VINTAGE

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"My vision might change," Nichols said. "I'm not sure exactly how everything's going to work out."

Vintage Honey is at 1919 Washington Ave., between Main and First streets.

Nichols has worked for a law firm in Portland for the past 28 years, and she has been working remotely for the past five years. She works at that job 30 hours a week, so Vintage Honey is an "occasional shop," meaning it is open the second weekend of every month from Friday to Monday.

"The other advantage to being an occasional shop and being open once a month is that I can always move things out and bring in fresh new stuff," Nichols said. "It's kind of like, 'Oh, what're you going to have this month?' "

Although this coming weekend is the third in July, it's also Miners Jubilee, and Vintage Honey will be open Friday and Saturday, July 16 and 17.

Nichols has more than 20 family members coming in for the event, and they are also bringing in a ton of new inventory for the shop.

Vintage Honey sells products that are new, new vintage-inspired, true vintage and antique. Walking through the door, shoppers find themselves surrounded by vintage jewelry, furniture, T-shirts, candles, honey, pottery and much more. Exposed brick and wood floors add to the open, industrial vibe Nichols had envisioned for the shop.

More information about the shop can be found on the Vintage Honey Facebook page.

Joanna Mann/Baker City Herald

Vintage Honey will be open during Miners Jubilee.

BORDER

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"I think all of us know that most rural Oregonians are very frustrated with Oregon's leadership and the Oregon legislature not listening to our state senators or our representatives about our issues," McCarter said. "Move Oregon's Border is legislatively not involved in this process. However, we want to help in any way possible to accomplish the goal."

Before state borders could actually be moved, legislatures in both Oregon and Idaho would have to endorse the change, as would Congress.

McCarter encouraged people who support the proposal to tell their state representatives.

He noted that among the five counties that approved measures in May, 62% of voters were in favor.

McCarter also suggested that Baker County commissioners meet with commissioners in the other counties to discuss the issue.

He said he's working with officials from 10 other counties to put the matter to voters.

Bob Pierce of Baker City asked the commissioners for their opinions on the proposal.

"Our opinions to me don't matter as much as that we try to serve the public and they tell us what their opinions are. That's our goal," Commission Chairman Bill Harvey said.

McCarter said four Idaho state representatives attended a rally earlier this month in Boise, speaking in favor of further discussion on the idea.

"That's the first step, is discussions between Idaho and Oregon," McCarter said.

Pierce referenced a recent poll of about 1,400 Oregonians that found about 38% said they believe Oregon should be able to join Idaho, with voter approval.

"It sounded like most of them came from Willamette Valley," Pierce said. "Well, that's hardly a fair assessment to us."

That survey found that 44% of respondents who live outside Portland and the Willamette Valley support counties being able to join Idaho, with voter approval, while 37% of residents in the Portland area support that.

"In the very beginning, people kind of doubted it a lot," McCarter said. "They looked at Move Oregon's Border as some crazy people in central Oregon coming up with some cockeyed idea and wanting to do this and that. But as we move on, I'm hearing more and more from people that this is a possibility. This could happen.

"Yes, it's a big mountain to climb, but we're willing to try it," he said.

Commissioner Bruce Nichols said residents in Eastern Oregon historically have done a very poor job of educating westside residents about the issues unique to this part of Oregon.

"That's one of our biggest hurdles is educating the public across Oregon as well as Idaho, too, if we're going to go down this path," Nichols said.

WELLNESS

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The appointments include time with primary care providers, mental health providers, and physical therapy. Immunizations will also be available.

Rather than rotating through stations, the providers will make rounds to each exam room — another change that came about in 2020.

"It worked so much better," said LeAnne Bourne, office manager at the Baker County Health Department.

She said there will be incentive gifts awarded throughout the three days. Those attending can use a raffle ticket for a chance to win one of three big prizes, and other smaller prizes will be given away as well.

Each person will also receive a bag full of goodies.

Bourne recommends that people fill out paperwork ahead of time and bring an insurance card to the appointment.

