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A special good day to Herald subscriber Richard Taie of Baker City.

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The Baker City Farmers Market opens Wednesday with a few changes due to the coronavirus pandemic. The market runs from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Court Plaza on Main Street. Customers are asked to enter on the Main Street side, and exit at Resort Street.

BRIEFING

Mounted Posse's Youth Trail Ride set June 27-28

The Baker County Mounted Posse's annual Youth Trail Ride for ages 12 to 15 is scheduled for June 27 and 28. Billed as a "true wilderness adventure," the event includes horseback riding, camping, good food, fun learning projects, crafts, games, singing and campfires.

The event is sponsored by donations from local businesses and the Mounted Posse. Applications are available at Step Forward Activities, 3720 10th St. in Baker City, or by calling Jodie Radabaugh at 541-524-9358 or Keith Radabaugh at 541-403-0757.

WEATHER

Today

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Mostly sunny

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Correction: The phone number for Jeffrey Pettingill, Baker County's new weed control supervisor, was wrong in a story on Page 2A of the May 30, issue. His cell number is 541-519-0204.

The space below is for a postage label for issues that are mailed.

Donor Buys Books For Geiser Grand Employees' Kids, Grandkids

Ready To Read



Jayson Jacoby/Baker City Herald

Reanna Clark, 6 months old, has a firm grasp on her new book, "Pat the Bunny," as she sits on the lap of her older brother, Colton, 12.

By Jayson Jacoby
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Reanna Clark seems more interested in tasting her brand new book than reading it.

Which is pretty typical behavior for a 6-month-old.

But Reanna's older brother, Colton, who's 12, is eager to start turning the pages of his volumes, which include Gary Paulsen's "Tucket's Travels," a series chronicling the adventures of a 14-year-old boy who is kidnapped while traveling on the Oregon Trail in 1847.

"I like to read whatever looks good," Colton said.

His younger brother, Gage, 7, is examining a stack of

books, including one of Tedd Arnold's "Fly Guy" stories.

The Clarks are inspecting their new books in the lobby of the Geiser Grand Hotel on Baker City's Main Street.

This is not a coincidence. Their mother, Mandy Clark, is the front desk manager at the restored 131-year-old hotel that is a Baker City landmark.

The Clarks' books — and about two dozen more — were donated to the children and grandchildren of Geiser Grand employees by a longtime guest who wasn't able to make her annual visit this year due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Geiser Grand owner Bar-

bara Sidway said the donor, who asked that she remain anonymous, called recently to say that she wouldn't be traveling to Baker City.

But the guest had a request. She asked Sidway to compile a list of Geiser Grand employees' kids and grandkids, including their ages and interests.

Then the donor called Carolyn Kulog, owner of Betty's Books in Baker City, and ordered books for each child.

Most received two or three. "She's so thoughtful," Sidway said of the donor.

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More virus testing coming

By Jayson Jacoby
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Baker County's rate of testing for coronavirus should accelerate soon.

Saint Alphonsus Medical Center-Baker City has been asked to participate in a testing program through the Oregon Health Authority, said Priscilla Lynn, CEO of the hospital.

The goal is to test up to 15 people per week who come to the hospital for an issue other than the virus, Lynn said.

The purpose is to test people who have no symptoms consistent with COVID-19, she said.

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County Fair will happen, with changes

The Baker County Fair will go on as scheduled, Aug. 3-7, but the annual event will be different due to the coronavirus pandemic.

"This fair won't look like it usually does, but it is important to the Fair Board that our local youth have the opportunity to show their 4-H and FFA projects," Ron Rowan, chairman of the Baker County Fair Board, said in a press release. "They've put a lot of effort into their exhibits, and we want them to have the opportunity to showcase their work."

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Campgrounds opening June 8

By Jayson Jacoby
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One of Baker County's larger and more popular forest campgrounds, closed this spring due to the coronavirus pandemic, will open for the season on Monday, June 8.

Union Creek Campground is on the north shore of Phillips Reservoir, about 17 miles southwest of Baker City.

The campground has 74 sites, including 20 with electrical, water and septic hook-ups and 18 with electrical and water only. Union Creek also has several bathrooms with flush toilets, as well as paved trails, a fish-cleaning station and picnic sites.

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21-unit subdivision proposed near freeway

■ Residential development planned east of Birch Street between D and E

By Jayson Jacoby
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A former Baker City couple wants to build a 21-lot residential subdivision west of Interstate 84 and north of Campbell Street.

Jim and Carla Michel, who live in Meridian, Idaho, have applied for a preliminary plat for the Silver Birch subdivision on 3.7 acres they own east of Birch Street between D and E streets.

The property is north of the Sunridge Inn.

Jim Michel, who grew up in Baker City and owned a logging company here before moving to Idaho six years ago, said he has owned the

bare land for more than 30 years.

The parcel is in the low-density residential zone.

Michel said he decided to build a subdivision based in part on the pattern of residential growth in that northeast part of the city over the past 15 years or so.

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