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### QUICK HITS

#### Good Day Wish To A Subscriber

A special good day to Herald subscriber Alice Surber of Baker City.

### BRIEFING

#### GOP to host political forum on Monday

The Baker County Republican Party will host a political forum Monday, Oct. 1, at 6 p.m. at the Baker Elks Lodge, 1896 Second St. There will be a debate between county commissioner candidates Bruce Nichols and Bill Harvey, and a discussion of the Second Amendment Preservation Ordinance, County Measure 1-84. For more information, visit the Baker County Republicans Facebook page or call 541-519-5035.

#### Baker County Garden Club meeting Oct. 3

The Baker County Garden Club will meet on Wednesday, Oct. 3, at 10:15 a.m. at the Library, 2400 Resort St., to carpool to the Delsmans' for a meeting. Bring a shovel and dirt in containers, plus a sack lunch.

#### Monster creation class at Eastern Oregon Regional Theatre Sunday

Eastern Oregon Regional Theater is having a "Monster Creation Class" at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 30, at the theater, 2101 Main St. Participants will create art they can take home or enter into the art contest to be held Friday, Oct. 5. There is a \$2 charge to cover art supplies. Everyone is welcome but children age 8 and younger need an adult to help.

#### Makers Clubs scheduled this fall at the library

Makers Club, organized by the Baker County Public Library, will now be held from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Riverside meeting room. The next dates are: Sept. 26 (make fluffy slime), Oct. 10 (ice cream science), Oct. 24 (make your own costume), Nov. 14 (pop bottle ecosystems), Dec. 5 (make your own ornaments) and Dec. 19 (make an LED Santa or card). Makers Club is geared toward grades 4-8. No registration is required. For information, call 541-523-6419.

### WEATHER

**Today**  
77 / 35  
Sunny

**Thursday**  
83 / 37  
Sunny

## Baker Kindergarten Students Take A Hike In The Elkhorn Mountains

# The Wee Walkers



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Kindergarten students from Brooklyn Primary cross over Parker Creek near Hoffer Lakes.

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Brooklyn Primary's kindergartners swapped their classrooms for an alpine hiking trail this week.

On Tuesday about 50 students, along with 13 chaperones and three teachers, hiked the half-mile trail from Anthony Lake to Hoffer Lakes in the Elkhorn Mountains about 35 miles northwest of Baker City.

Today the rest of the school's kindergartners went on the same hike.

Kindergarten teacher Melissa Garner had taken her students on the hike the past three years. She got the idea from her mom's best friend, who is a kindergarten teacher at Cove.



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Kindergarten students look out over lower Hoffer Lake while taking a break following their half-mile hike up from Anthony Lake.

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ELKHORN VIEW INDUSTRIAL PARK

## Council ponders property sale

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Baker City might have a buyer for property in the city-owned Elkhorn View Industrial Park.

The city has 65 acres available, divided into lots of various sizes.

Councilors discussed the matter Tuesday night during an executive session (closed to the public) prior to their regular meeting at City Hall.

City Manager Fred Warner Jr. said at least one party is interested in purchasing property at the industrial park.

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Roxy Ferguson and Ken Hackett

## Couple wins \$75,000

Roxy Ferguson bought the scratch-it ticket to cheer up her boyfriend, Ken Hackett.

It worked. The ticket was a \$75,000 winner for the Baker City couple.

"We were in a hurry, so we just scanned it and it said \$75,000," Ferguson said in a press release from the Oregon Lottery.

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## Roads re-opened

Forest roads in the southwest corner of Baker County damaged by flash flooding in September 2017 and June 2018 have been repaired and were re-opened Tuesday.

The roads had been closed since a June storm dumped more than an inch of rain along the South Fork of the Burnt River southwest of Unity.

Two sections of Roads 2640 and 6015, totaling about one mile, were rebuilt in areas less prone to flooding.

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## Sorting out the spuds

■ The Ward family, which harvested its first crop of potatoes in Baker Valley in 1915, has its 2018 harvest under way

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The french fry that ends up on a plate in Indonesia or Vietnam or Japan might have embarked on its long journey from a dusty patch of ground next to Highway 30 just north of Baker City.

A bit before noon on a nearly cloud-free Tuesday, Mark Ward stood beside a conveyor belt bearing a constant torrent of dusky brown Russet Burbanks.

The belt disgorged its starchy stream inside a half-moon-shaped metal cellar 185 feet long, 51 feet wide and more than 20 feet high.

The cellar can hold 3,000 tons of potatoes but today, just the second day of what Ward expects will be a 10-day harvest, only the far end is crammed with spuds.

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Brandy Winston snags unwanted materials before spuds reach the cellar.

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**FRIDAY — TIPS TO MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR DEER HUNT**