Forms are available at the health department, 2200 Fourth St., or online at https://www.bakercounty.org/health/regforms.html.

Youth younger than 18 need to have a parent present for registration.

During the school year, physicals are available through the health department's school-based health center located at Baker High School.

ARREST

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This is the second time in the past eight months that Mansuetti is accused of pointing a gun at someone. The other incident, involving an Airsoft gun, which fires plastic projectiles at low velocities, rather than an actual firearm, happened in November 2020.

In Monday's incident Mansuetti is charged with five counts of menacing because there were five people in the other car — Jordan Hynek, his wife, Angelina Hynek, and their three children, according to a police report.

The incident happened in the 3300 block of Birch St., according to a press release from the Baker City Police Department.

Mansuetti was driving a 2001 Ford Mustang, and he allegedly tailgated the vehicle that Jordan Hynek was driving, said Baker City Police Sgt. Wayne Chastain.

Hynek told police he stopped at a stop sign and waited for Mansuetti to drive past, Chastain said.

Mansuetti did, but then he drove back and allegedly pointed the pistol at Jordan and Angelina Hynek, who were standing beside their car while their children were inside, according to a police report.

Mansuetti then drove away at high speed, according to the report.

Angelina Hynek called 911, Chastain said.

While en route, Baker City Police and deputies from the Baker County Sheriff's Office were given a description of Mansuetti's vehicle, the driver and his two passengers.

Chastain said Mansuetti coincidentally drove past a sheriff's deputy, who had a description of the Mustang and stopped the car on 17th Street near Settler's Park.

Mansuetti was the driver. Police found the pistol inside the Mustang.

Chastain said the pistol's magazine was loaded, but there was not a round in its chamber when he checked the gun.

Mansuetti's two passengers, Ethan Luebberke, 19, and a juvenile female, were released.

Chastain said the investigation is ongoing and other charges could be filed.

According to a police report, "Caleb previously signed a release agreement in Baker County Circuit Court where he agreed not to possess any firearm per an adult case. Caleb does not possess a valid concealed weapon permit."

That previous case dates to Nov. 17, 2020, when Mansuetti was arrested in Baker City on charges of menacing, reckless endangering and reckless driving.

According to a police report, Mansuetti drove through the intersection at Main Street and Valley Avenue and nearly struck a pedestrian.

Another driver, who said he tried to get Mansuetti's attention, told police he followed Mansuetti's car, which eventually stopped.

The other driver, who was with his wife, told police that Mansuetti first walked toward him "in a threatening manner," then walked back to his own car.

Mansuetti then allegedly took an AR-15-style rifle from his trunk and pointed it at the other driver.

Police found an Airsoft rifle in the trunk of Mansuetti's car. He denied pointing the rifle at the other driver, according to the police report.

The charges are still pending from the November 2020 incident.

Other charges against Mansuetti from Monday's incident include:

- Second-degree disorderly conduct
- Reckless endangering
- Endangering the welfare of a minor
- Violation of release agreement

City water use remaining high

By Jayson Jacoby
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Baker City residents have changed when they use the most water, which is good.

But they're still using about the same amount of water, which isn't.

In the first two days after the city on Monday, July 12 enacted phase 2 of its water curtailment ordinance, asking residents to water lawns and gardens between 7 p.m. and 7 a.m. to reduce evaporation, the peak use period shifted to the evening, said Dennis Bachman, a water specialist in the public works department.

But overall daily usage for Monday and Tuesday was slightly above 5 million gallons, and city officials hope to cut the daily average to 4 million or less.

Bachman urges residents not only to continue watering in the evening, but to water lawns every other day, since lawns actually produce deeper roots, and thus need less water, when they're allowed to dry between dousings.

Michelle Owen, the city's public works director, said last week that she's concerned the city won't have enough water to maintain a 5-million-gallon daily average through the end of summer.

She also wants to avoid moving to phase 3 — something the city has never done — which prohibits all outdoor water use.

