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A special good day to Herald subscriber Byron Henry of Baker City.

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Oregon's Government Ethics Commission is scheduled to determine Friday, June 11 whether Bill Harvey, chairman of the Baker County Board of Commissioners, violated state ethics laws last year.

BRIEFING

Possible candidate for governor to visit Baker June 11

Stan Pulliam, mayor of Sandy, a city east of Portland, will visit Baker City on Friday, June 11 as part of a statewide "listening tour."

Pulliam announced earlier this spring that he is exploring a possible run for Oregon governor in 2022.

Pulliam invites residents to meet with him from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Lions Club Pavilion at Geiser-Pollman Park.

Melvin Sorensen to celebrate 90th birthday June 12

Melvin Sorensen will celebrate his 90th birthday on Saturday, June 12. Friends are invited to join him for cake and visiting at 6 p.m. at the Baker Elks Lodge, 1896 Second St. Frank Carlson will be playing music from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

WEATHER

Today

64 / 41



Showers early

Friday

70 / 42



Mostly cloudy

Full forecast on the back of the B section.

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Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative, Baker City Fire Department Teach South Baker Intermediate Sixth-Graders About Electrical Safety, Career Opportunities

Outdoor Education



Samantha O'Conner/Baker City Herald

Baker City firefighters helped South Baker Intermediate students operate a fire hose on Friday, June 4. Students, from left, are Karleigh Endersby, Maddy Taylor, Adysen Boehm and Kloe Cribbs.

Samantha O'Conner, Baker City Herald

A powerful spray of water shot into the blue sky in a Baker City field, followed by cheers of excitement.

Sixth-graders from South Baker Intermediate School tried their hand at corralling a fire hose from the Baker City Fire Department on Friday, June 4.

The station was one of several that students went through during a career and safety day put on by Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative and the fire department at the Baker City Christian Church, near the school.

"We held an event in April in La Grande and it went off great and so we wanted to try to do another one here," said Joe Hathaway, OTEC's communications manager.

Hathaway said the cooperative tries to have similar events in each of its four counties — Baker, Union, Grant and Harney — each year.

The June 4 event in Baker City also helped bring a sense of normalcy

to students after a challenging 15 months due to the pandemic.

Hathaway said the April event in La Grande was OTEC's first in more than a year.

"We're just delighted to do this and anything we can do to give back to the community, we'll jump at the first opportunity," Hathaway said.

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Baker man pleads guilty to using COVID biz loan to buy \$49,000 car

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A 32-year-old Baker City man pleaded guilty Tuesday, June 8, to receiving a \$145,200 federal COVID-19 relief loan on behalf of a fictitious company and then using the money for personal purposes, including buying a \$49,000 car, federal officials said.

Jeremy Michael Clawson pleaded guilty to one count of theft of public money, according to a press release from the U.S. Attorney's Office in Portland.

Theft of public money is punishable by up to 10 years in prison, a \$250,000 fine, and three years' supervised release. With Clawson's continued acceptance of

responsibility, the U.S. Attorney's Office will recommend a 24-month prison sentence followed by three years' supervised release, according to the press release. Clawson will be sentenced on Sept. 13, 2021.

As part of the plea agreement, Clawson agreed to pay \$125,200 in restitution to the U.S. Treasury.

Clawson is serving a 19-month sentence at the Snake River Correctional Institution in Ontario after pleading guilty Sept. 29, 2020, in Baker County Circuit Court to attempting to elude a police officer and driving under the influence of intoxicants.

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Families and farms

■ Participants in the WIC program can use food vouchers to buy produce at farmers markets

By Lisa Britton
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Local families are connecting with farmers again this summer to buy fruit and vegetables through the Farm Direct Nutrition Program available to WIC participants.

WIC stands for Women, Infants and Children. The program serves lower-income pregnant, postpartum and breastfeeding women, infants, or children under age 5.

To be eligible, household income

must be less than 185% of the federal poverty limit (for example, an annual income of \$49,025 for a family of four).

The Farm Direct Nutrition Program provides coupons to spend at farmers markets and farm stands.

Each WIC participant receives \$28 in vouchers for the season. These are in the form of \$4 coupons.

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Timothy Bishop, Travel Baker County/Contributed Photo

Residents who qualify for the Women, Infants and Children program can use vouchers to buy fruits and vegetables at farmers markets.

Haines woman charged in robbery

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A Haines woman was arrested Monday afternoon, June 7, after police deployed spike strips to stop her car during a pursuit on Highway 30 after she allegedly stole items from the Haines Sell-Rite store and pushed a cashier there.



Kirby

Kimberly Ann Kirby, 23, is in the Baker County Jail on multiple charges, including third-degree robbery, reckless driving and attempting to elude.

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