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**Good Day Wish To A Subscriber**

A special good day to Herald subscriber Fred Koontz of Baker City.

**Sports, 5A**

PORTLAND — Few, if any, expected the Los Angeles Clippers to be atop the Western Conference standings 19 games into the season.

On Sunday night, they even managed to impress themselves with a 104-100 comeback win over the Portland Trail Blazers.

BRIEFING

**Christmas parade, tree-lighting ceremony set for Saturday**

The annual Christmas Twilight parade starts Saturday, Dec. 1, at 5 p.m. on Main Street in downtown Baker City, followed by the lighting of the community Christmas tree at the Court Avenue Plaza.

Main Street will be closed to traffic from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. between Madison Street and Auburn Avenue.

**Food Bank focus group meeting set for Nov. 29**

Local residents who have used food stamps or a food bank, or who have worried about running out of food, are encouraged to attend an event set for Thursday, Nov. 29, in Baker City.

The food bank focus group will meet from 5:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. at the Senior Center, 2810 Cedar St.

Food and drink will be provided. Those who RSVP and attend will receive a \$10 Safeway gift card.

To RSVP call 541-523-7532 or email to carolina@ccno.org

**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 sitting and includes two 5-by-7 or three 4-by-6 prints. Proceeds benefit community service projects, South Baker Intermediate School K-Kids, and the Baker Middle School Leadership Club.

WEATHER

**Today**

40 / 32



Partly sunny

**Tuesday**

43 / 28



Snow showers

Full forecast on the back of the B section.

Renovating The Historic Orpheum Theater On Main Street

## Making Progress



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The interior of the Orpheum Theater is stripped to the wood framing. Aletha Bonebrake says the floor will be removed eventually to reveal the original seating area that will slope down toward the stage. The crossing metal beam will help support balcony seating.

**By Casey Crowley**

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Work on the Orpheum Theater renovation in downtown Baker City continues with designs being devel-

oped for both the interior and exterior of the historic Main Street building.

The Orpheum, at 1821 Main St., will eventually be the home for the Eastern Oregon

Regional Theater and a site for a variety of live performances.

The Orpheum closed in 1956 and was converted into retail space.

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Aletha Bonebrake talks about proposed remodeling projects at the Orpheum Theater on Main Street. The sketches are displayed at the front windows.

## Planners to discuss proposed solar power project

■ An estimated 45,000 to 55,000 solar panels would be installed on 90 to 100 acres of rangeland near Interstate 84 about 6 miles southeast of Baker City

By Jayson Jacoby

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The Baker County Planning Commission has scheduled a public hearing Dec. 11 to consider a California company's application to install solar power panels on private land near Baker City.

The hearing will start at 5 p.m. at the Courthouse, 1995 Third St. in Baker City.

Enerpac Inc. of Oakland has applied for a conditional-use permit on behalf of the property owner, Hat Brand Land & Livestock LLC of Baker City. Brent Gyllenberg is Hat Brand's manager, according to Oregon Corporation Division records.

The solar power array would consist of 45,000 to 55,000 panels installed on 90 to 100 acres of rangeland near Sutton Creek Road, about six miles southeast of Baker City. The property is about one mile east of the landfill and about 7/10th of a mile south of Interstate 84.

Enerpac said the project would generate about 15 megawatts of power, which would be sold to Idaho Power Company, which has a transmission line nearby.

Enerpac estimates the solar power farm would have a productive lifespan of 20 to 30 years.

The farm is the second that Enerpac has proposed in Baker County.

The company could start construction this spring on a smaller solar array — 2.75 megawatts on 23 acres — near Unity, in southern Baker County.

The Sutton Creek project would include solar panels as well as a 22-foot-wide access road and a power line connecting the farm to the Idaho Power transmission line, according to the Baker City-County Planning Department.

The solar panels would be mounted on motorized racks that shift the panels as the sun moves to maximize power production.

Copies of Enerpac's application are available by calling Kara Miller at 541-523-8219 or by email, kmiller@bakercounty.org

TIE VOTE ON NOV. 6 BALLOT

## Sumpter pot store ban measure fails

A measure on the Nov. 6 ballot that would have banned future marijuana businesses in Sumpter failed by the slimmest of margins.

Actually there was no margin at all, as 73 voters were in favor of the measure and 73 opposed.

Oregon election law states that "no measure shall be adopted unless it receives an affirmative majority of the total votes cast."

Thus a tie means the measure failed, County Clerk Cindy Carpenter said.

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WEDNESDAY — GO! MAGAZINE ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

