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Sports editor Corey Kirk picks 3 winners and 3 losers from the NFL draft.

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Four students receive \$500 scholarships

The Oregon PEO Chapter CJ Scholarship Foundation awarded \$500 scholarships to four local students — Anna Carter, Averi Elms and Laura Illingsworth of Baker High School and Madison Morgan of Pine Eagle High School.

Carter will attend Oregon State University to study Business Administration, with a goal of becoming an event planner.

Elms will attend Northern Arizona University with a career in dermatology as her goal.

Illingsworth will attend Brigham Young University to pursue a career in the medical field.

Morgan will attend Eastern Oregon University to major in either biology or biochemistry, with a career in veterinary medicine as a goal.

PEO is a philanthropic education organization interested in bringing women increased opportunities for higher education.

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County has 1st case

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Baker County has its first confirmed case of the coronavirus. The Baker County Health Department announced Wednesday morning that a county resident had tested positive. The Department declined to give any information about the person or the circumstances under which the person was tested, citing a federal health privacy law.

Holly Kerns, Baker County public information officer, said she could not provide information that might in any way identify the person. Kerns said the county was notified of the confirmed case Wednesday a short time before a press release was issued at 10:14 a.m.

While Kerns said she understands the public's concern and desire for more information about the person, federal privacy rules, known by the acronym HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act), prohibit authorities from releasing any individually identifying health information.

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Haines Fourth of July Events Canceled, But Fireworks Still A Possibility

Hoping The Show Will Still Go On



Baker City Herald file photo

Fireworks over Haines during a previous Fourth of July celebration.

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Garla Rowe hopes to see the dark sky over Haines blossom into a palette of bright colors on the Fourth of July.

But even if the annual Independence Day fireworks show illuminates the town of about 415, the holiday will lack some of its usual luster.

Rowe, who's secretary/treasurer for the Friends of Haines, said the group decided earlier this week to cancel the parade, arts in the park, barbecue, music and other parts of the town's annual celebration.

Rowe said it seems unlikely that the organization could ensure compliance with social distancing as hundreds of people congregate in the town about 11 miles north of

Baker City.

And at this point there's no guarantee the city could even obtain a parade permit from the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT).

That's required because the parade takes place on Front Street, which is also Highway 30.

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Reopen plan 'ready to go,' Bennett says

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Baker County Commissioner Mark Bennett said Wednesday that the county's plan to begin reopening its economy is ready, and that the county's first confirmed case of coronavirus, also announced Wednesday, does not affect the plan.

The county submitted its original plan to the governor's office on April 24, and Bennett said county officials revised it based on new criteria.

"I think we can immediately lobby that, hey, we're good to go, we're ready to go with that," Bennett said.

The plan is designed to balance public safety and community needs, he said.



Bennett

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Senior housing complex proposed

A Baker County contractor is proposing to build a 16-unit housing complex in Baker City and rent the one- and two-bedroom units to people 55 and older.

The Carriage Homes senior housing complex would consist of three duplexes, two tri-plexes and one quad-plex, according to a notice from the Baker City-County Planning Department.

The complex would be built on a 1.27-acre parcel south of D Street and east of Clark Street, north of Campbell Street. The property is zoned residential high-density.

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Harvey balks at BHS track closure

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Bill Harvey, Baker County Commission chairman, wants both his 85-year-old mother and his teenage grandson to be able to use the Baker High School track without feeling guilty for breaking rules.

The rules, in this case, are posted on signs at the track asking visitors to "respect guidance relative to the efforts to curb the spread of COVID-19 and in relation to social distancing."



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The Baker School District has posted signs at the Baker High School track stating that the track and other school grounds are closed. Bill Harvey, Baker County Commission chairman, has asked the school district to open the track.

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