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Good Day Wish To A Subscriber

A special good day to Herald subscriber Martha Cook of Baker City.

BRIEFING

Motorcycle Rally meeting Nov. 7

A community meeting to discuss the 2019 Hells Canyon Motorcycle Rally is set for Wednesday, Nov. 7, at 6 p.m. at Lefty's Taphouse, 1934 Broadway St. The new organizers of the event will be introduced.

Baker Community Orchestra concert Nov. 16

The Baker Community Orchestra will have its fall concert on Friday Nov. 16, at 7 p.m. in the Baker High School Auditorium, 2500 E St. There is no admission charge and all are welcome.

The concert will feature English composer Gustav Holst's 2nd Suite in F for military band. This classic of wind band literature, composed in 1911 and first published in 1922, is one of the great classics of wind band literature.

Also on the program are Ralph Vaughn Williams' "Flourish for Wind Band," a fun piece with a western flair, a little Johannes Brahms, Chip Davis of Mannheim Steamroller fame and a dash of Christmas.

The Baker Community Orchestra, under the direction of Russ Carpenter, is made up of volunteer community members. The primary mission of the Orchestra is to provide community members an opportunity to make and enjoy instrumental music. The orchestra is open to any community member who can play a band or orchestra instrument, read music and play, or learn to play, at a high school level. There is no audition requirement, just come and play. We strive to provide a fun and welcoming atmosphere, where we can all improve our skills. If you have never played an instrument, would like to learn or re-learn, call us and we will be glad to help with that as well. The Orchestra has some instruments for loan to get a person started. For more information call Brian Watt at 541-523-4662 and check the Orchestra's Facebook page.

WEATHER

Today

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Cloudy

Tuesday

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Cloudy

Full forecast on the back of the B section.

Students Learn About An Annual Hispanic Tradition

Dia de los Muertos



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Dia de los Muertos is a day the dead return to celebrate with the living. Ma'lena Wirth, right, explains the event to South Baker Intermediate sixth-grade students. She is aided by students with Hispanic heritage.



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Ma'lena Wirth, seated center, helps serve traditional Mexican foods, pumpkin empanadas and tamales.

By Lisa Britton

For the Baker City Herald

Painted faces and special foods met sixth graders Thursday during a Dia de los Muertos celebration at South Baker Intermediate School.

Ma'lena Wirth, translator/interpreter for Baker School District, led the procession of sixth-graders who have a Hispanic heritage. A few wore intricate masks in the holiday tradition; others had faces half painted white with black outlining one eye.

"Welcome to Dia de los Muertos — Day of the Dead," Wirth said.

Then each student stood to recite his or her birth given name, followed by their nicknames better known to fellow classmates.

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Mary Jo Carpenter Retires After 31 Years With Community Connection

A stylish send off for Mary Jo

By Lisa Britton

For the Baker City Herald

Mary Jo Carpenter capped off her 31-year career in style — Halloween style, dressed up as Mary Sanderson from the movie "Hocus Pocus."

It just happened that her final day before retiring as manager of Community Connection was Oct. 31. She was joined in "Hocus Pocus" costume by office staff Lori Barker (dressed as Winifred Sanderson) and Renee Green who took on the character of Sarah Sanderson.



Hayes

Joe Hayes took over as manager Nov. 1.

How it started

Carpenter didn't really seek out this job.

"Literally, I needed a job," she said. "I didn't have a burning desire to be in social services. I didn't know it would turn into 30 years."

She served as assistant manager for eight years, then



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From left, Lori Barker, Mary Jo Carpenter and Renee Green dress up as the sisters from "Hocus Pocus." Carpenter retired Oct. 31 from her job as manager of Community Connection, a post she had for 31 years.

moved into the manager position when Sherry Schaar, then manager, lost her battle with cancer.

Carpenter's career spanned many changes for Community Connection. She started as assistant manager

when it was still located at the Extension Office. She still recalls every August at that spot, when the bus barn was used for dairy cows and senior meals took a hiatus during the week of fair.

In 1999, Seniors Inc.

moved into a new building on Cedar Street, built on land the nonprofit had purchased from grants and \$75,000 in community donations.

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Groups object to plan

By Casey Crowley
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The U. S. Forest Service received 343 objections that met filing requirements, to the Blue Mountain Forest Plan Revision released in June.

Interested parties had a 60-day period after the release of the revision to submit objections to the plan. Among those with objections that met the requirements were all three Baker County commissioners, Baker County, the City of Sumpter, the Eastern Oregon Mining Association, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Eastern Oregon Counties Association and more.

In total, the Forest Service received 350 objections, only seven of which did not meet the criteria to be further reviewed.

The next step in the process is for the Forest Service to schedule objection-resolution meetings. Those meetings are tentatively scheduled for Nov. 27 through Dec. 1.

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Baker toddler dies from gunshot wound

The Baker County Major Crime Team is continuing its investigation into the death of a 2-year-old boy who died Sunday at the Trauma Center in Boise of a gunshot wound, District Attorney Matt Shirtcliff stated in a press release.

Liam Mankins sustained the wound at about 11:15 a.m. at his home at 1905 Birch St.

His parents, Pete Mankins, 33, and Diana Goodman, 32, were at home at the time of the incident, Shirtcliff said.

The Oregon State Police crime lab is assisting in the investigation.

An ambulance, city police and county deputies were called to the Mankins' home Sunday morning. Liam was transported by ambulance to St. Alphonsus Medical Center and was immediately transferred to Boise by Life Flight.

The boy died of his injuries at 1:43 p.m. at the Boise Trauma Center, Shirtcliff said.

An autopsy is scheduled today in Boise, he added.

TODAY

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