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Gabe Gambleton scored on a 73-yard touchdown pass Friday night

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QUICK HITS

Good Day Wish To A Subscriber

A special good day to Herald subscriber Dick Kirby of Baker City.

Sports, 7A

EUGENE — Stanford quarterback K.J. Costello watched as his overtime pass tumbled in midair for an agonizing moment after it was tipped by tight end Colby Parkinson.

"I saw the ball go in the air, held my breath, and then for Colby to come down with it was pretty awesome," said Costello.

It was the last scoring pass, the 23-yarder that Parkinson tipped to himself in the end zone, that completed No. 7 Stanford's 38-31 comeback victory over No. 20 Oregon on Saturday night.

BRIEFING

Teen Robotics Club has openings

Baker County Public Library still has a few spaces for participants in its Teen Robotics Club. The club is geared for young people ages 12 to 18 and meets Fridays at noon in the Riverside Meeting Room at the library, 2400 Resort St.

Participants can try building a robot, coding, running a robot through a challenge course, or building a Battle Bot.

The Robotics Club is run by Library IT staff members who present lessons on basic robotics. Teams will work on tasks, goals, and challenges together. Beginners are welcome. The level of difficulty will progress through the year as participants gain skills.

Participation in the club is free, sponsored by Baker County Library District.

County seeks volunteers for various boards

Baker County is seeking volunteers for the Natural Resource Advisory Committee, Transportation/Traffic Safety Commission; Local Public Safety Coordinating Council; Mental Health Advisory Board; Baker County Parks and Recreation Board. Volunteer forms are at www.bakercounty.org/commissioners. For more information call 541-523-8200.

WEATHER

Today

67 / 30



Sunny

Tuesday

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Sunny

Full forecast on the back of the B section.

Brownlee Reservoir Eroding Cliffs Along Snake River Road

Shoring Things

■ Idaho Power Company agrees to pay for repairs to two sections



Jayson Jacoby / Baker City Herald

Crews from Knife River Construction are shoring up a slope along the Snake River Road near Swede's Landing, about 12 miles south of Richland.

By Jayson Jacoby
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Idaho Power Company has hired a contractor to shore up two sections of the Snake River Road in Baker County where Brownlee Reservoir has undercut the gravel road as it crosses nearly vertical slopes.

The 41-mile road, which is maintained by the Baker County Road Department, runs between Huntington and Richland, following Brownlee Reservoir for much of that

distance.

County Roadmaster Jeff Smith said he asked Idaho Power to work on three sections of the road.

He said officials from the company, which owns and operates Brownlee Dam, agreed that the reservoir was responsible for the road base erosion at two of the three sites.

One is at Canyon Creek near Swede's Landing, about 12 miles south of Richland, and the other is near Connor

Creek, several miles farther south.

Smith said the third site, which is between the other two, will be the county's responsibility. Stabilization work there won't happen any sooner than next year, he said.

Brad Bowlin, a spokesman for Idaho Power, said the company hired Knife River Construction to stabilize the two other road sections.

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Man charged with starting fire

■ Jonathon Romine is also charged with multiple drug crimes in Thursday incident

By Chris Collins
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A Halfway man accused of starting a Thursday fire that spread to 800 acres and closed Highway 86 near Halfway remains in the Baker County Jail today on charges related to the fire and accusations of drug peddling.

Jonathon Romine, 37, originally was arrested Thursday on charges of reckless burning and second-degree criminal mischief. He was charged with two counts each of the Class A misdemeanors, said District Attorney Matt Shirtcliff, for allegedly setting the fire that spread to separate properties owned by Patrick Smith and the Pine Valley Ranch. Rangeland and timber burned on both properties, Shirtcliff said.



Romine

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7 candidates for fire chief

By Casey Crowley
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The Baker City Fire Department is one step closer to hiring a permanent fire chief.

The city has seven candidates who are set to interview for the opening created when Chief Tom Wills retired earlier this year. Cliff Hall has been serving as interim chief.

The city received 17 applications. The seven candidates who are slated to be interviewed are:

- Steve Mahoney of California
- John Clark of Michigan
- Jason McMichael of Oregon
- Glen Bahde of Georgia
- Mark Ervin of Washington
- Robert Shannon of Nevada
- Matt Avidan of Missouri

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Tip line set up for teen parties

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Baker City residents can use a new phone tip line to report parties where teenagers might be using alcohol or drugs.

The tip line was started by the Baker County Safe Communities Coalition, a group of community members and local organizations that work to prevent drug and alcohol abuse.

Callers can remain anonymous.

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