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**Good Day Wish To A Subscriber**

A special good day to Herald subscriber Deborah Hammond of Baker City.

**Oregon, 3A**

For Oregon's state budget, and for Oregon taxpayers, it appears everything's coming up roses these days. An economic surge as the coronavirus pandemic wanes will produce \$1 billion more for state coffers than state economists projected just three months ago.

BRIEFING

**Baker School District to offer free summer meals**

Baker School District will again offer free meals for youth this summer, beginning Monday, June 14. Meals will be served in a drive-thru style at Baker High School, 2500 E St., from 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Monday through Friday. (There will be no meals on Monday, July 5.)

A sack lunch and breakfast for the next day will be offered. These are free to all youth age 18 and younger. Parents may eat for a cost of \$4 for lunch and \$2.50 for breakfast. Adult meal tickets must be purchased in advance at the district office, 2090 Fourth St.

For more information, contact Jessica Dalton at 541-524-2260.

WEATHER

Today

52 / 36



Showers likely

Sunday

63 / 39



Rain showers

Monday

66 / 41



Partly sunny

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**Friends of Haines Planning Multiple Events On Independence Day**

## A Fourth of July Full of Festivities



Kathy Orr/Baker City Herald File, 2016

A fireworks show is slated to cap a full day of Fourth of July festivities in Haines.

**By Jayson Jacoby**  
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HAINES — The big show that will brighten the night sky is about seven weeks away, but Garla Rowe is already excited.

Although this year she's even more enthusiastic about what's slated to happen on the ground in Haines on the Fourth of July.

Rowe, who is with Friends of Haines, the group that organizes the annual holiday

celebration in the town 10 miles north of Baker City, said the cowboy breakfast, parade, arts festival and other events that for decades have been part of Haines' Independence Day festivities are scheduled to return this year.

Those events were canceled due to the pandemic in 2020.

"I'm really excited for the Fourth this year," Rowe said on Tuesday, May 18 inside her store, Haines Sell-Rite. "I think the community needs

to have something positive to celebrate."

Last year the fireworks illuminated the skies above Haines on the holiday.

The community's other signature seasonal event, the Haines Stampede Rodeo, took place as well.

Both the fireworks and the rodeo are planned this year as well (the rodeo is a two-day event, July 3 and 4).

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## COVID-19 cases drop 50% in May

■ No cases reported in county residents 70 and older during first 20 days of May

**By Jayson Jacoby**  
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Baker County's rate of COVID-19 cases has dropped by more than half during May compared with April.

And the biggest drop has been among residents 70 and older, who are significantly more likely to become severely sick or to die if they're infected.

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## South Baker teacher honored

Jandy Eskew, a fifth-grade teacher at South Baker Intermediate School, was named the regional teacher of the year for the InterMountain ESD. Eskew is one of 16 Oregon teachers to win a regional award, which makes her a candidate for Oregon's 2022 teacher of the year.



Eskew

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## Board OKs city budget

**By Samantha O'Conner**  
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The Baker City Budget Board approved the proposed 2021-2022 city budget Tuesday evening, May 18, during their second meeting.

The board, which includes the seven city councilors and seven other city residents, also met on Monday evening.

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MAY IS NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH:

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## Many ways to help

**By Lisa Britton**  
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There are nearly 6,000 children in foster care across Oregon, and several programs in Eastern Oregon support those children, and provide ways for the community to help, too.

**Every Child**

Every Child Oregon is a statewide initiative that partners with the Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) to "aid children in foster care and to support foster families."

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Contributed photo

Erin Taggart said CASA Liz Tarrant, pictured here with Taggart's son Marshall in 2013, "helped bring Marshall forever home."



**TODAY**  
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**TUESDAY — ARTISTS FIND NEW USES FOR OLD NEWSPAPER BOXES**