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### QUICK HITS

#### Good Day Wish To A Subscriber

A special good day to Herald subscriber Greg Pointer of Baker City.

#### Oregon, 3A

Two families filed separate wrongful death lawsuits against the state of Oregon this week, faulting it for releasing a man with severe mental illness from the Oregon State Hospital despite warnings from a psychologist that he still posed a grave danger.

### BRIEFING

#### Baker Heritage Museum open Dec. 26-29

The Baker Heritage Museum, 2480 Grove St., will be open daily from Dec. 26 through Dec. 29 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Admission is \$7 for adults, \$6 for seniors and military members, and free for those 12 and younger.

#### 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 school 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 33 / 24



Chance of snow late

Thursday 35 / 19



Mostly cloudy

Full forecast on the back of the B section.

### Baker High School Art Students Creating Mosaics

# Making of a Mural

Students using broken pottery to create public art for downtown



Lisa Britton/For the Baker City Herald

Koedi Birmingham, a senior at Baker High School, works on her mosaic project in the Earth and Fire art class.

By Lisa Britton  
For the Baker City Herald

The sound is cringe-worthy, bringing to mind what happens when you drop a mug on the floor.

That's nearly what's happening in the art room at Baker High School — although in a more controlled manner.

Local artist Andrea Stone is

spending six weeks with the Earth and Fire classes to create mosaics using eight years worth of broken pottery saved by art teacher Kristen Anderson.

Each of the 60 students created their own piece, which will be mounted alongside a collaborative mural and placed as public art in downtown Baker

City. "We started talking about this three years ago," Stone said.

To kick off her six-week residency in the art classes, Stone gave a talk about public art. The overall theme of the projects is nature — specifically, trees.

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# La Grande hospital CEO raised in Baker

Jeremy Davis is a 1999 graduate of Baker High School

By Cherise Kaechele  
The (La Grande) Observer

Grande Ronde Hospital will be ringing in the new year with a new chief executive officer, Jeremy Davis, who transferred from a town in Wyoming but was born and raised in Baker City.

Davis, a 1999 Baker High School graduate, said his interest in the medical field began in high school when he wanted to be a doctor.

"I loved the idea of helping people," he said. "I wanted to make a difference."

The slight veer in his career path happened when he realized he loved his business classes just as much — if not more — than his biology and chemistry classes.



Davis

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# BHS teacher one of 21 picked for aged institute

SAN ANTONIO, Texas — Bibiana Giff, a Baker High School agriculture teacher, is one of 21 people across the nation selected to participate in the 2018 XLR8 Institute.

The institute is a professional development program that began at the National Association of Agricultural Educators' annual convention in San Antonio Nov. 28-Dec. 1, Libby Duncan, the NAAE communications director, stated in a press release.



Giff

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# Evans wins scholarship

LA GRANDE — A Baker High School graduate is among five Eastern Oregon University students selected to receive science and technology scholarships as part of the university's Advancing Science and Technology in Eastern Oregon program.

Isabella Evans is studying computer science with a theater minor.



Evans

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# City continues work on wastewater plan

Agreement with state requires city to stop releasing treated wastewater into Powder Riv.

By Jayson Jacoby  
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Baker City officials are continuing to plan for one of the bigger public works projects in the city in the past few decades.

Based on an agreement the City Council approved in January 2017 with the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), the city, starting around 2022, will stop piping its treated wastewater into the

Powder River a few miles north of town.

Instead, the city plans to install a pipe that will transport the treated wastewater east of Interstate 84 where it will be stored seasonally in a new pond.

The water will be used to irrigate nonfood crops such as alfalfa hay.

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Submitted photo

Workers tested soil at a possible site for Baker City's wastewater storage pond.

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