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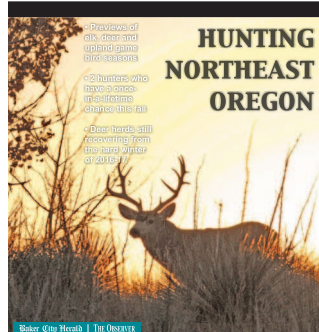
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Baker's Justin Eskew, left, and his teammates beat Weiser 4-1 Monday in nonleague soccer

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HUNTING NORTHEAST OREGON

INSIDE FRIDAY:

12-page section previews deer, elk and upland game bird seasons, as well as features about hunters who drew once-in-a-lifetime tags to hunt bighorn sheep or mountain goats

QUICK HITS

Good Day Wish To A Subscriber

A special good day to Herald subscriber Robert Moon of Baker City.

BRIEFING

Blood drive set for Monday

The American Red Cross will have a blood drive Monday, Sept. 17, at the Calvary Baptist Church, 2107 Third St. in Baker City. Appointments are available from noon to 6 p.m. To make an appointment, call Myrna Evans at 541-523-5368.

Regional Theatre auditions set for Monday

Eastern Oregon Regional Theatre will hold auditions for "Doctor Frank 'n Styne" at 6 p.m. Monday, Sept. 17, at the Iron Gate Theater, 2101 Main St. The cast includes four men, four women and three flexible roles. The show opens Oct. 18 for a two-weekend run.

Kids Club starts Friday at First Lutheran Church

The First Lutheran Church Kids Club gets under way Friday. Sessions will be most Fridays during the school year from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at First Lutheran Church at 1734 Third St. Children are asked to enter on the Valley Avenue side of the church under the Kids Club sign.

The free program is for all children in kindergarten through sixth grade. Kids Club meets each Friday that school is in session except on those occasional Fridays during the year when classes are scheduled.

The program includes Bible lessons, songs, craft sessions, snacks and other activities, including the annual hayride scheduled on Sept. 28 this year.

WEATHER

Today 67 / 32



Mostly sunny

Thursday 65 / 37



Partly sunny

Interpretive Center Ornaments Will Decorate Capitol Christmas Tree

Holiday Helpers

■ Paper lanterns are modeled after the tin versions emigrants used



Lisa Britton / For The Baker City Herald

Rachael Nickens works on a paper lantern that will adorn the Christmas tree at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C., this year.

By Lisa Britton
For the Baker City Herald

One hole punch at a time, silvery lanterns are in the making at the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center to adorn the U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree in December.

This year, the tree that will grace the nation's capital city is coming from the Willamette National Forest in Western Oregon.

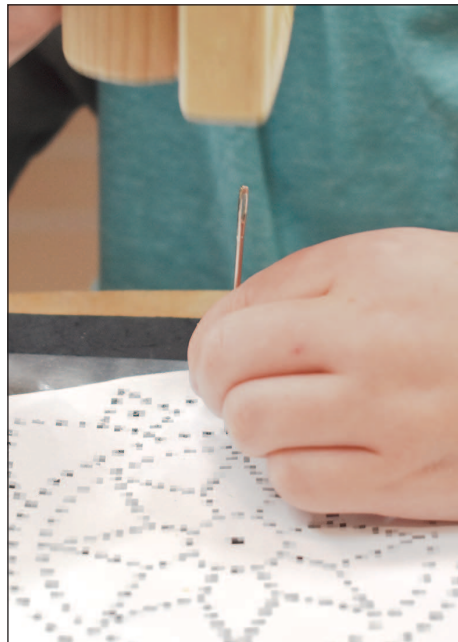
That tree will be displayed on the West Lawn of the Capitol Building in Washington, D.C., with a public tree-lighting ceremony in early December.

In addition to the large tree, the Sweet Home Ranger District, east of Albany, will send 70 smaller trees to Washington, D.C.

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Crafters use a darning needle and a hammer to punch holes in cardstock.



Complaint prompts Council to OK minutes

By Casey Crowley
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After a local couple complained about the matter last month, the Baker City Council on Tuesday approved the minutes from 10 past meetings dating to January of this year.

Raymond and Penny Rienks broached the topic during the Council's Aug. 28 meeting, noting that councilors had not approved minutes from several meetings.

Raymond Rienks is among the 10 candidates in the Nov. 6 election, when four of the seven City Council seats will be decided.

City Recorder Julie Smith, who takes meeting minutes, said the delay in submitting minutes for councilors' approval stemmed from her dual role as human resources manager, which requires her to respond to personnel issues within a certain period.

Smith, who has served in both roles since 2016, said it was a matter of finding the time to proof the draft version of the minutes and make them available to councilors for formal approval.

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Last of 4 pleads guilty in mule deer poaching

The last of four defendants in a Baker County mule deer poaching case pleaded guilty Monday in Circuit Court and was sentenced to 10 days in jail and two years of bench probation, and his hunting privileges were suspended for three years.

Max Andersen, 22, of Astoria, pleaded guilty to two counts of unlawful taking of wildlife during a closed season, and one count of unlawful waste of wildlife, according to a press release from District Attorney Matt Shirtcliff.

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Taxi owner closing service

By Casey Crowley
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The owner of one of Baker City's three taxi companies is leaving town, and he blames a city official for some of his problems since he started the business four months ago.

Eric Risk, who owns Elkhorn Cab Company, said he plans to close in October and move to the Astoria area.

Risk contends that when he applied with the city for a taxi permit — the business is regulated by a city ordinance — City Manager Fred Warner Jr. told him that the city allowed no more than two cab companies.

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Concrete truck crash blocks Highway 86

Flagstaff Hill on Highway 86 just east of Baker City was closed for about 90 minutes Tuesday morning while a tow truck worked to remove the wreckage after a Baker City man rolled the concrete truck he was driving as he rounded a corner.

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A cement truck crashed Tuesday on Flagstaff Hill.

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FRIDAY — HIKE TO OLD MINE COMBINES HISTORY, GEOLOGY



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