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#### Good Day Wish To A Subscriber

A special good day to Herald subscriber Dan Freeman of Baker City.

### BRIEFING

#### Restrictions tightening due to wildfire threat

Restrictions on chain saw use, campfires and other activities on national forest and some private land in Northeastern Oregon have taken effect, or will take Friday, June 25, due to increasing wildfire danger and a forecast for a record-breaking heat wave over the next several days.

Starting at midnight Friday, Phase A of public use restrictions will take effect on the Wallowa-Whitman and Umatilla national forests. Restrictions under Phase A include:

- Chain saws can't be used between 1 p.m. and 8 p.m. The restricted period is noon to 8 p.m. on land protected by the Oregon Department of Forestry.
- Smoking is allowed only in enclosed vehicles, buildings or areas cleared of combustible debris.
- Vehicle travel is allowed on roads or trails clear of standing grass; vehicles aren't allowed on roads that are blocked by an earthen berm, logs, boulders or other barricades.
- Campfires should be in fire pits surrounded by dirt or rocks, with flammable debris cleared with a three-foot radius.

### WEATHER

**Today**  
88 / 54  
Sunny

**Friday**  
94 / 57  
Sunny

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# COVID cases surging

By Jayson Jacoby  
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Baker County is in the midst of its biggest surge in COVID-19 cases in two months, and most of the recent infections are in residents 40 or older.

"It is still here, and it is still spreading," said Nancy Staten, director of the Baker County Health Department. "Some of the people

we're working with are quite sick, some are hospitalized."

Some patients are being treated at Saint Alphonsus Medical Center-Baker City, and some in Boise, Staten said. She didn't have specific numbers of patients.

Baker County reported 12 cases on Monday, June 21, and seven cases on Tuesday, June 22. Monday's dozen cases were the most in one

day since April 21, when there were 14 cases.

Prior to the past week or so, the county's most recent significant surge in infections was during the first three weeks of April.

Between April 22 and June 21, the county had more than seven new cases on only one day — May 5, with 10 cases.

June's total, through the 22nd, is

60 cases, which is nine more than were reported during May.

June's daily average remains well below that of April, however. June's daily average through the 22nd is 2.7 cases per day.

April, with 162 cases, had a daily average of 5.4. Only December 2020, with 196 cases, had more.

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## North Seven Brewing Co. Opens Saturday In Downtown Baker City



Joanna Mann/Baker City Herald

Kevin Multop will open his North Seven Brewing Co. brewery and taproom Saturday, June 26.

# The Cure For What Ales You

By Joanna Mann  
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Baker City's new brewery will open Saturday, June 26 as Kevin Multop's North Seven Brewing Co. starts serving a variety of ales on the first weekend of summer.

North Seven Brewing will have an invitation-only grand opening Friday with a ribbon-cutting.

The brewery and taproom, in the Pythian Castle at 1935 First St., will be open Saturday from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. It will also be open Wednesday through Friday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Minors are welcome in the establishment, which is closed Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.

Multop has been working on this project for the past couple of years, and he's more than ready to officially open the doors to the public.

This weekend also happens to be the Baker City Cycling Classic, although Multop said it is only a coincidence that the grand opening coincides with the annual biking event.

"I think it's great that it happens to be on that weekend," Multop said. "My brother-in-law is racing."



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The interior at North Seven Brewing Co.

## Suspect in dog's death not fit for trial

Judge suspends charges against Clayton Hickman, orders counseling

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A Baker City man accused of stealing a family's dog and then leaving it to die outside town last summer is not mentally able to aid in his defense on criminal charges, a judge ruled on Monday, June 21.

Clayton Carver Hickman, 19, is charged with first-degree theft, a Class C felony, and two misdemeanors, animal abandonment and second-degree criminal trespassing.

After a hearing Monday, Judge Thomas B. Powers, presiding judge for the 10th Judicial District of Oregon, which includes Union and Wallowa counties, determined that Hickman lacks the fitness to proceed based on state law.

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## Baker City manager discusses citizen comments

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Baker City Manager Jonathan Cannon told city councilors during their meeting Tuesday evening, June 22, that he had recently reviewed a city resolution that deals with citizen participating in council meetings.

Cannon said he looked at Resolution 3882 in part because there had been interruptions when residents have sought to speak to councilors.

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