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Good Day Wish To A Subscriber

A special good day to Herald subscriber Donna Handyside of Baker City.

Oregon, 3A

PORTLAND — Gov. Kate Brown ordered the public release of annual school performance ratings Wednesday after the state's biggest newspaper reported that a Brown appointee had delayed the release of the statistical rankings until after the high-stakes gubernatorial election Nov. 6.

Sports, 6A

ORLANDO, Fla. — Damian Lillard struggled in the first half then was back in All-Star form after halftime. Lillard scored 34 of his 41 points in the second half, and the Portland Trail Blazers beat the Orlando Magic 128-114 on Thursday night.

BRIEFING

Musical tribute to 'Paint Your Wagon' Saturday at Baker Heritage Museum

"Gold Fever: An Homage To 'Paint Your Wagon,'" is a free event Saturday, Oct. 27 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Caroline Sherrieb Ballroom at the Baker Heritage Museum, 2480 Grove St.

Featuring Lonnie Shurtleff and Carolyn Mildenburger, the evening will feature the music of "Paint Your Wagon," the film starring Clint Eastwood that was filmed in Baker County in 1968, as well as other songs from the Gold Rush era.

Harvest Party Sunday at Nazarene Church

The annual Harvest Party is set for Sunday, Oct. 28 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Family Life Center at the Nazarene Church, 1250 Hughes Lane.

Families are invited to don costumes for the event, which includes lots of games and food.

WEATHER

Today

61 / 40

Rain showers

Saturday

64 / 42

Partly sunny

Sunday

59 / 32

Rain showers

Full forecast on the back of the B section.

Adult Male Bear Tranquilized And Released In Lookout Mountain Unit

Sumpter Bear Moved



Photo by Brian Ratliff

An adult male black bear was tranquilized in Sumpter on Wednesday and released Thursday.

By Jayson Jacoby
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State wildlife officials tranquilized an adult male bear inside the Sumpter city limits Wednesday and then released the 225-pound bruin Thursday on private land more than 30 miles away.

Brian Ratliff, district wildlife biologist at the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's (ODFW) Baker

City office, said Thursday's release in the Lookout Mountain unit east of Baker City went well.

"The bear seemed to be in good health," Ratliff said.

He attached tags to each of the bear's ears that notify any hunter who might shoot the bear that its meat will not be fit for human consumption until about Nov. 7 because it takes about 14 days for the tran-

quilizer to metabolize.

Ratliff thinks it's unlikely the bear will be shot, though, because the release site is in a large area of private land that's not open to hunting.

Although ODFW typically kills bears found near homes, Ratliff said the situation in Sumpter was different in a couple of ways.

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Casey Crowley / Baker City Herald

Baker City contractor Jeff Petry is building a pair of duplexes in west Baker City.

2 duplexes under construction

By Casey Crowley
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Next April there will likely be two new duplexes in Baker City. Contractor Jeff Petry is building the structures on a lot at 10th and Estes streets in west Baker City.

Petry, 57, a former Baker City mayor, wants to sell the duplexes. But if necessary he will make them available for rent.

"I don't like being a landlord (but) I have had rentals before," Petry said.

He said he has had people contact him who were interested in buying

the duplexes. Petry thinks they could be attractive to young adults or senior citizens.

Petry was born and raised in Baker City and has been working as a contractor for 34 years.

"I financed my own college through construction and I got to liking it," he said.

Petry studied physics at Eastern Oregon University in La Grande.

He served on the Baker City Council for eight years.



Petry

Throughout his career Petry has mostly built single-family homes, but he decided to build the duplexes because he wanted to do something different and because he believes the city needs more rentals.

He also believes duplexes are more appropriate for the property.

"I would never put a home on these properties because of the values of homes over here and the train," Petry said, referring to the Union Pacific Railroad tracks, which are about two blocks to the east.

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PLEADED GUILTY TO STEALING GUN FROM SITE OF TEEN'S SUICIDE

Gun thief gets year in jail

By Jayson Jacoby
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The Baker City man who stole the handgun that a teenager used in a suicide last month was sentenced Thursday to one year in the Baker County Jail.

Baker County Circuit Court Judge Greg Baxter sentenced Orin Shaile Moore, 20, of 2339 Madison St.

Moore pleaded guilty to two counts of first-degree theft.

Moore found the body of Izah Gonzales on Sept. 5 at the skate park near Sam-O Swim Center and took the handgun from the scene.

Moore later tried to sell the .45-caliber semi-automatic pistol, District Attorney Matt Shirlcliff said.

Although the normal jail sentence for a first-degree theft conviction is 10 days in jail, Shirlcliff's office presented two witnesses in the sentencing phase to prove "harm greater than typical" warranting a longer jail sentence.

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Wyden talks fires, forests

By Casey Crowley
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Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., talked about forest issues, including the fire danger in the Baker City watershed, during a town hall Wednesday morning at the Baker High School auditorium.

Wyden, who is not up for re-election this year, having been elected in 2016 to a six-year term, said he favors policies that make public forests available for multiple uses.

During his opening remarks, Wyden commended Baker City Manager Fred Warner Jr. and Bruce Nichols, Baker County commissioner, for working with the Forest Service to try to reduce the risk of wildfires in the watershed.

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MONDAY — BAKER SPORTS TEAMS IN THE PLAYOFFS

