

# Baker City Herald

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QUICK HITS

**Good Day Wish To A Subscriber**

A special good day to Herald subscriber Randy Dodson of Baker City.

**Local, 3A**

Eighteen young members of the Blue Mountain Baptist Church in Baker City, along with seven adults, traveled around town Thursday evening to sing Christmas carols for members of their congregation.

The contingent divided into three groups so they could visit more homes, said Laura Wilcoxson, one of four teachers at the church's Thursday night class for students in grades four through eight.

BRIEFING

**Interpretive Center closed**

The Oregon Trail Interpretive Center will be closed during the federal government shutdown. The Center, five miles east of Baker City, is on its winter schedule, open Thursday through Sunday.

**Christmas bird counts planned Dec. 29, Jan. 5**

The Audubon Society's annual Christmas bird counts are scheduled for the Baker City area on Dec. 29 and Jan. 5. Volunteers interested in participating can call Bruce Rafferty at 541-523-2551 or by email at bbraf820@yahoo.com. Volunteers will be doing bird feeder watches and driving on selected routes in the area.

**Drug- and alcohol-free New Year's Eve party**

The Teens for Change Drug- and Alcohol-Free New Year's Eve party is set for 9 p.m. on Dec. 31 at Churchill School, 3451 Broadway St. All middle and high school students are welcome to attend the free event, which will run until 12:30 a.m. on New Year's Day. The event was paid for by the Local Community Advisory Council, New Directions Northwest and the Baker County Safe Communities Coalition.

**Baker City Farmers Market meeting Jan. 22**

The annual membership meeting for the Baker City Farmers Market is set for Jan. 22 at 6 p.m. at the Baker County Library, 2400 Resort St.

WEATHER

Today  
36 / 30

Rain or snow showers

Tuesday  
37 / 18

Snow showers

**Baker City Police Department's First Shop With A Cop Event**

## Picking Presents



Kathy Orr/Baker City Herald

Karson Karolski searched for something special for his little sister during Baker City's first Shop with a Cop event Friday morning at Bi-Mart. Karson was paired with Baker City Police reserve officer Justin Phlaum. Karolski and 14 other students arrived on the Baker City Trolley and were paired with either a city policeman, fire department firefighter or sheriff's deputy.

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Fifteen students from Baker elementary schools went on a Christmas shopping spree for their families Friday morning at Bi-Mart thanks to the generosity of the community.

And they even had a police

escort as they roamed the aisles.

The Baker City Police Department had its first Shop with a Cop event. Officers from the department, the Baker City Fire Department and the Baker County Sheriff's Office volunteered to help the young

shoppers, who were nominated by their teachers.

Each student was given \$80 to buy Christmas gifts for members of their family and was randomly paired with an officer.

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Kathy Orr/Baker City Herald

R.J. Apple takes his time choosing a Christmas gift for his sister. He first looked for a puzzle but decided on roller skates. He shopped with Baker City firefighter Jason Jacobs.



S. John Collins/Baker City Herald

Miranda Marble

## A new start in Baker

■ A move to Oregon led to Miranda Marble having her medical problem diagnosed

By Chris Collins

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Snuggled on the couch and warmed by the flames flickering in the fireplace of her south Baker City home on a recent snowy day, Miranda Marble welcomes visitors with a smile.

She doesn't rise to greet the visitors, however. The 27-year-old was especially tired that day, for one thing, and her legs were bothering her, which might have caused her to fall had she tried to stand. And when she falls, there's the risk that she might break one of the bones in her body. But at least she wasn't vomiting that day, she noted, optimistically.

Miranda and her husband, Daniel, who's also 27, seem to look at the world with an unending optimism that is hard to fathom.

Miranda has an illness known as dysautonomia, as well as other medical maladies. Dysautonomia prevents the autonomic nervous system (ANS) from working properly. That's a serious condition, a quick scan of Google sources reveals.

The autonomic nervous system is the part of the nervous system responsible for controlling bodily functions not consciously directed, "such as heart rate, blood pressure, digestion, dilation and constriction of the pupils of the eye, kidney function, and temperature control," according to Dysautonomia International. The nonprofit organization promotes awareness of the disorder and offers support for patients who have the illness for which there is no cure.

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## Teen accused of stealing, burning truck

A 15-year-old Baker City boy was arrested Sunday and charged with stealing a pickup truck from a Baker City home and then setting fire to it in a vacant lot in the northwest corner of the city.

The Baker City Police and Fire departments were called to the area of 17th and H streets about 6:30 a.m. Sunday after reports of multiple explosions, according to a police department press release.

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TODAY

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