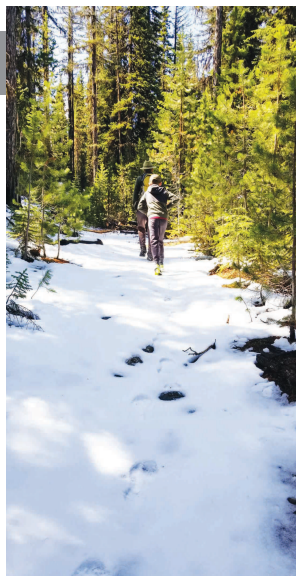


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QUICK HITS

### Good Day Wish To A Subscriber

A special good day to Herald subscriber Kerry Carpenter of Baker City.



### Animal art returns to downtown Baker City

African metal animal art sculptures will return to the sidewalks of downtown Baker City this month. This is a project of Art Roamers, an organization founded by Jeff Jentzsh and Susan Kippes.

The sculptures will stay in place through October. All are for sale; those interested in purchasing a sculpture can inquire at the supporting business.

To learn more about ArtRoamers, visit [www.artroamers.com](http://www.artroamers.com)

WEATHER

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Showers likely

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Showers

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More showers

Full forecast on the back of the B section.

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# Baker begins phase 2

By Jayson Jacoby  
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Baker County began the second phase of the state's reopening plan today, with more people allowed to attend both indoor and outdoor events, including church services.

Phase 2 guidelines also authorize some types of the businesses that had been closed during phase 1 to reopen, including theaters, bowling alleys and swimming pools.

Restaurants and bars, which had been required to close at 10 p.m.

during phase 1, which started May 15, can now stay open until midnight.

In all cases the state continues to require people, or groups who are together, to stay 6 feet apart.

That guideline defines how many

customers are allowed in restaurants, bars and other businesses, and how many people can attend church services and other events, both indoor and outdoor.

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### Volunteers Clean Up Main Street Sidewalks



Lisa Britton / For the Baker City Herald

Volunteers armed with brooms and a bucket spruced up Main Street sidewalks on Thursday. From left are Judy Head, Marlene Prowell and Gayle Gazley.

# Boomers With Brooms

By Lisa Britton  
For the Baker City Herald

No speck of dust is safe when Boomers with Brooms take to Main Street.

On her walks downtown last summer, Marlene Prowell noticed how grimy the sidewalks became with dust and leaves and other debris.

"I was thinking someone needs to do something," she said.

So she did.

Prowell recruited some friends — all fellow graduates of Baker High School — and named their group the Boomers with

Brooms.

They range from the BHS class of 1960 to the class of 1970.

They swept sidewalks in September and October last fall, then took a break for winter. Prowell, Gayle Gazley and Judy Head were back at it Thursday to spruce up Main Street before the First Friday art walk. Other members who help are Norma Nemecek and Jennifer Holden.

"We have a good time," Prowell said. "Last year we had so much fun talking to tourists."

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# Sex offender released on probation

Joshua Baker had a nearly 19-year minimum prison term reversed by U.S. Supreme Court

By Chris Collins  
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Joshua Baker, the Halfway man whose case was returned to Baker County last week for possible retrial after he had served 2 years of a nearly 19-year sentence on a sex abuse conviction, has been released from jail after accepting a plea agreement with the District Attorney's Office.



Baker

Baker, 43, pleaded guilty Wednesday afternoon in Baker County Circuit Court to the charge of attempting to commit the Class B felony of first-degree sexual abuse. In pleading to the charge of attempt, he was convicted of a Class C felony.

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Sam Anthony / Baker City Herald

The giraffe on the right, stolen the night of May 29, was found Wednesday and later reunited with the two other sculptures in front of the Mad Habit Boutique at Main Street and Valley Avenue.

# Giraffe is back

By Sam Anthony  
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On the night of May 29, a metal giraffe disappeared from the sidewalk outside Mad Habit Boutique in downtown Baker City.

The 5-foot-tall statue seemingly walked off on its own (or, for those without an active imagination and a belief in "Night at the Museum"-esque phenomena, was stolen and carried away), and was nowhere to be found on the morning of May 30.

On Wednesday morning police located the giraffe at Mount Hope Cemetery.

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# Restaurants busy, but with limits on seating

By Sam Anthony  
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Three weeks have passed since restaurants were allowed to resume limited on-site dining, and owners of local eateries say customers are glad to be able to sit in booths and eat hot meals.

"We've been packed, and we can barely keep customers out," said Julie Myers, owner of the Eagle Cap Grill on 10th Street.

Myers said her restaurant has been exceptionally busy since Baker County entered phase 1 of the state's reopen-

ing plan on May 15.

With some tables removed to ensure they meet social distancing requirements, reducing occupancy, the restaurant has almost always been at capacity, Myers said.

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