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Good Day Wish To A Subscriber

A special good day to Herald subscriber Tim Frakes of Baker City.

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LA GRANDE (AP) — An Oregon hunter who fell out of his tree stand and got tangled in his safety harness has been rescued after hanging upside-down for two days about 30 feet from the ground.

BRIEFING

Fire restrictions eased in places

On Thursday the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest eased fire restrictions due to cooler temperatures and some rain earlier this week.

The Wallowa-Whitman is now in Phase B of public use restrictions. That means campfires are allowed only in designated recreation sites and in federal wilderness areas. Chain saw use is still prohibited.

The Wallowa-Whitman's switch follows changes that took place Tuesday on the Umatilla National Forest and the Oregon Department of Forestry.

As of Tuesday, the public use restrictions on the Umatilla National Forest are at Phase A. That means campfires are allowed only in fire pits surrounded by dirt, rock, or commercial rings and in areas not conducive to rapid fire spread. All flammable material shall be cleared within a 3-foot radius from the edge of the pit and free of overhanging material. Chain saws may be used between 8 p.m. and 1 p.m. daily.

The open burning ban within the Baker City limits remains in effect.

Donations for Brooklyn School

Customers who donate a school supply item at the Baker City Maurices store by Sept. 9 will receive 20 percent off the highest regular priced item purchased. Customers can also donate money, and for every \$1 they have a chance to win a \$10 Maurices gift card.

WEATHER

Today
76 / 38
Sunny

Saturday
78 / 39
Sunny

Sunday
82 / 43
Sunny

Full forecast on the back of the B section.

Anonymous Donor Buys New Van For Best Friends Of Baker

New Critter Gitter



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A new Dodge van from a donor who requested anonymity, is used to haul dogs and cats to Portland or for use in town by Carmen Ott and other volunteers with Best Friends of Baker.

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Best Friends of Baker has a new rig that will assist Carmen Ott and the team of volunteers in transporting animals across the area, sometimes even across state lines.

The 2018 Ram ProMaster City was

purchased with help from a woman who wishes to stay anonymous. Ott said the woman has donated to Best Friends before and also adopted several animals.

Ott said the van cost about \$23,000, including the graphics, which were done by the dealership.

When Ott picked the van up on Saturday it had 60 miles on it. By Tuesday the odometer read 505 miles.

She said Best Friends was able to get a discount on the van due to the group's nonprofit status.

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REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE FOR OREGON GOVERNOR

Buehler visits Baker

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Oregon's political history shows that Knute Buehler, the Republican candidate for governor, is trying to accomplish a feat no member of his party has pulled off in 36 years.



Buehler

But Buehler contends that he needn't look nearly so far back to find reason to be optimistic in his race against incumbent Gov. Kate Brown.

Buehler, 54, who visited the Baker City Herald Wednesday, cites his elections to the Oregon House of Representatives in District 54, which covers most of Bend, in 2014 and 2016, as proof of his ability to overcome apparent partisan disadvantages.

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County discusses bridge

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Baker County commissioners met Wednesday with a local Forest Service official to discuss the future of a bridge over East Eagle Creek in the Wallowa Mountains.

Tom Montoya, supervisor of the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest, attended the meeting. According to the Forest Service, the bridge is unsafe.

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Lawsuit against former chief continues

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A pending lawsuit filed in 2015 by Brian Addison, a former Baker City journalist, against Baker City and former Police Chief Wyn Lohner is awaiting a ruling from the 9th U.S.

Court of Appeals.

In the meantime, Lohner, 54, who retired from his job as Baker City police chief in May after serving in the position for 12 years, has accepted an offer from Lakeview to serve as chief of police for the community of about 2,300

people.

Roberta Vanderwall, town manager, said in a telephone interview Wednesday that Lohner has been hired and will be ready to start by Oct. 1 at the latest.

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Baker native returns to lead crisis center

Sam Baxter formerly worked for New Directions Northwest in Baker City

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Sam Baxter didn't really plan to return to his hometown after spending three years away earning his master's degree in social work and working on the Eastern Seaboard.

But then in April he got a surprise call from his former boss, Shari Selander, CEO of New Directions Northwest, at his home in Rhode Island where he was working as a community-based clinician.

Selander offered the 31-year-old Baxter a job as manager of the agency's new respite crisis center and mobile crisis team.

New Directions is one of several mental health agencies to receive a state grant to hire staff for a crisis respite center and mobile crisis team.

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Sam Baxter is the crisis team director at the New Directions Northwest facility at St. Alphonsus Medical Center in Baker City.

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MONDAY — BAKER HIGH SCHOOL'S FOOTBALL OPENER

