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“Previously, when we’re at a traditional playground, I’m always getting Gus in and out of his chair,” said Macy, who has been promoting Baker City’s campaign to build the all-abilities playground since its inception.

“I actually sat down on a bench and watched him play.”

The playground debuted around 9 a.m. Friday. It was built on the south side of the park, adjacent to another group of toys that were installed in May 2014.

Joyce Bornstedt, the city’s technical administrative supervisor, whose duties include overseeing city parks, said the city invited families whose children were featured in the city’s application for a grant from the Moda Health company. The city won the online voting contest in the spring of 2019 and received \$37,740.

Bornstedt said the city is not

sanitizing either the new equipment or the 2014 toys.

“There’s really no ability to sanitize because, I mean we could sanitize and 2 minutes (later) somebody that was infected could be there,” she said.

Bornstedt encourages people to wear face coverings at the park and to bring hand sanitizer to apply before and after using the playground.

Macy said she appreciated not only that Gus was able to play without her help, but that he was able to join his brother, Henry, 6.

Macy said one of her favorite moments so far at the new playground is watching 10 kids on a merry-go-round, two of them in wheelchairs. When someone asked to go faster, one girl said, “everybody who can push, get off and push.”

Having kids of all abilities play together was the purpose of the new playground, Macy said.

“It’s just really exciting.”



Gus Macy, front, and his brother, Henry, play at Geiser-Pollman Park on Friday morning along with Jasmine Webb, right.

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## DELEGATE

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Applicants applied directly to the Trump campaign, which then selected applicants to be delegates.

Jones said that due to COVID-19 and the shifting location of the convention, she’s had a hard time securing

a flight to the event.

The entire 2020 Republican National Convention was scheduled for Charlotte, North Carolina, but due to COVID-19 and North Carolina’s governor prohibiting conventions in Charlotte, the convention was split into two parts.

The first part, from Aug. 21-24, will take place in

Charlotte, and delegates will vote on rules for future conventions, adopt a platform for the party, and formally nominate Trump as the Republican presidential candidate.

The second part, from Aug. 24-27, will be a celebration in Jacksonville, Florida, where state restrictions do not prevent

large group gatherings but might require the use of masks.

The Florida event will include Trump’s acceptance speech, other speeches and other activities.

Jones said the Jacksonville celebration will also include a flood of balloons.

“Believe me, they go up to your knees,” she said.

## Protesters set fire outside Portland courthouse

PORTLAND (AP) — Protesters outside Portland’s U.S. courthouse set a fire in the building’s entryway early Monday in yet another night of conflict with federal agents who repeatedly tear gassed the demonstrators to drive them away, officials said.

Authorities over the weekend erected large fences around the building in an effort to keep away the protesters who have been on Portland’s streets daily since the police killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis nearly two months ago.

But video posted online showed

protesters taking down the fencing and a statement from Portland’s city police department described the protesters’ tactics as they repeatedly headed toward the courthouse and were repelled by federal agents who emerged from inside.

Hundreds of protesters were at the scene Sunday night into early Monday morning and at one point “dozens of people with shields, helmets, gas masks, umbrellas, bats, and hockey sticks approached the doors” of the courthouse until federal officers came out and dispersed them, the Portland police statement said.

The protesters later lit a fire at about 1:30 a.m. Monday within the portico of the courthouse, said Portland police, who stressed that their officers were not involved in any crowd control measures, did not fire tear gas and “were not present during any of the activity described.”

Other people added wood and debris to the fire to make it larger and federal agents came out of the courthouse, “dispersed the crowd and extinguished the fire,” the statement said.

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## YOGA

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After getting the proper certifications, Corwin and her husband found a location at 1923 Court Ave., and after a year of preparation, opened the doors of her studio — Mind, Body, Yoga — in January 2016.

“At the beginning I offered three different classes, a hapa yoga class which is very basic yoga, an aerial yoga class that has fabric hammocks and I also do restorative yoga, which is very relaxed and really great for people who want something soothing,” Corwin said.

