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Good Day Wish To A Subscriber

A special good day to Herald subscriber Jeff Henes of Baker City.

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BOISE — Airport officials facing jet fuel shortages are concerned they'll have to wave off planes and helicopters that drop fire retardants during what could be a ferocious wildfire season, potentially endangering surrounding communities.

BRIEFING

Friends of Baker County Library book sale starts on Friday, July 16

Friends of the Baker County Library will have their annual book sale starting Friday, July 16 at the Library, 2400 Resort St. Sale schedule:

- July 16-17: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- July 18: noon to 4 p.m.
- July 19-25: during regular library hours

Burn ban enacted in Haines Fire District

The Haines Fire District board of directors has determined that the fire threat level is so extreme that no burning of any kind is to be allowed within the district until this fall, when the fire chief has determined conditions are safe enough to resume burning.

WEATHER

Today 89 / 49 Sunny

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Full forecast on the back of the B section.

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Senior lunches resume July 20

By Jayson Jacoby jjacoby@bakercityherald.com

A favorite gathering place for Baker County senior citizens will reopen Tuesday, July 20, after a 16-month closure.

The last lunch served at the Baker City Senior Center was on

St. Patrick's Day 2020.

And it was anything but lucky, despite the traditional menu featuring corned beef and cabbage, said Joe Hayes, manager of Community Connection of Baker County.

The next day, March 18, 2020,

when the word "coronavirus" still felt strange on most people's tongues, the Senior Center closed.

And ever since then the weekday lunches, which often attract more than 100 diners to the Center at 2810 Cedar St., haven't happened.

Not that meals weren't served.

The Senior Center has offered takeout lunches during the pandemic, and Hayes said the Meals on Wheels program, in which volunteers deliver lunches to residents, has grown substantially.

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Vintage Honey Opens In Downtown Baker City



Joanna Mann/Baker City Herald

Vintage Honey, an "occasional shop" that opened July 9 on Washington Avenue in downtown Baker City, offers an eclectic selection of new, vintage and antique items.

Shopping Nostalgia

By Joanna Mann jmann@bakercityherald.com

Vintage Honey opened its doors for the first time on Friday, July 9, bringing nostalgic vintage and antique items to the downtown Baker City shoppers.

Tracey Nichols, who has lived in Baker City for five years, opened the shop as a memorial to her mother and stepfather, who passed away unexpectedly in town a couple of years ago. They were longtime lovers of anything antique and vintage, and the store's name comes from what Tracey's children called their grandmother: Grandma Honey.

"I've never done anything like this in my life," Nichols said.



Joanna Mann/Baker City Herald

See Vintage / Page A3 Vintage Honey will be open during Miners Jubilee.

Commissioners discuss Greater Idaho

By Samantha O'Conner soconner@bakercityherald.com

Baker County Commissioners had a discussion Wednesday, July 14 with Mike McCarter, president of Move Oregon's Border and the chief proponent of a proposal to add most of Eastern Oregon, including Baker County, to Idaho.

In the May election, Baker County voters, with about 57.5% in favor, approved a measure that requires commissioners to meet at least three times per year to discuss the Greater Idaho proposal.

McCarter told commissioners Wednesday that the process, which he

initiated in January 2020, is in its early stages. Voters in Union and Jefferson counties approved similar measures in November 2020. Five others — Baker, Grant, Lake, Malheur and Sherman — followed suit in May.

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Health Dept. Wellness Event July 27-29

By Lisa Britton lbritton@bakercityherald.com

The 2021 Wellness Event — which includes sports physicals — is happening July 27, 28 and 29.

This is by appointment only, a change that started in 2020.

The sessions are 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. each night at St. Luke's Clinic, 3950 17th St.

To make an appointment, call the Baker County Health Department at 541-523-8211.

Sports physicals are required for athletes entered

grades 7, 9, and 11. However, this wellness event is open to all youth ages 12 to 21.

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DEQ admits error in fining county

By Jayson Jacoby jjacoby@bakercityherald.com

Officials from a state agency have rescinded a proposed \$8,400 fine against Baker County after admitting that they were wrong in concluding earlier this year that County Commission Chairman Bill Harvey removed asbestos-containing flooring from a building without a required license.

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Man, 19, arrested in case of road rage

■ Caleb James Mansuetti accused of pointing a 9 mm handgun at couple

By Jayson Jacoby jjacoby@bakercityherald.com

A Baker City man is accused of pointing a handgun at a couple and then recklessly driving away from what police described as a "road rage" incident Monday afternoon, July 12 in Baker City.



Mansuetti

Caleb James Mansuetti, 19, of 315 Highway 7, was arrested on multiple charges, including unlawful use of a weapon, a Class C felony, and multiple misdemeanor charges including unlawful possession of a firearm, five counts of menacing, and reckless driving.

Mansuetti was taken to the Baker County Jail about 4:30 p.m. Monday. Bail was set at \$30,000, and he could be released by posting \$3,000. Mansuetti was arraigned Tuesday, July 13 in Baker County Circuit Court. He is scheduled to enter a plea on July 19.

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