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QUICK HITS

Good Day Wish To A Subscriber

A special good day to Herald subscriber Robert Whitnah of Baker City.

Oregon, 3A

PENDLETON — The U.S. Forest Service and Greater Hells Canyon Council squared off over cattle grazing in Hells Canyon Nov. 13 in Pendleton's U.S. District Court.

Judge Patricia Sullivan heard oral arguments regarding a complaint the Council filed in January claiming the Forest Service violated federal laws when it developed the Lower Imnaha Range Analysis, endangering the threatened wildflower Spalding's catchfly.

BRIEFING

Free Thanksgiving dinner at Calvary Baptist Church

A free Thanksgiving dinner will be served Thursday from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Calvary Baptist Church, 2107 Third St. (on Broadway between Third and Fourth streets). The menu is a traditional one, with turkey, stuffing, yams, pumpkin pie and more. More information is available by calling the church office at 541-523-3891.

Libraries closed Thursday, Friday

Baker County libraries will be closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 22 and 23, for the Thanksgiving holiday. The digital Library2Go catalog and website resources will remain open as always. Baker City Hall and Baker County offices will also be closed on Thursday and Friday.

Photos with Santa Dec. 1

The Baker City Kiwanis Club will have its annual photos with Santa event, in partnership with the Festival of Trees Family Day on Saturday, Dec. 1 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Baker County Events Center, 2600 East St. Cost is \$10 per setting and includes two 5x7 or three 4x6 prints. Proceeds benefit community service projects, South Baker Intermediate School K-Kids, and the Baker Middle School Leadership Club.

WEATHER

Today
45 / 31

Rain or snow

Thursday
46 / 29

Rain likely

Full forecast on the back of the B section.

Richland Teenager Hurt In Oct. 12 Accident On Highway 86

Assisting Abby



Submitted photo

Abby Graven, a 17-year-old from Richland, suffered severe injuries in a traffic crash Oct. 12 on Highway 86 near Richland.

By Sherrie Kvamme and Lisa Britton
For the Baker City Herald

Abby Graven was on her way to work at the Shorthorn restaurant in Richland on Oct. 12 when she saw a deer on Highway 86.

As she swerved to avoid hitting the animal, her truck's tires skidded in the gravel on the side of the road. As she tried to return to the highway, the truck instead flipped several times and landed in a nearby field.

Those first on the scene called 9-1-1 and the Eagle Valley Ambulance arrived at 7:32 a.m. A Life Flight helicopter arrived at 8:04 a.m. and transported Abby, 17, to Saint Alphonsus Medical Center in Boise. She immediately underwent surgery.

Abby suffered a severed spine at the T4 vertebra. She is paralyzed from just below her armpits.

Her upper left lung was damaged and surgically re-

Fundraiser For Abby

- Friday, Dec. 7
- 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.
- Lone Pine Cafe, 1825 Main St., Baker City

moved, and she also sustained a collapsed right lung, several broken ribs and a broken right shoulder.

A piece of wood that penetrated Abby's body on the left side stopped just short of the aorta, the largest artery in the body, but didn't cause any damage to her heart.

A spinal stabilization surgery was delayed several times due to infections triggered by wood splinters and bone fragments that had to be surgically removed.

On Oct. 30, she underwent spine surgery, and the surgeon

placed metal rods to align and support her spine. The next morning, she was able to sit up for the first time since the accident.

Chuck Graven, Abby's dad, said the family consulted with a case worker and doctors to determine the best place for rehabilitation.

Abby is now at the Shriner's Hospital in Sacramento, California. Her time in rehab is estimated to be two months or more.

An account in Abby's name has been established at US Bank. There is also an Abby Graven Medical GoFundMe page to help defray medical and transportation costs.

Fundraiser planned

A fundraiser for Abby is planned for Dec. 7 during First Friday festivities in Baker City. It will run from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. at Lone Pine Cafe, 1825 Main St.

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BAKER CITY COUNCIL ELECTION

Candidate move affects Council results

■ Carly Annable, who received the second most votes Nov. 6, has moved out of town and is not eligible to serve, creating a spot for another candidate

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Carly Annable, who received the second most votes in the Baker City Council election Nov. 6 and was in line to serve a four-year term, has taken a job in Western Oregon and will not serve as a city councilor.

Baker County Clerk Cindy Carpenter said Monday that Annable, 28, had contacted the clerk's office. Annable has accepted a job in Independence, near Salem.

The Baker City charter requires that councilors live within the city limits.

Annable's move likely will have two effects on results from the election, during which city voters chose four of the seven councilors.

First, because Annable was not sworn in as a councilor (the city charter states that newly elected councilors begin their terms at the first meeting in January following the election), the fifth-place finisher in the election likely will replace her.

Based on unofficial results, that would be Doni Bruland, 53, who had 958 votes.

The sixth-place candidate is Daryl DeMoss, 43, who received 951 votes.

The second effect has to do with which of the four newly elected councilors will serve a two-year, rather than a four-year, term.

The city charter states that when four councilors are elected, the one who received the fewest votes will serve a two-year term, while the three others serve four-year terms.

Based on the initial results, before Annable withdrew, Randy Schiewe, the lone incumbent among the 10 candidates, finished fourth and would have served a two-year term.

But with Annable ineligible, Schiewe becomes the third-place finisher and Bruland the fourth. That means Schiewe would serve for four years, and Bruland for two years.

The city charter has no provisions for the current situation, in which a candidate withdraws interest after the election but before being sworn in and taking office.

In such cases the charter states that "city elections must conform to state law."



Annable



Bruland

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Lohner says he's eager for lawsuit to go to trial



By Chris Collins
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Former Baker City Police Chief Wyn Lohner said Monday that he was disappointed to learn that a 9th Circuit Court of Appeals panel affirmed the ruling of a lower court

judge who found that he was not entitled to qualified immunity as a defendant in a lawsuit filed against him by former journalist Brian Addison.

The ruling was not, however, unexpected, Lohner said.

"They looked at the same limited information that the Federal court did and were only tasked with determining if there was a 'Question of fact,' which should be evaluated by a jury," Lohner wrote in a message to the Herald. "They did, so

we will go to trial where a jury can be presented with all the facts."

The 54-year-old Lohner and the City of Baker City are defendants in the suit filed in October 2015.

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FRIDAY — OREGON'S COUGAR-HUNTING CONUNDRUM

