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QUICK HITS

Good Day Wish To A Subscriber

A special good day to Herald subscriber Mary Bowman of Baker City.

Oregon, 3A

SALEM — Oregon's Legislature on Friday battled the state labor commissioner's attempt to investigate sexual harassment in the Capitol, saying he lacks jurisdiction and that it would violate the privacy of those who have come forward with complaints.

The Legislature's 35-page response to Labor Commissioner Brad Avakian sets up a confrontation between the legislative and executive branches of state government.

Sports, 8A

TROY, Ala. — Brett Rypien and Sean Modster delivered some early highlights for Boise State.

Then, Tyler Horton and the Broncos' new Turnover Throne stole the show.

Rypien passed for 305 yards and four touchdowns, Modster had 167 yards receiving and Horton returned two second-half fumbles for touchdowns to lead No. 22 Boise State to a 56-20 opening victory over Troy on Saturday night.

BRIEFING

Nichols, Harvey to speak at miners' meeting Friday evening

Baker County Commissioners Bruce Nichols and Bill Harvey, who will square off in the Nov. 6 ballot for Harvey's seat as commission chairman, are both scheduled to be guest speakers Friday at the Eastern Oregon Mining Association's meeting.

The meeting, which is open to the public, will start at 6:30 p.m. at Baker City Hall, 1655 First St.

Garden Club meets Wednesday

Members of the Baker County Garden Club will meet Wednesday, Sept. 5, at Geiser-Pollman Park.

The meeting will begin at 10:30 a.m. under the Lions Club Pavilion at the park. Members are asked to bring a sack lunch. They will discuss plans for the club's yard sale scheduled on Saturday, Sept. 8.

WEATHER

Today

81 / 43



Sunny

Tuesday

84 / 48



Sunny

Full forecast on the back of the B section.

12th-Annual Great Salt Lick Auction Set For Sept. 15

Cow Has It Licked



Lisa Britton/For the Baker City Herald

Buck Pilkenton didn't have an actual entry for the annual Great Salt Lick Contest, so he used his skills as a marine engineer and welder to create a 200-pound miniature metal cow he named Steela.

By Lisa Britton
For the Baker City Herald

Buck Pilkenton wanted to enter the Great Salt Lick Contest.

But he didn't have a cow that could lick a salt block into an artistic entry.

Plus there's the pesky contest rule that claims blocks will be DNA tested to make sure it wasn't created by a human.

"There's got to be a way around it," he said. "But there's the DNA testing. And I don't like salt anyway."

Then Pilkenton, who worked in the

engine room on Seattle ferries before retiring five years ago, noticed a piece of steel pipe that resembled the body of a cow.

He got to thinking ... what if he made a fake cow that could lick a salt block?

He put his skills as a marine engineer to work and started welding.

The finished product was a 200-pound miniature cow named Steela. Lift the tail and a pink-painted wood rasp moves in and out of the cow's mouth. The ears, one cocked

a bit higher than the other, were inspired by his dog, Champ.

Pilkenton is donating Steela to the Great Salt Lick Contest and Auction that happens Saturday, Sept. 15, at Crossroads Carnegie Art Center in Baker City.

His description reads: "Steela is a mechanical salt licking cow, specially bred and built for the person who wishes to produce licked salt, but who can't keep a real herd at home."

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SECOND-HOTTEST SUMMER AT BAKER CITY AIRPORT

Heat fell just short

By Jayson Jacoby
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In the end, the summer of 1961 was simply too sizzling.

The scorching summer of 2018 set several daily temperature records, including the all-time high of 109 degrees on Aug. 10, but it couldn't quite match that season 57 years ago for persistent heat.

But it was a very near thing.

In 1961 the average high temperature for the two hottest months — July and August — was 90.2 degrees.

This year's average was 90.

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County to discuss Event Center bid

The Baker County Board of Commissioners is scheduled to award a bid for remodeling the Baker County Event Center and approve an agreement with the Tri-County Cooperative Weed Management Agency on Wednesday.

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When Wheels Were Works Of Frontier Art



Kathy Orr / Baker City Herald

Wishing that he were born a century and a half ago, when times were simpler, Jack Colwell of New Plymouth, Idaho, is putting his passion into being a wheelwright. He has been building buggy wheels since 1991. He orders his spokes of hardwood of hickory or ash, but turns his wooded core hubs himself. The Cikanek family, new residents of Baker City, learned about the history of the wheel and how Jack makes his buggy wheels Saturday morning during the annual wagon encampment at the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center. Kendall and Jen, back with their sons, Jarren, 10, middle, and Karsten, 12, spent the morning at the encampment. Please turn to Page 2A for more photos from the event.

TODAY
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WEDNESDAY — GO! MAGAZINE ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT



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