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Good Day Wish To A Subscriber

A special good day to Herald subscriber Chuck Knapp of Baker City.

Local, 3A

Baker City Police officers deployed a spike strip on Wednesday evening, April 28, to stop a car that had led Oregon State Police troopers on a high-speed chase along Interstate 84.

Oregon, 5A

The Oregon House, on a largely party-line vote, approved a bill that combines storage requirements for firearms with a narrower ban on guns in some public places. The 34-24 vote on Thursday, April 29, sends the revamped Senate Bill 554 back to the Senate, which can vote to accept the changes — and send it to Gov. Kate Brown — or reject it and force a joint panel to negotiate the differences.

BRIEFING

Haines Fire District meeting set May 10

HAINES — The Haines Fire Protection District will have its monthly Board of Directors meeting on Monday, May 10 at 6 p.m. in the main fire station, 816 Cole St. The meeting is open the public, and COVID-19 safety procedures will be in effect.

WEATHER

Today
66 / 36
Turning sunny

Sunday
60 / 31
Partly sunny

Monday
66 / 39
Partly sunny

Full forecast on the back of the B section.

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Baker Bulldog Memorial Stadium Was Built in 1950

Football Stadium Refurbish Proposed



Corey Kirk/Baker City Herald

Baker Bulldog Memorial Stadium, just west of Baker High School, was built in 1950.

By Corey Kirk

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For the first time since it opened back in 1950, the Baker Bulldog Memorial Stadium could be in line for a major renovation project.

But the Baker School District athletic department likely will need to raise more than \$4 million through grants and private donations to bring the plan to fruition at the football stadium at Ninth and E streets just west of Baker High School.

“Obviously we are in the very, very early stages,” said Buell Gonzales Jr., the school district’s athletic director.



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Improving access for people with disabilities is one of the major parts of a proposed three-year renovation of Baker Bulldog Memorial Stadium.

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ANNUAL KINDERGARTEN EGG DROP

Kindergartners try to crack the code

By Lisa Britton

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Landon Hull shaded his eyes to see the man, high in the sky, who was raising a package above his head.

With a quick countdown, Tim Banister tossed the box out of his Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative bucket truck.

It landed with a thud on the black-top outside the Baker Early Learning Center.

Hull wasn’t sure if his raw egg survived the drop or not.

But he knew he did his best to cushion the fragile cargo.

“Lots of bubble wrap. I used all of it,” he said.

Hull and his fellow kindergartners participated in the annual kindergarten egg drop on Thursday, April 29.

This traditional family project challenges the students to build something that will protect an egg from a high drop.

There were a few rules.

The egg had to be raw, and the package could be no larger than seven inches square.

Each of the three kindergarten classes took a turn outside to watch the egg toss.



Lisa Britton/Baker City Herald

Paizley Coley discovered that her egg survived the drop from a bucket truck on Thursday, April 29.

Quite a few eggs were secured inside boxes. Several were outfitted with parachutes, and one had orange streamers.

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Lisa Britton/Baker City Herald

Tim Banister of Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative drops a package containing a raw egg from his bucket truck on Thursday, April 29. Each year, Baker kindergartners use bubble wrap and other materials to keep their egg intact after a fall.

County turns down doses

Health Dept. has many more COVID-19 vaccine doses than it needs based on demand

By Jayson Jacoby

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The Baker County Health Department has hundreds more doses of COVID-19 vaccine than it has residents interested in being inoculated.

“The level of interest has certainly decreased this past week,” Nancy Staten, the department’s director, said on Friday morning, April 30.

Less than a month ago the health department was scheduling bi-weekly clinics at Baker High School during which more than 600 people received either their first or second dose of the Moderna vaccine.

But as of Friday, the department didn’t have a single person on a waiting list for a vaccination, Staten said.

Residents continue to call occasionally asking about vaccines, and Staten said the department is making appointments for people as soon as possible, usually within a few days.

The challenge, she said, is scheduling vaccinations to ensure that the department doesn’t waste any doses.

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