thursday.

#### By Lisa Britton

For the Baker City Herald

Virginia Buchfinck always thought 100 years was a long time away.

Today, cards bearing that number line a shelf in her Baker City home.

A note near her chair reads: "Happy 99 years, 11 months, 24 days."

She turned 100 on Thursday, Oct. 10.

"It's almost unreal," Buchfinck said Monday. "God must have a reason for me still being here. I'm very blessed to be where I am, and in the health I am."

A party to celebrate this milestone is set for Saturday, Oct. 12, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the First Lutheran Church fellowship hall, 1734 Third St.

#### A century of change

Virginia was born Oct. 10, 1919 at West Linn.

Life has changed more than a little bit in 100 years.

"We're living in a different age. Totally," she said.

When asked what affected her life the most, she doesn't hesitate.

"Indoor plumbing."

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Submitted photo

Virginia Buchfinck as a girl. She was born Oct. 10, 1919, at West Linn, southeast of Portland. Buchfinck, who moved to Baker City in 1949, will celebrate her 100th birthday with a party Saturday afternoon at the First Lutheran Church.

# Vape ban scares local shops

■ Six-month statewide ban on flavored vaping products, a popular way for people to stop smoking cigarettes, could take effect today

#### By Jayson Jacoby

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Theresa Ball is trying to figure out how to keep her Baker City business open after it becomes illegal to sell her most popular products.

That challenge could begin as soon as today.

On Oct. 4 Oregon Gov. Kate Brown signed an executive order calling for a six-month statewide ban on the sale of flavored vaping products.

Those are liquids that are vaporized in a battery-powered device and inhaled.

Ball, who opened the Baker City Vape shop at 1820 First St. in 2013, said flavored vaping products containing nicotine constitute about 85% of the sales at her business.

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# Graffiti cleanup leads to citations

#### By Chris Collins

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A plan to clean up graffiti at the Baker City Skate Park last month took a wrong turn even before the work got started.

The issue began when three Baker High School athletes volunteered to paint over the graffiti as service to the community.

Joyce Bornstedt, technical administrative supervisor for the city's Public Works department, said she routinely receives complaints about inappropriate graffiti being painted at the skate park.

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# Autumn chill cracks the record books

The potent cold front that barged through Baker County Tuesday afternoon ushered in record-breaking chill more common to December than to early October.

The temperature plummeted to 15 degrees Thursday morning at the Baker City Airport. That broke the previous record low for Oct. 10 of 19 degrees, set in 2001. Today's low of 17 tied the daily record, set in 1990.

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MONDAY — LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL WEEKEND SPORTS ROUNDUP