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Good Day Wish To A Subscriber
A special good day to Herald subscriber Dean Guyer of Baker City.

BRIEFING

Public invited to tour Baker County Health Department June 27

The Baker County Health Department is inviting residents to meet with the department staff and enjoy free ice cream on Thursday, June 27, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the health department, 2200 Fourth St.

Participants will have a chance to tour the building, meet and talk with employees, enter a gift card raffle, and have an ice cream bar (non-dairy available).

Fun run/walk set for Fourth of July holiday at Haines

HAINES — A fun run and walk to benefit the Baker High School track and field and cross-country teams is set for the Fourth of July in Haines. The event includes a 5K run or walk course, and a 10K run.

Entry is \$25 per person, \$10 for ages 5 to 10, and free for ages 4 and younger. Competitors can pre-register at the YMCA Fitness Center, 3715 Pocahontas Road, or the morning of the race at the Haines Park between 6:45 a.m. and 7:45 a.m.

The event, sponsored by Gaslin Public Accounting, starts at 8 a.m.

New pastor at Baker City, Haines United Methodist churches

The congregations of the Baker and Haines United Methodist churches invited residents to meet the new pastor, Dr. Rev. Jim Pierce, and his wife, Lisa. Pierce is a retired veterinarian from Arkansas. He has served United Methodist churches in Pendleton, Hermiston and Philomath.



Pierce

He retired as a full-time pastor recently and is continuing his service as part-time pastor for the Baker and Haines churches starting July 1. A potluck to welcome the Pierces is set for Sunday, July 7, at 10 a.m. at the Baker City church, 1919 Second St.

Worship services are set for the first and third Sundays at 10 a.m. at the Baker City church, and the second and fourth Sundays at the Haines church, also at 10 a.m.

Service place for months with a fifth Sunday will be announced.

WEATHER

Today
93/51
Sunny



Wednesday
89/52
Partly sunny



Full forecast on the back of the B section.

BAKER CITY'S 150TH BIRTHDAY BASH



Jayson Jacoby/Baker City Herald, File

Baker City's population surpassed the 10,000 mark for the first time in the 2020 U.S. Census.

Events are planned for Aug. 9-10 to celebrate 150 years since the city was incorporated

BY LISA BRITTON • Baker City Herald

Baker City was incorporated in 1874, and plans are in the works for a 150th birthday celebration on Aug. 9-10. The theme is "Celebrating Baker City 150: Gold, Cattle, Lumber and Legacy."

Although the list the activities will continue to grow, events are already confirmed for the weekend, said Heidi Quintela, human resources manager for Baker City, who is on the planning committee.

The celebration kicks off Friday, Aug. 9, with music by Frank Carlson in Geiser-Pollman Park from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Events continue on Saturday, Aug. 10, with break-

fast at Geiser-Pollman Park at 8:30 a.m., and Art in Central Park from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with booths, performances, competitions and art.

Main Street will be closed from 3 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday to accommodate numerous activities, including a street dance with Bag of Hammers starting at 7 p.m.

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Baker City's historic Main Street on the sunny afternoon of June 14, 2023.

Residents say Oxford House changed, and perhaps saved, their lives

BY JAYSON JACOBY

Baker City Herald

Hannah Balthazar had just successfully completed a treatment program for drug abuse but instead of celebrating her sobriety she was, in her word, "terrified."

"I had nowhere to go," the 31-year-old Baker City resident said.

That was in February of this year.

Four months later, Balthazar sat in a meeting room at New Directions North-

west in Baker City and talked about the house that changed her life.

And possibly saved it. In February Balthazar moved into what's known as an Oxford House.

That's the name of a non-profit corporation started in 1975 in Maryland.

Oxford Houses are places where people recovering from addiction to drugs or alcohol can live together and support each other during their recovery.

Neither drugs nor alcohol

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Print version of Herald suspended starting July 1

Beginning July 1, the printing of the Baker City Herald will be temporarily suspended. However, our news team will remain operational on-site, providing coverage online at www.bakercityherald.com and contributing to the weekly print edition of the East Oregonian.

Print subscribers can expect to receive the East Oregonian, which will now serve as the regional newspaper for all of Northeast Oregon. Local news from Baker City and Baker County will be featured prominently within its pages.

Additionally, Go! Eastern Oregon, our weekly arts and entertainment magazine, will continue to be printed and will

be included in the East Oregonian's weekly distribution.

Subscribers will also have full access to all EO Media Group websites covering Northeast Oregon.

As a result of this change, subscribers to the Baker City Herald will see a corresponding deduction in their subscription costs.

Thank you for your continued trust and support as we navigate this transition. We remain dedicated to providing you with the highest quality journalism both online and in print.

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Water rates rising 4.3% on July 1

City also increasing franchise fee by 2%

Baker City Herald

Baker City will residents will pay higher rates for water and sewer service starting July 1.

The Baker City Council on April 23 approved the yearly resolution setting a variety of fees, including water and sewer rates, for the fiscal year that starts July 1.

The resolution includes a 4.3% increase in water and sewer rates.

City Manager Barry Murphy said the increase is based on the federal cost-of-living index for 2023.

He said salaries for employees in the public works department increased by the same rate, while costs of some supplies rose by more than 4.3%.

For water service, the base rate increases from \$31.66 per month to \$33.65. The base rate includes three "units" of water (one unit is 748 gallons).

For use above three units, the cost per unit increases by 7 cents, from \$1.06 to \$1.13.

The sewer base rate rises from \$50.12 per month to \$53.28.

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Rotary Club shares books with fourth graders

BY LISA BRITTON

Baker City Herald

Members of the Baker City Rotary Club visited fourth-grade classrooms during the past month to share a story that introduces students to the club and its mission.

The book, titled "Andy and Elmer's Apple Dumpling Adventure," uses a fictional story to teach Rotary's Four-Way Test:

- Is it the truth?
- Is it fair to all concerned?
- Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
- Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

The club used a grant from the Rotary district, along with locally raised money, to buy 225 books, bookmarks and posters for the classrooms.

Rotarians read the book and gave out copies to fourth graders at Haines, North Powder, Keating, South Baker Intermediate, Harvest Christian Academy, Baker Adventist Christian School, and the Mennonite school in Haines.

They also donated a copy of the book to each school library.

Rotary has seven areas of focus, said Ken Krohn, current

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