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**Good Day Wish To A Subscriber**

A special good day to Herald subscriber Bobby Copley of Baker City.

**BRIEFING**

**Adventist Church planning food drive**

The Baker City Seventh-day Adventist Church is holding a food drive to help fill Thanksgiving baskets.

The church will distribute bags around Baker City on Thursday, Nov. 17, then return on Saturday, Nov. 19, to collect donations.

Anyone who doesn't receive a bag, but would like to donate, can call Valerie Tachenko, 541-377-2260, or the church, 541-523-4913.

**Free Thanksgiving meal at Calvary Baptist Church**

Calvary Baptist Church will have a free Thanksgiving Day meal on Thursday, Nov. 24 from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Browning Hall at the church, 2130 Fourth St. in Baker City.

The menu includes turkey with all the trimmings, stuffing, potatoes, gravy, yams, veggie trays, deviled eggs, green bean casserole, pickles, dinner rolls and desserts.

Browning Hall is also the site for the church's weekly free community dinners, each Thursday from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

**Reading features 'High Contrast'**

A book reading featuring Andrew Kaza and his book "High Contrast: A Story of Basketball, Race and Politics in Oregon 1972," is set for Thursday, Nov. 17, 6 p.m. at Crossroads Carnegie Art Center, 2020 Auburn Ave.

The event is sponsored by Betty's Books.

**WEATHER**

**Today**  
 42/9  
 Mostly sunny

**Wednesday**  
 40/11  
 Partly sunny

**Full forecast on the back of the B section.**

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Brandon Unrein, left, and Hailey Horn sort through donations at Marla's Mall on Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2022.

## Marla's Mall, two other businesses operate on campus

# BHS students gain skills, help community



Marla's Mall is now located just west of Baker High School.

**Open House Planned**

Marla's Mall will have an open house for the community on Thursday, Nov. 17, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. To prepare for the evening event, the store will be closed during the day.

**400**

number of visitors Marla's Mall gets a month

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— Hailey Horn, student

*"It was marinating."*

— Susan Myers, coordinator

BY LISA BRITTON

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Hailey Horn never knows what she'll find in a bag of donated clothes.

"I found a steak in the donations once," Horn said.

"It was marinating," adds Susan Myers.

Myers coordinates three Baker High School businesses — Marla's Mall, Bulldog Bubbles and Bulldog Blender.

The clothing donations Horn mentioned are for Marla's Mall, a secondhand shop that offers items free to the community.

The store is named in honor of Marla Cavallo, a Baker High School teacher who died of cancer in 2007 at the age of 45. Her classroom provided a space to store clothing for students in need, and it has grown into a full-fledged thrift store. And it provides student opportunities, too.

"We needed a way to give transition skills to the students," Myers said.

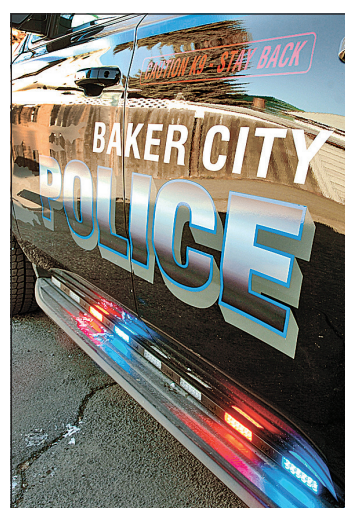
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"It's a chance for people to come and see what we have," Myers said.

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**BAKER CITY**



S. John Collins/Baker City Herald, File

**Baker City Manager Jonathan Cannon says costs for city services, including the police department, are rising faster than the property tax revenue that helps pay for the police and fire departments, among others in the city's general fund.**

## Budget board discusses troubling trends

City manager says costs for police, fire are rising faster than revenue comes in

BY SAMANTHA O'CONNOR

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Baker City's budget board convened for a rare fall meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 9 to discuss what City Manager Jonathan Cannon called a challenging future in maintaining public safety service levels.

"I think the discussion tonight will begin the process of stabilizing us financially hopefully for at least a decade as a city," Cannon said.

The main challenge, he said, is to deal with costs for police and fire service that are rising faster than the property tax revenue that is a major source of money for the city's general fund, which includes both public safety departments.

Wednesday's meeting didn't deal with the city's "enterprise" funds, such as water, wastewater and streets.

The water and wastewater departments are funded primarily through the monthly bills that residents and businesses pay.

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## County to update vote totals Nov. 30

BY JAYSON JACOBY

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Close to 200 ballots from Baker County voters could be counted and added to the preliminary totals for the Nov. 8 election before the final results are certified, likely on Nov. 30.

County Clerk Stefanie Kirby said she won't publish the final, updated results until that day.

There are three categories of ballots that could still be counted:

- Ballots postmarked by Nov. 8 but that arrive within seven calendar days after the election.

Through the weekend, not counting ballots that arrived Monday, Nov. 14 or Tuesday, Nov. 15 (the latter being the deadline), the county had received 69 postmarked ballots, Kirby said.

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Lisa Britton/Baker City Herald, File

**Santa Claus will be on hand for photos during the Saint Alphonsus Festival of Trees on Dec. 3 at the Event Center, 2600 East St. The festival returns after a two-year hiatus, and will be scaled down to one day with miniature trees, photos with Santa and art projects for children.**

## Festival of Trees returns Dec. 3

A family day will replace the formal gala

BY LISA BRITTON

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After a two-year break, the Saint Alphonsus Festival of Trees is making a small-scale return.

Instead of a formal gala, this year's festival will be a family day event on Saturday, Dec. 3.

"The plan is to bring the community together. We're going to keep it simple," said Jill Aldape, liaison between Saint Alphonsus Medical Center and the Saint Alphonsus Foundation. This "mini" Festival of Trees is a partnership between the Foundation, the Baker City Kiwanis Club and Crossroads Carnegie Art Center. The event will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Baker Event Center, 2600 East St. Admission is free.

In the past, Family Day admission was an item of nonperishable food or an unwrapped toy. If people do this again — out of habit — Aldape said they will collect the donations and give them to local organizations.

"If people want to bring contributions, we will honor that intent," she said.

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