As business continued to pick up over the years, so did the responsibilities. So almost a year ago, Corwin asked fellow yoga instructor Danika Sinram to assist in the teaching after meeting her at Sinram’s own studio. Corwin has enjoyed working with Sinram from the moment they started to work together.

“It’s wonderful to work with Danika,” Corwin said. “She has now taken over aerial yoga, so she teaches it twice a week.”

As the business grew, Corwin’s passion for yoga exceeded the four walls of her studio. She has taught yoga for people around the community, including May-Day, the nonprofit that helps victims of sexual abuse and domestic violence, and Baker House, the treatment center for mental health and substance abuse operated by New Directions Northwest.

“There are so many different things that it (yoga) can offer,” Corwin said. “I have an interest in people that are addicts and people that have received domestic violence issues.”

Although she’s confident she can comply with social distancing and otherwise keep her students safe, Corwin said she wants clients to return only when they are ready.

“I don’t want people to

come until they feel safe, and that it is OK to be there,” Corwin said.

As uncertainty continues to loom for the future with the pandemic, Corwin wants to extend her teaching online for her students who feel safer at home.

“How can I serve these people that can’t come in

yet, I don’t have things set up to do that yet, I’m sure it’s not that hard,” Corwin said.

Most importantly, Corwin wants Baker City to know that her work is far from over, and she has no intention of stopping soon.

“Pandemic or no pandemic, I’m not going anywhere

anytime soon,” Corwin said. “This is where I live, and this is what I do.”

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## LIBRARIES

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“Coming into the library should be a last resort when seeking our services,” Stokes wrote.

The drive-thru window at the Baker City library is open during regular library hours. Patrons can reserve items through the district’s website.

Restrictions in place now at libraries:

- Patrons required to wear a face covering indoors, unless younger than 12 and supervised by a parent, guardian or caregiver who is wearing a covering.

- Patrons must use hand sanitizer when they enter.

- Children under age 12 must be accompanied by responsible caregiver 16 or older.

- Persons unable to wear a mask will be provided outdoor drive-up/curbside service.

- Visitor occupancy limited to 8. A sign outside the Baker City library will show the occupancy.

- Visitation time is limited (timed session passes issued at front desk upon entry).

- Public restrooms, meeting rooms and drinking fountains are closed.

- Seating is restricted.

- No food or drink.

Stokes, in his message, wrote, regarding the reopening: “This move is not without trepidation. Our employees are highly aware that this is not just an ‘enter at your own risk’ situation; it’s an ‘enter at our collective risk’ situation.”

“COVID-19 is present in our community and is particularly life-threatening to those who have underlying conditions that make them especially vulnerable to severe illness from this virus,” Stokes wrote.

“Some of our staff and many of our library users are in that risk category.

“But we also know our community needs as much service as we can provide within the parameters allowed. We cannot be locked down indefinitely, but we cannot afford to diminish our vigilance in any way whatsoever. At a recent virtual meeting, library staff voted (nearly unanimously) in favor of re-opening with our system of safety measures in place.”

Stokes said the district is working to upgrade ventilation systems in all buildings.

## Limited computer use

Due to demand and limited devices, computer use will be limited to 60 minutes a day. Sets of keyboard, mouse and other peripheral devices will need to be checked out from the service desk prior to use and returned when the session is finished so everything can be sanitized.

A laptop computer is available for use at a cart outside the library for patrons unable to wear a mask. Please call ahead to reserve this workstation, at 541-523-6419.

There is also a computer dedicated to applying for government benefits such as unemployment, tax filing, Census participation, or other civil services.

## Low risk from library materials

All returned items are sanitized with a combination of ultraviolet germicidal light (UV-C) plus a quarantine period of 7 days before getting checked in. The quarantine period alone allows ample time for any existing virus hazard on the inside of an item to fade.

**LIVE AUCTION**

**Highland Dr Real Estate:**  
3120 Highland Dr, Baker City, OR

**August 15th, 2020 @ 10 AM**  
Preview: August 14th, 2020 10AM-6PM

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