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Good Day Wish To A Subscriber

A special good day to Herald subscriber Ed Hayhurst of Haines.

Sports, 5A

Baker controlled action most of the game Saturday, then held off pesky Mac-Hi in the fourth quarter for a 51-46 Greater Oregon League boys basketball win at BHS.

Sports, 5A

ARLINGTON, Texas — Dak Prescott saw an opening up the middle, then three defenders between him and the first down.

The Dallas quarterback found a way to get there, and get his first playoff victory two years after a sensational rookie season ended in disappointment.

Ezekiel Elliott rushed for 137 yards and the go-ahead touchdown in the fourth quarter, Prescott scored on a sneak after his dazzling head-over-heels run and the Cowboys hung on for a 24-22 wild-card win over the Seattle Seahawks on Saturday night.

Local, 3A

SALEM — Gov. Kate Brown endorsed lowering the maximum blood alcohol level for drunken driving and talked about the impact of the federal government shutdown Thursday during her first press conference of 2019.

BRIEFING

Community Connection seeks board member

Community Connection is seeking a volunteer from Baker County to serve on the board of directors for the nonprofit organization that operates the Senior Center as well as food, housing, energy assistance and transportation programs.

The board member will represent the private sector. Anyone interested in volunteering is asked to call Dianne Wright at 541-963-3186 or by email at diana@ccno.org. The application deadline is Jan. 21.

WEATHER

Today
35 / 20



Mostly sunny

Tuesday
36 / 33



Chance of snow showers

Correction: A story about the renovation of Churchill school in the Jan. 4 issue contained an error. Brian and Corrine Vegter paid \$195,000 for the building.

Boy Scouts Pick Up Christmas Trees In Baker City

Deep in the Green

■ Money raised from donations stays with local Boy Scout troops



Kathy Orr / Baker City Herald

Boy Scouts Henry Smith, center, from Troop 452, and Kegan Bott were among the Scouts who collected Christmas trees from Baker City residents Saturday morning as a fundraiser.

By Jayson Jacoby
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The pickup trucks and trailers rolled across Baker City Saturday morning, stopping at every home where a fragrant green package waited outside.

At each stop Boy Scouts and adult volunteers spilled out into the chilly air and grabbed the Christmas tree, some with a few stray strands of tinsel fluttering from the branches.

The Boy Scouts annual fundraiser is a mixture of planning and a few hours of hectic activity, said Ed Hibbard, a former local Scout Master who's the Eastern Oregon District commissioner for the Boy Scouts of America.

The Eastern Oregon District includes Baker, Union, Grant and Wallowa counties.

Hibbard, who's been involved in this annual Christmas tree collection fundraiser for about a dozen years, said Baker City is divided into six zones, with each group of Scouts and adults assigned to one zone.

The event is unusual in that each unit keeps the money it collects from residents' donations, Hibbard said.

(Donations are welcome but not required; the Scouts collect every tree.)

Although Hibbard doesn't track the donations for each zone, he said typically the Scouts receive several hundred dollars in all, with approximately \$100 to \$150 from each of the six zones.

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— Ed Hibbard, Eastern Oregon District commissioner, Boy Scouts of America, talking about the Scouts annual Christmas tree pick up fundraiser in Baker City

Each unit decides how to spend the money it collects. Hibbard said a common use is to help Scouts attend camps.

With temperatures in the low to mid 30s Saturday morning, conditions weren't exactly balmy for the Scouts.

But it was pretty pleasant compared with some previous years. In 2017, for instance, temperatures were in the single digits during the tree pick up.

"A lot of people were thankful that it was a relatively mild year," Hibbard said. "We've done it when it was right around zero."

Scouts also appreciated the warm office at A Cut Above tree service, where the trees were chopped into mulch. Scouts could stop there for doughnuts and hot cocoa while dropping off loads of trees, Hibbard said.

Residents who had their tree collected Saturday but were unable to get a donation to the Scouts can call Hibbard at 541-519-6806. He said he'll make sure donations go to the unit that picked up trees in the residents' neighborhood.

Council could fill vacancy

By Casey Crowley
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The Baker City Council could return to its full contingent of seven members when it convenes Tuesday night at 7 o'clock at City Hall, 1655 First St.

But not immediately.

The first order of business for the Council in its first meeting of 2019 is to have the newly elected councilors — Lynette Perry and Ken Gross — sworn in.

They will then join the returning councilors — Mike Downing, Loran Joseph, Arvid Andersen and Randy Schiewe — to choose from among their ranks a mayor and acting mayor (who would fill in for the mayor if necessary).

Downing was elected to a two-year term as mayor in January 2017.

In Baker City's form of government, the mayor is largely a ceremonial post. The mayor conducts meetings but does not have veto power or other authority beyond those of the other councilors.

Once councilors have picked a mayor and acting mayor, they can choose to appoint someone to fill the single vacancy on the Council created when Carly Annable, who received the second-most votes in the Nov. 6 election, moved out of town and was no longer eligible to serve.

Councilors decided Dec. 11 to have city staff ask four candidates from the Nov. 6 election if they were interested in serving on the Council.

Two of the four — Doni Bruland and Daryl DeMoss — said they are willing to serve. Both are scheduled to attend Tuesday's meeting.

Bruland received the fifth-most votes in the Nov. 6 election, and DeMoss finished sixth, with just 7 fewer votes than Bruland.



Bruland



DeMoss

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Meet Baker City's First Baby of 2019



Submitted photo

Graysen Eli Hoffman was the first baby born in 2019 at Saint Alphonsus Medical Center-Baker City. He was born at 7:37 a.m. on Jan. 3 and weighed 6 pounds, 9 ounces. His parents are Danielle C. Wilson and Andrew J. Hoffman. Graysen joins a big sister, Rowan Hoffman, age 2. The hospital presented the family with a basket including diapers, clothing, stuffed animals and other items parents of a newborn need.

TODAY
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