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A special good day to Herald subscriber Marvin Sundean of Baker City.

BRIEFING

Vendors sought for Christmas bazaar

Baker County is hosting the annual 4-H Christmas bazaar Dec. 2-3 at the Baker County Fairgrounds show barn. Vendors interested in reserving a spot at the bazaar are encouraged to call the Baker County Extension Office at 541-523-6418. Tables are \$40. The bazaar hours will be from noon to 5:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3.

Baker City ends residential burning ban

Baker City's residential burning ban, which had been in effect since late July, was canceled on Sept. 30, concurrent with the Oregon Department of Forestry reducing fire danger to moderate. Although outdoor burning is now allowed in the city, residents need to comply with city ordinance 3302, which requires that residents obtain a free burn permit from the front window at the Baker City Fire Department, 1616 Second St. Interim fire chief David Blair urges people to be cautious, as conditions are still dry, especially shrubby and beneath trees. More information is available by calling the fire department at 541-523-3711.

Nightly candlelight climate vigils planned

A local organization, Climate Vigil, is hosting a nightly candlelight vigil during October from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on the steps of Crossroads Carnegie Art Center, 2020 Auburn Ave. All are welcome and invited to bring a candle or electric light to raise awareness about the impacts of rising average temperatures. Contact peter@climatevigil.org to learn more.

WEATHER

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Sunny

Wednesday
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Partly sunny

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Pumpkins, a helicopter and a bull's-eye

Unusual fundraiser benefits Spc. Mabry J. Anders Foundation

BY LISA BRITTON

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Think you can hit a bull's-eye with a pumpkin? Think you can do that from a helicopter?

Tickets are on sale now for the Pumpkin Chunkin' Bash, organized by Baker Aircraft at the Baker City Airport on Saturday, Oct. 29.

The event is a fundraiser for the Spc. Mabry James Anders Foundation, which provides scholarships to graduates of Baker County and North Powder schools.

Spc. Anders was killed in action in Kalagush, Afghanistan, on Aug. 27, 2012. He was 21. Anders was buried with full military honors at the Haines Cemetery, and is also honored at the Memorial for the Fallen at Fort Carson.

"One hundred percent of proceeds go to the scholarship fund," said Gen Woydziak, Anders' mom.

To date, the fund has awarded \$65,000 in scholarships.

Pumpkin toss

The Pumpkin Chunkin' Bash is happening at the Baker Airport, which is just east of Interstate 84 about 3 miles north of Baker City.

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Your chance to try to hit a bull's-eye by dropping a pumpkin from a helicopter will happen on Oct. 29 at the Baker City Airport.

Baker Aircraft/Contributed Photo



New gates block part of road at Lookout Mountain

County officials say there is no public right-of-way

BY JAYSON JACOBY

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The issue of locked gates on previously open roads near Lookout Mountain in eastern Baker County didn't end when county commissioners earlier this year settled a lawsuit the county filed against a property owner who installed a locked gate in 2017.

That gate prompted the county, in February 2019, to sue the owners of land near the head of Connor Creek, northeast of Lookout Mountain.

A settlement approved on Jan. 20, 2022, states that the property owner can lock a gate on the road that connects Connor Creek Road to Daly Creek Road only if the fire danger has been extreme for at least 26 straight days.

The county also agreed to pay \$125,000 to the landowners who were defendants in the lawsuit — Timber Canyon Ranch LLC, Kennerly Ranches LLC and Forsea River Ranch LLC.

A couple weeks before the settlement was signed, the 3,500-acre property was sold to Allen Potato LLC of North Powder. The settlement terms, including the limitation on when the gate on the Connor Creek Road can be blocked, is binding on the new owner, said Kim Mosier, the county's attorney.

Although the settlement dealt with the gate on the Connor Creek Road, the document references another road, one cited in a counterclaim the defendants filed in the county's lawsuit.

This is a section of the Lookout Mountain Road. That road connects to both the Daly Creek and Manning Creek roads, just north of Lookout Mountain itself.

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City seeks to aid in FireMed ambulance transition

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Baker City staff are working with officials for the new ambulance provider to help local residents transfer their ground ambulance memberships and avoid any lapse in coverage.

Starting Oct. 1, Bay Cities Ambulance, part of the Metro West Ambulance company, became the official ambulance provider for Baker City and much of the rest of Baker County.

Baker County, which by Oregon law is responsible for ensuring ambulance coverage, hired the company in early June after the Baker City Council, in late March, notified county commissioners that the Baker City Fire Department would cease ambulance service after Sept. 30.

The city was part of the FireMed program, which sells memberships that pay for ground ambulance transports.

The transfer doesn't affect LifeFlight air ambulance transport, and people who have memberships in that network will continue to be covered, City Manager Jonathan Cannon wrote in an email sent to FireMed subscribers on Sept. 30.

The situation is different for ground ambulance transports because Bay Cities Ambulance has a separate program, called LifeGuard.

In his email, Cannon wrote that current FireMed members whose subscription expires after Sept. 30, 2022, will automatically transfer to the LifeGuard program.

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New business focuses on cellphones

BY LISA BRITTON

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Ben Arvat is bringing 15 years of experience with cellphones to his new business, Baker Wireless Repair.

"I knew there was a need for this in town," he said.

His shop is located in the Baker Tower, 1705 Main St., on the Auburn Avenue side of the building.

Prior to moving to Baker City, Arvat worked for Cricket, Sprint and Verizon in western Oregon.

Most recently, he worked for the state for about five years, then returned to the cellphone repair business by working out of his home in 2020.

"Word of mouth started catching on," he said.

He opened his retail store Sept. 12. Repairing cracked screens is the biggest part of his business, but he also stocks accessories, specialized cases and screen protectors, and an assortment of "unlocked" cellphones that can be purchased and

used with any carrier.

"People should have choices," he said.

He also offers pre-paid cell service with AT&T and Verizon.

He works on most repairs in his shop, but also has contacts to assist in data recovery, such as from devices that are damaged beyond repair.

He said he especially draws on his experience at Sprint, where he learned to "harvest the parts" of returned cellphones.

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