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Baker goalkeeper Emily Black scored on a free kick in Tuesday's 6-1 win

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Good Day Wish To A Subscriber

A special good day to Herald subscriber John Woodard of Baker City.

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BOISE — Randy Brooks' son had a request three years ago: What could his dad do to make wildland firefighting safer?

To Brooks, a professor at the University of Idaho's College of Natural Resources who deals with wildland firefighting, it was more of a command.

His son, Bo Brooks, is a wildland firefighter who, a few days earlier during that 2015 fire season fled a wall of flames that killed three of his fellow firefighters in Eastern Washington.

Sports, 5A

PENDLETON — Pendleton defeated Baker in four sets Tuesday in a nonleague volleyball match at Pendleton.

The Lady Bucks won 25-21, 25-16, 22-25, 25-15.

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.

BMCC president leaving post

Cam Preus, president of Blue Mountain Community College since 2013, will be leaving her job Oct. 31 to become the executive director of the Oregon Community College Association in Salem.



Preus

"It has been my honor and privilege to serve as president of BMCC these past five years," Preus said in a press release.

Chris Brown, chair of the BMCC Board of Education, said the board "now faces a significant challenge to replace one of the most outstanding presidents BMCC has ever known."

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First Day Of Classes For Baker Students

A New Beginning



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The first day of school at Brooklyn Primary Tuesday finds Desteni Felton of Haines rushing to complete paperwork amid the shenanigans of her 3-year-old son, Justice. The youngster accompanied his big brother, Jury, who's entering the third grade.

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The hallways of Brooklyn Primary were filled with people of all ages Tuesday morning for the first day of classes.

Some were students who will be attending classes at the school this year and others were tagalongs who are yet to fill the seats of kindergartners. Still others were there in their roles as parents, grandparents, other family members and friends dropping students off or making last-minute registration adjustments.

Jury Felton, 8, a third-grader in Krystyl Snodgrass' classroom, was accompanied on his first day by his mom and dad, Desteni and Jesse Felton, and his two little brothers, Justice and Jace. Three-year-old Justice was eager to check out his brother's school and appeared ready to go with his backpack in place as he made friends with a stuffed snake in the hallway.

"Not yet," his mother said, "but he wants to."

Desteni was busy filling out new paperwork first thing Tuesday because the family recently moved to Haines. Jury will continue attending Brooklyn Primary as a third-grader despite the move, his mother said.

A school bus, which will pick Jury up right at their family's new front door, will bring him into town for class, his mother said.

The family also includes Lana Dethloff, 14, a Baker High School sophomore, and



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Paperwork awaits Jessica Pesch Tuesday morning at Brooklyn Primary. She moved to Baker City from Bend during the weekend with her family. Daughter Camille, 8, will be entering second grade.

three grown children. Having both school-age children attend classes in Baker City rather than Haines better fits the parents' work schedule, Desteni said.

Jesse recently was promoted to a management position at Bi-Mart in La Grande and Desteni works as a corrections deputy for the Baker County Sheriff's Office.

Desteni said the family

recently sold their home at Campbell and First streets where they had lived for the past eight years. The Feltons are now living in a farmhouse surrounded by 90 acres in the Haines area where she lived with her parents when her family first moved to Baker County from Seattle in 1994 when she was just 13.

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SHORTAGE OF REFEREES FORCES GAME TO BE RESCHEDULED

Football game moved to 1 p.m.

A shortage of referees for high school sporting events is already affecting Baker High School's football schedule.

Baker's game against Homedale, Idaho, scheduled for 7 p.m. Friday at Bulldog Memorial Stadium has been rescheduled for 1 p.m. Friday because an officiating crew wasn't available for the evening kickoff.

According to a Baker School District press release, administrators considered moving the game to Saturday, but players will be helping with Cycle Oregon on that day.

"This is not an ideal situation for our athletes or fans," the press release stated. "However, it appears to be our best option at this point."

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Grocery Outlet owner meets with prospective employees

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On Tuesday Cody Miller, owner and operator of the soon-to-open Grocery Outlet store in Baker City, hosted a hiring fair where he met with at least 20 prospective employees.



Miller

Miller, 31, was chosen as the owner of the Baker City location on July 18 and has been preparing to operate the store since then.

"This was a good way to let some people know exactly who we are as a company, so it was good to answer a lot of the questions that they had," Miller said.

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Report out on plane crash that killed 2

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A preliminary report issued last week gives more details about an Aug. 11 plane crash near the Baker City Airport that killed the pilot and lone passenger in the single-engine aircraft.

The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) report, which does not list a cause, describes the crash that killed pilot William J. Watts, 77, and his wife, Mihoko Matsuda Nelsen, 70, both of Middleton, Idaho.

Once the investigation is finished, NTSB will issue a final report that includes a probable cause for the accident.

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FRIDAY — LEARN ABOUT A RARE TREE IN THE WALLOWAS

