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A special good day to Herald subscriber Brett Reinert of Baker City.

BRIEFING

Nominees sought for Fair Family
Baker County Friends of the Fairgrounds are seeking nominees for the 2022 Fair Family of the Year. Nominations are due by July 10. Nomination letters can be emailed to bakercityfriendsofthefair@gmail.com.

Kids Sidewalk Tribute Walk set for July 2
The annual Kids Sidewalk Tribute Walk, sponsored by Baker City Events, happens Saturday, July 2, in downtown Baker City. The theme is "Salute to Rural Country Life in America."

Entries can line up for judging at 1 p.m. at Court Plaza (Main and Court streets) followed by the walk to Geiser-Pollman Park. Adult chaperones are encouraged to join in the walk with their youngsters. Every child will receive a ribbon, and cash prizes will be awarded in the categories of: Groups and Clubs; Floats; Individuals; Wheels and Pets. At the park, treats will be provided by Gregg Hinrichsen State Farm Insurance and games organized by the Baker Elks Lodge.

Sponsors help support the parade — those who are interested in donating \$75 to help with prizes and awards can send a donation to Baker City Events, 2545 College St., Baker City, OR 97814. For more information, contact Lynette Perry at 541-519-5653 or bakercityevents1@gmail.com.

WEATHER

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Police chief: 24-hour patrols a challenge

Social media post claims city will cut patrols from 3 to 7 a.m., but city officials say nothing has been decided yet

BY JAYSON JACOBY
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Baker City Police Chief Ty Duby will talk to city councilors Tuesday, June 28 about social media posts over the weekend claiming police would cease patrolling from 3 a.m. to 7 a.m. daily starting Aug. 23.

The Baker City Council's regular meeting starts at 7 p.m. at City Hall, 1655 First St. Duby said on Monday morning that he and City Manager Jonathan Cannon have had preliminary discussions about the police patrol schedule — including potentially reducing patrols from



Duby Cannon

the current 24-hour schedule — but they have made no decision.

Cannon emphasized on Monday morning that although he and Duby have

talked about the challenge of maintaining 24-hour patrols given the police department's staffing, police will continue to respond to emergency calls around the clock as needed regardless of the patrol schedule.

"This idea that you would call police and nobody shows up is an outright fabrication," Cannon said. "That is not acceptable to us in any form."

Duby said it is possible, however, that sometime in

the future, officers would not be patrolling during periods when calls for police response are relatively rare.

He said department records show that the 3 a.m. to 7 a.m. timeframe is a comparatively quiet period in terms of calls. He said more than 90% of calls during that period would not require an immediate response but could be handled after the day shift officers went on duty.

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Looking for lifeguards



Lisa Britton/Baker City Herald

Jonas Potter, front, and Troy Bennett lead youngsters in swimming lessons at Sam-O Swim Center on June 21, 2022.

YMCA needs workers at Sam-O Swim Center

BY LISA BRITTON
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Paula Moe has a smile for every person who walks through the door at Sam-O Swim Center, from the oldest to the youngest and everyone in between.

"I think it's a place for everyone — any shape, size, age," Moe said. "It's a safe, happy place."

She is the aquatics director for the Baker County YMCA,

and most hours of her day are spent here, in the semi-tropical atmosphere of the swimming pool.

The center, 580 Baker St., opens at 7 a.m. Monday through Friday for lap swim, followed by classes of water aerobics, swimming lessons, open swim and pool time for the Barracudas swim team. The pool is also open Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. for lap swim.

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"We need the support of the community and the schools. We need to rally around the community pool."

— Koby Myer, CEO, Baker County YMCA

Haines preps for a fabulous Fourth

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Haines is gearing up for a Fourth of July celebration that's packed with fun, family-friendly events and without the pandemic restrictions of the previous two years.

"It's kind of an old-fashioned, traditional Fourth of July like we've had in the past years," said Garla Rowe, who is helping to organize the Independence Day festivities.

Events start Wednesday, June 29 when the Fourth of July grand marshal and queen, Bill and Colleen Taylor, will be honored during a potluck dinner at 6 p.m. at the Haines Methodist Church.

Friends of Haines will provide ham, rolls, cake and ice cream, and everyone is invited to celebrate the Taylors, longtime supporters of the Haines Stampede Rodeo and other events.

A new event added this year is a teen street dance on Sunday, July 3 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Rowe said she had been trying to add an event just for teenagers. "We had a family that came forth, I talked to them a couple years ago, and they said 'You know what? We think you're right. The teens need something to do,'" Rowe said.

There will be a DJ for the dance.

As for events on the Fourth of July itself, the cowboy breakfast will run from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Grange, Third and Cole streets. The Class of 2023 from Powder Valley High School is sponsoring the breakfast as a fundraiser.

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BHS trap team 4th at state

BY IAN CRAWFORD
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Baker High School's trapshooting team placed fourth in the Oregon State Clay Target League state tournament June 25-26 in Hillsboro.

The Bulldogs knocked 455 targets out of the sky, only five targets behind a tied second and third place, Oregon City and Newberg, with 460 respectively, and only eight behind first place Canby High with 463. The team totals are determined by the top five competitors for each team, which made the results extremely close by the end of the event.

The performance at the state tournament concludes months of training under coach Zack Kimball at the Baker Trap Club just north of town.

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Sam Nelson (left) and Anthony Betts (right), members of the Baker trapshooting team, during a practice on April 27, 2022.

City official optimistic about water supply

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Baker City's water supply outlook is better than it was a year ago — and even a few months ago — but Michelle Owen is still urging residents to be mindful when they twist or flip a faucet handle.

Owen is the city's public works director. "Things are looking better this year than I thought they would at this point, so that's a positive thing," Owen said.

In mid March, with a below average snowpack in the city's watershed in the Elkhorn Mountains west of town, Owen was concerned that 2022 would be something of a repeat from 2021.

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