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## QUICK HITS

### Good Day Wish To A Subscriber

A special good day to Herald subscriber Alene Martineau of Baker City.

## BRIEFING

### Lions Club Jubilee breakfast, horseshoe tournament set

The Baker Lions Club Jubilee breakfast will happen July 16 and 17 from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Geiser-Pollman Park during Miners Jubilee weekend. Cost is \$10 adults, \$8 children ages 3-10. Saturday's menu is sausage, pancakes, eggs, coffee and juice. Sunday features ham, pancakes, eggs, coffee and juice.

The Lions will also sponsor a horseshoe tournament on Saturday, July 16, at 2 p.m. Teams of two (men, women or co-ed) can enter for \$5 per person. Cash prizes are awarded for top teams. Entry forms are available at Gregg Hinrichsen State Farm Insurance, 1722 Campbell St., or register the day of the event. For information, call Hinrichsen at 541-523-7778.

### Local students on honor roll at Oregon State

CORVALLIS — Several Baker County students were named to the honor roll for the spring 2022 semester at Oregon State University. To be eligible, students must earn a GPA of at least 3.5 and take at least 12 hours of graded courses.

Baker City students on the honor roll: Calli N. Ward, senior, Sociology; Erik L. Ruby, senior, Art; Anna C. Carter, junior, Marketing; Anthony J. Cowan, junior, Nuclear Engineering; Cayn J. Osborn, senior, Civil Engineering; Reno R. Hammond, senior, Public Health; Jesse J. Johnson, senior, Chemistry.

Also on the honor roll, from Halfway, is Joseph W. Aguilar, a senior majoring in Animal Sciences.

## WEATHER

**Today**  
86/52  
Mostly sunny

**Friday**  
82/50  
Mostly sunny

Full forecast on the back of the B section.

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## Food Co-op at a crossroads

Officials unveil shopping pledge campaign, say co-op's future depends on response

BY CLAYTON FRANKE

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Consumers are creatures of habit, said Cheri Smith, president of Baker Food Co-op.

And she believes shoppers who got out of the habit of coming to the co-op during the pandemic explains the significant drop in customers — even as restrictions ended. “We kept thinking, ‘it’ll come back, it’ll come back,’” Smith said. “I’m thinking (customers) got out of the habit of coming to shop here. We want to encourage them to get that habit back.”

Dana Ring, the general manager of the store at 2008 Broadway St., said just 10% of customers are spending \$50 or more at the co-op each month. That’s down by roughly one-third this year compared with last.

That trend prompted co-op officials to launch a campaign on July 1 called Save

Our Store (S.O.S.), which asks members to pledge to spend at least \$75 per month at the store. If more people don’t start consistently shopping there, Ring says, the store will no longer be able to function as a co-op.

“The co-op is absolutely in a critical position,” Ring said. “Operationally, we aren’t sustaining ourselves.”

The campaign aims for 300 to 500 pledges. Smith said 300 pledges would allow the store to move forward on a “skeletal basis,” and Ring said 500 pledges would be enough to make the co-op sustainable beyond a month-to-month schedule.

Customers can sign up as pledges at the store, by calling 541-523-6281 or emailing manager@bakerfoodcoop.org.

You don’t need to be a co-op member to shop at the store, and Smith encourages non-members to pledge as well.

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Cheri Smith is president of the Baker Food Co-op, which has been struggling since the pandemic reduced the number of shoppers.

## Man with warrants arrested in Powder River after chase

BY JAYSON JACOBY

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A Lakeview man who had two felony warrants and led police on a chase on the Fourth of July was arrested after officers found him hiding in the Powder River.

Michael Ray Schulte, 36, was arrested at about 8:37 p.m. in the river near Church Street, according to court records and a press release from the Baker County Sheriff’s Office.

Schulte was taken to the Baker County Jail, charged with being a felon in possession of a weapon, reckless driving, attempting to elude police and unlawful possession of methamphetamine.

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## 2 events to protest Roe v. Wade ruling

BY CLAYTON FRANKE

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Two separate public events are planned in Baker City on Saturday, July 9 in opposition to the U.S. Supreme Court’s recent decision overturning the Roe v. Wade ruling and giving states the authority to ban abortions.

Emily Simko of Baker City said the Baker Community Justice Project has scheduled a “Bans Off Our Bodies” walk starting at 11 a.m. at Central Park, beside the Powder River between Washington and Valley avenues.

Participants will walk to Geiser-Pollman Park via Main and Campbell streets.

“The Baker Community Justice Project decided to put together a walk this weekend to show our

discontent of the recent SCOTUS decision to overturn Roe v. Wade,” Simko wrote in an email to the Herald. “Bans Off Our Bodies is a collective movement of peaceful protests going on across the country in response to the overturn of Roe v. Wade, our constitutional right to abortion. For the first time in generations, children and young adults have less bodily autonomy than their parents and grandparents.”

“PBS published a poll in May of 2022 that found over 64% of Americans support Roe v. Wade and only 33% would support overturning it,” Simko wrote. “The decision made by the Supreme Court on June 24th does not reflect the wants of two-thirds of Americans. Peaceful protesting is our right.

Demonstrations such as a peaceful walk is a way to encourage justice and reform — it can lift our spirits and lead to transformative change. We are walking on Saturday to support a person’s right to make a decision for themselves (in private) and have access to safe and affordable health care with a provider they trust, no matter where they live.”

A second, separate event on Saturday, a women’s rights peaceful protest hosted by Kaylee Tenbush of Baker City, will start beside Campbell Street near Geiser-Pollman Park at noon.

Tenbush said she plans to provide baby formula and baby clothing to mothers in need at the event.

## Motorcycle rally gets ready to roll

BY IAN CRAWFORD

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Shameless Tees owner Brandy Bruce is feeling the rush as the revived Baker City Motorcycle Rally revs up for this weekend.

“We had the police in here yesterday,” Bruce said on Wednesday, July 6. “They wanted to know if it’s true we have 500 people coming.”

She laughed, reasonably sure it was Facebook speculation more than any real figure. Registrations so far haven’t reached that, but she does expect many riders to register on the first day of the event, Friday, July 8.

In previous rallies, many riders who showed up didn’t officially register, so predicting the turnout can be difficult.

Bruce’s business decided to put on a motorcycle rally after the organizer of the annual Hells Canyon Motorcycle Rally, a tradition almost 20 years old that has attracted thousands of visitors, announced in February that the rally wouldn’t happen for the third straight year.

Bruce said this rally will feature at least 15 merchandise vendors along Main Street, which will be closed to traffic during the weekend. Vendors will start setting up at 5 p.m. on Thursday, July 7.

## Music

On Friday, July 8, Philadelphia’s, at 975 Campbell St., will be hosting Trailer Hitch on the patio at 6 p.m. The Baker City Veterans Memorial Club, 2005 Valley Ave., will be hosting Wicked Mary, a hard rock cover band, starting at 8 p.m. and open to the public.

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## Baker City to refund FireMed memberships

Residents who are taken by Metro West ambulance don’t have current coverage

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The Baker City Council’s decision to have the fire department cease ambulance service Oct. 1 is already affecting residents who have bought memberships in FireMed.

That program, which is part of the Life Flight network, pays for members’ ambulance rides or emergency medical flights, or both, for those who buy a dual membership.

Starting Oct. 1, the Baker City Fire Department will no longer operate ambulances or participate in the ground ambulance portion of the program.

Local subscribers recently received mailed notices about the pending change.

Baker City Manager Jonathan Cannon estimated that approximately 2,000 local residents are FireMed members.

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