Local Briefing

Miners Jubilee fun run/walk Saturday

The Miners Jubilee fun run/walk event will take place Saturday morning, July 17 in Baker City. Two courses — a 5K (3.1 miles) and a 10K (6.2 miles) — both start on Main Street in front of Kicks sportswear. Race day registration will begin at 7 a.m. Both races will start at 8 a.m.

Participants can pre-register by picking up registration forms at the Baker County YMCA Fitness Center at 3715 Pocahontas Road in Baker City.

The cost of the event is $20, or $10 for ages younger than 10, including an event T-shirt for the first 75 participants to pre-register and to show up on race day.

Proceeds will benefit the Baker High School cross-country and track and field programs. Sorbenots is the sponsor of the event.

County chip sealing several roads

The Baker County Road Department is planning to chip seal several roads this month, with work starting July 12 and continuing through July 30. Drivers should expect temporary detours and delays on these roads: Keating Cutoff, Atwood, East Campbell Street, Best Frontage Road, Chandler Lane and Davenport Road.

Drivers should expect up to 20-minute delays, reduced speeds, loose rock on the road, and flaggers directing single-lane traffic. Crews will sweep the roadway after chip seaing, but there will be loose rock for several days. Pedestrians, including those with disabilities, will be provided access through or around the work zones.

The Road Department is asking ranchers, farmers and other property owners to keep farm requipment off the roads during and for up to two days after the chip sealing. Property owners are also asked to make sure water from sprinklers doesn't reach the road. Ranchers who plan to move livestock on any of the roads are asked to call the Road Department at 541-523-6417.

Jet fuel shortages could hamper firefighting effort

By Keith Ridler
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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.

Sporadic shortages at some tanker bases in Oregon and Utah have already been reported. The worry is that multiple bases go dry simultaneously during what is shaping up to be a very busy wildfire season in the U.S. West. Tanker bases in Arizona, where many large fires are burning, have also had jet fuel supply issues in the last month.

"We haven't run into that before," said Jessica Gardetto, a National Interagency Fire Center spokeswoman in Boise, and a former wildland firefighter. "It's a scary thought, with all the shortages going on right now."

It's not clear if jet fuel supplies and delivery systems can be bolstered in time for this wildfire season to avoid potential problems keeping firefighting aircraft aloft if multiple large fires break out around the West.

Airport officials, aviation supply companies and jet fuel transport companies said jet fuel demand declined sharply and supply chains atrophied during the coronavirus pandemic. They have yet to bounce back in the Western U.S. even as the economy zooms ahead and more passengers flock to airports for long-delayed trips.

According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, jet fuel supplied in the U.S. in 2020 fell 38% compared to 2019 pre-pandemic levels. Jet fuel demand has increased about 26% since the start of this year, though it hasn't reached 2019 levels. The administration's Weekly Petroleum Status Report for July 2 shows demand at 78% of 2019 levels. That's up from 44% of 2019 levels for the same time period in 2020 when the pandemic had taken hold.

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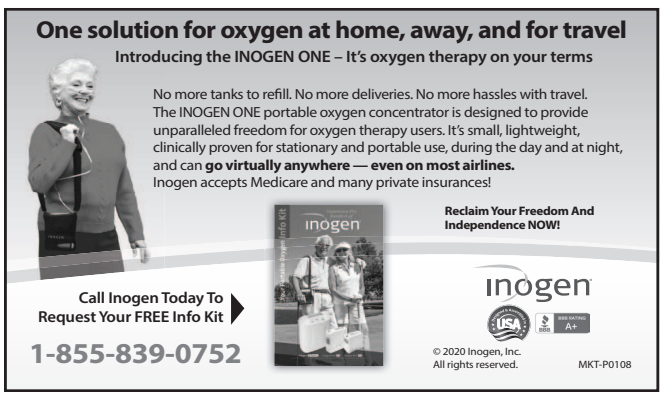
An air tanker drops retardant during a blaze in Lakeport, California, in August 2018.