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QUICK HITS

Good Day Wish To A Subscriber

A special good day to Herald subscriber Linda Lang of Baker City.

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BOSTON — The Fenway Funhouse proved too tricky, too cold and just too much for the beach boys.

Andrew Benintendi, J.D. Martinez and the Boston Red Sox came out swinging in the World Series opener, seizing every advantage in their quirky ballpark to beat the Los Angeles Dodgers 8-4 on a chilly, windy Tuesday night.

BRIEFING

Prescription drug take back event set for Saturday

The Baker City Police Department, in collaboration with the Drug Enforcement Administration, will accept unwanted or expired prescription drug pills and patches on Saturday, Oct. 27, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Police Department, 1768 Auburn Ave.

Police can't accept liquids, needles or sharps of any kind. The service is free and anonymous.

Turkey dinner Nov. 4 at St. Francis de Sales

The annual St. Francis de Sales turkey dinner is set for Sunday, Nov. 4 at 2 p.m. or 4 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. The menu includes roast turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, fruit salad, and homemade pumpkin pie with whipped cream.

Tickets are available by calling Jody Colton at 541-519-0162 or the parish office at 541-523-4521.

Friends of Baker Heritage Museum fall meeting set

The Friends of the Baker Heritage Museum Board will gather for their fall meeting on Thursday, Oct. 25.

The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. at the museum, 2480 Grove St.

Those interested in learning more about the organization's volunteer opportunities and future plans for the museum are welcome to the meeting, said Liz Miller, new board president.

WEATHER

Today

62 / 31



Partly sunny

Thursday

66 / 36



Mostly sunny

Full forecast on the back of the B section.

State Officials Consider Future Plans For The Sumpter Dredge

Dredging Forward



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A partially restored gold mining dredge is the centerpiece of the Sumpter Valley Dredge State Heritage Area about 28 miles southwest of Baker City.

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One of Baker County's unique attractions will soon close for the season in advance of winter's deep snows, but plans are afoot to open more of the Sumpter Dredge to visitors in the future.

There is no timeline, but the long-term goal is to allow visitors to tour sections of the upper two stories of the hulking gold-mining machine, said Garrett Groth, ranger at the Sumpter Valley Dredge State Heritage Area.

That could include the third-floor winch room, where a worker controlled many of the functions of the 1,240-ton behemoth.

Groth said he hopes the park will have up to \$250,000 available for work inside the dredge, although the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department might need to divert some of that money to other park properties in Harney County.

Any project inside the dredge, which operated from 1935 until 1954, is challenging because of potential conflicts between modern safety standards for stairs and other facilities, and the need to preserve the historic nature of the machine, Groth said.

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A giant gear wheel was operated by levers in the control room, background. Park officials hope to open parts of the upper stories of the Sumpter Dredge in the future. The lower floor is open now.



Wyden hosts town hall

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Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Oregon, opened a town hall at Baker High School this morning by presenting BHS Principal Greg Mitchell with an American flag that had flown over the U.S. Capitol.



Wyden

After talking about his efforts to reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfires, Wyden took questions.

Questions were chosen by a raffle — attendees could take a ticket before the town hall started at 9 a.m. in the BHS auditorium.

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Council cancels meeting

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The Baker City Council canceled its Tuesday meeting because there weren't enough councilors present to constitute a quorum.

Three councilors attended. The city charter requires at least four to make a quorum. Councilors can meet even without a quorum but they can't take any action.

Mayor Mike Downing and councilors Rosemary Abell and Arvid Andersen arrived at City Hall Tuesday evening.

They knew that at least two councilors would be absent. Randy Schiewe was out of town for a family emergency, and Loran Joseph had announced in advance that he would not attend Tuesday's meeting.

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Redmond Man Has Hunt of A Lifetime In Baker County

A hunt he'll never forget

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When hunting season came around this year Bob Rhodes and his son Brandon, 19, knew they wanted to hunt elk together. They applied for three elk tags but drew none.

This didn't stop the pair from Redmond. They called the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, which referred the father and son to Hunt of a Lifetime, an organization that gives kids with life-threatening illnesses the hunt of their dreams.

"We have been talking about this for the last year and when we didn't draw our tags that kind of sunk us a little," Bob said.

Brandon qualified for the hunt because

he was born with muscular dystrophy, rigid spine syndrome and scoliosis. As a part of his condition he has to use a machine that monitors and helps regulate how much carbon dioxide he breathes in for 18 hours a day. At the time the Rhodeses had never heard of Hunt of a Lifetime.

Eventually they were put in contact with Clay McEnroe, a Baker County resident who help coordinate hunts for Hunt of a Lifetime.

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Submitted photo

Brandon Rhodes, right, and his dad, Bob, with Brandon's bull elk



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FRIDAY — CELEBRATING THE MAGNIFICENT TAMARACK

