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#### **Good Day Wish** To A Subscriber

A special good day to Herald subscriber Kathy McKown of Baker City.

BRIEFING

#### **Book fair today** through Friday

Baker County Community Literacy Coalition is holding a Scholastic book fair Wednesday through Friday, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. all three days, at the Community Events Center, 2600 East St. (at the Fairgrounds).

Proceeds will help purchase books for children in Baker County through the REAL program (Read Everyday And Learn).

To learn more about REAL, visit www.baker reads.org.

#### Learn to make a candle lantern **Aug. 17 at Oregon Trail Interpretive Ctr.**

Visitors to the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center will have a chance on Friday, Aug. 17, (a story in Monday's paper incorrectly listed the day as Saturday) to make paper versions of candle lanterns that will decorate the Christmas tree that stands at the U.S. Capitol this year in Washington, D.C.

The tree will be cut in the Willamette National Forest and travel the OregonTrail on its way to the Capitol.

Visitors to the Interpretive Center can make candle lanterns from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Aug. 17.

Other events at the Center this month:

• Dr. Balthasar will share a cure for "everything from a common cold to a death of two weeks standing" Aug. 17, 18 and 19 at 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 2 p.m. in the Leo Adler Theater.

• Visitors can see wild horses at 10 a.m. on Aug. 9, 14, 21 and 30.

#### **Smart Driver** course set for **Sept. 13**

The AARP has scheduled a "Smart Driver" course for Sept. 13 at the Baker City Senior Center, 2810 Cedar St. Cost is \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for nonmembers. The course runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with a one-hour break for lunch. Drivers who complete the course could see a reduction in their auto insurance bill. To register, or for more information, call the Senior Center at 541-523-6591.

WEATHER

**Today** 96/55



Sunny with haze

Thursday

106 / 55 Record heat possible **Lights Installed For Varsity Soccer Field At Baker Sports Complex** 

## (Heavy) Light Lifting



Tim Butz of Musco Lighting from Portland guides the installation of light poles at the Baker Sports Complex soccer field Tuesday. Superior Towing crane operator Donn Christy slowly lifts poles into place.

By Lisa Britton

For the Baker City Herald

Kristen Rushton can't help but smile as she thinks about playing soccer games in the evening.

The reason she's smiling? This season it won't be so dark on the Baker High School soccer field.

Rushton coaches girls soccer at BHS. On Monday and Tuesday, four light poles were installed to illuminate the middle field, which is where the varsity practices and plays.

"It's like Christmas in August. I have a perma grin," she said. "I've had my list of priorities. Lights were on my wish list."

The project has been ongoing for about two years, when Pat Flanagan began pursuing grants. Flanagan

has been involved with soccer programs in Baker City for about 16 years. This season will be the final one for his daughter, Addie.

"It's awesome," Flanagan said Monday as he watched an OTEC volunteer crew drill holes for the light poles.

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## Truck/tractor pull honors Anders

**By Casey Crowley** ccrowley@bakercityherald.com

The inaugural Spc. Mabry James Anders Truck and Tractor Pull Thursday night at the Baker County Fairgrounds will honor a Baker City

soldier who was killed in Afghanistan in August 2012.

The event will start at 7 p.m. at the rodeo arena, with doors opening at 6 p.m. — or earlier if there's a big

All profits from the event will be donated to the Mabry Anders Foundation. The foundation is named after Anders, who was 21 when he died.

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VOTERS TO DECIDE ON \$48 MILLION BOND MEASURE NOV. 6

## **lf 5**J voters **Say ves.**' then?

**By Chris Collins** 

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If Baker School District voters approve a \$48 million bond Nov. 6 to build a new elementary school and to improve some existing structures, district officials will need to decide what to do with buildings that won't be used in the future.

Superintendent Mark Witty said in a recent interview that in the meantime, the district's focus will be on informing the public of the need for the improvements with the goal of ensuring passage of the bond measure.

"At this time we're really focusing on what the Long Range Facilities Planning Committee recommended," Witty said. "Our energies are supporting that plan."

Witty said he will continue to provide facts about the project to the public, while members of a political action committee (PAC) will work hard to promote the measure. The PAC, which will be known as the Yes for Kids committee will begin forming today after getting the go-ahead to proceed Tuesday, said Kim Mosier, committee chair.

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BAKER SCHOOL DISTRICT SUMMER ACADEMY PROGRAM

### **Dredging up** summer fun, and learning

■ Students enjoyed a variety of field trips this summer, including the Sumpter Dredge

By Becca Robbins

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SUMPTER — About 65 kindergartners and first-graders filled school buses the morning of Aug. 2 to travel to the Sumpter Valley Dredge State Park and spend the day learning about the gold dredge.

The event was part of the Baker School District's Summer Academy program.

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A field trip for youngsters at the Summer Academy finds teacher Kelsey Lehman encouraging her kindergarten students to look closely for the gold flakes and garnets as they pan for riches. Students from left are Kinyora Ruda, Gemma Waldrop and Cooper Corr.

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**HOW'D THAT BUFFALO END UP ON MAIN STREET?**