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QUICK HITS

Good Day Wish To A Subscriber

A special good day to Herald subscriber Bill Tipton of Baker City.

Sports, 5A

Baker finished second and Pine-Eagle seventh Saturday at the annual Eastern Oregon Bank Invitational wrestling tournament at Heppner.

Baker had 14 wrestlers place in their weight divisions, led by Hon Rushton's first-place finish at 170 pounds.

Sports, 5A

ATLANTA — Gray-ing but still gritty, Tom Brady, Bill Belichick and the Patriots came to the Super Bowl intending to stave off, for at least one more game, the inevitable onslaught of the NFL's future.

Job well done. Pro football never looked flatter, older and more stuck in the days of the VCR than it did Sunday.

In a Super Bowl only New England could love, the Patriots won their sixth title by lumbering their way to a 13-3 victory over the Los Angeles Rams — that young, brash, high-flying team with the 33-year-old coach and the 24-year-old quarterback who were, we thought, changing football before our very eyes.

BRIEFING

Best Friends seeks donations for Saturday Market

Best Friends of Baker City is accepting donations of gently used items for the Saturday Market, which happens every Saturday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 2950 Church St.

Anyone with items to donate is asked to call Best Friends at 541-523-7387.

Baker County Garden Club meets Feb. 6

The Baker County Garden Club will meet on Wednesday, Feb. 6, at 10:30 a.m. for a meeting and fun at Baker Botanicals, 3797 10th St.

Please bring a chair, sack lunch and beverage. New members are always welcome.

WEATHER

Today
39 / 21
Rain or snow likely

Tuesday
32 / 12
Snow showers

Full forecast on the back of the B section.

Mountain Snowpack Above Average In Many Places

Deepening Drifts



Lisa Britton/For the Baker City Herald

Despite January weather being warmer and drier than average, the snowpack in the mountains of North-eastern Oregon is above average in some places — and better than it was a year ago across the region. This scene is on the east slopes of the Elkhorn Mountains near Anthony Lakes.

By Jayson Jacoby
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This morning's meager accumulation notwithstanding, this hasn't been a noteworthy winter in Baker City.

Not much snow. And no below-zero temperatures.

It is much more like its immediate predecessor than like the winter of 2016-17, when snow-drifts in town topped 2 feet and temperatures plummeted to 25 below zero.

But the situation this winter is quite different in the mountains.

At most measuring sites around the Elkhorn, Wallowa and Blue mountains the water content in the snow-pack is near or above average.

And at every station the snowpack is deeper than it was a year ago.

The mountain snow-pack is a key reservoir for municipal water supplies as well as irrigation and recreation.

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N.E. Oregon Snowpack Report

Measuring Site	Elevation	Snow Water Equivalent (inches)				Snow Depth
		Now	Average	% of avg.	Last year	
Aneroid Lake	7,300	10.7	14.7	73	8.7	51
Anthony Lakes*	7,125	12.5	15.8	79	12.0	46
Beaver Reservoir	5,150	7.9	6.8	116	4.9	32
Bourne	5,800	12.0	11.5	104	6.4	46
County Line	4,530	3.5	3.8	92	1.3	15
Dooley Mtn.*	5,400	7.6	6.6	115	2.6	26
East Eagle Creek	4,400	14.4	14.6	99	9.0	49
Eilertson Meadow	5,440	9.8	8.1	121	4.5	38
Gold Center	5,340	9.0	7.4	122	4.9	38
High Ridge	4,980	20.2	16.2	125	13.1	57
Little Alps*	6,200	6.4	7.8	82	5.0	28
Moss Springs	5,850	16.5	16.5	100	14.3	64
Mount Howard	7,910	8.8	10.2	86	6.6	40
Schneider Meadow	5,400	21.2	20.3	89	14.4	78
Taylor Green	5,740	16.5	14.7	104	8.5	55
Tipton	5,150	8.7	8.9	98	7.0	39
West Eagle Cr.	5,500	18.9	30.0	63	12.3	44
Wolf Creek	5,630	11.2	11.8	95	6.9	44
AVERAGE				98		

Source: U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service

*Denotes site measured monthly by snow surveyors. The others are Snotels — automated sites where data are measured hourly and relayed via radio signal. Snotel data are available online at: http://www.or.nrcs.usda.gov/snow/maps/oregon_sitemap.html

Council to talk about goals Tuesday

The Baker City Council will meet Tuesday in a special session to discuss goals for the next year.

The meeting will start at 6 p.m. at City Hall, 1655 First St.

Three of the seven councilors are newcomers. Lynette Perry, Ken Gross and Doni Bruland were sworn in on Jan. 9.

Councilors will discuss the goals for 2018-19, as well as review a report from the city staff about the progress made toward meeting those goals.

Goals for the past year include:

- Maintain and enhance water security
- Implement the wastewater disposal plan
- Require cost-effective budget management
- Enhance community livability
- Evaluate and enhance economic development plan

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Meet new YMCA director

The public is invited to meet Luke Gibson, the new director of the Baker County YMCA, Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Fitness Center, 3715 Pocahontas Road.



Gibson

In addition, non-members will be allowed to "Try the Y" for free.

The fee to join the Y will be waived on Wednesday only.

Gibson, 39, started work here Jan. 28.

He came to Baker City from Sheridan, Wyoming, where he had been the youth and adult sports director for the YMCA for the past 14 years.

A book lover honored

By Lisa Britton
For the Baker City Herald

The local chapter of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) recently presented a special book to the Baker County Library in honor of the late Betty Kuhl, a longtime member who was passionate about books.

"Obviously appropriate for her, with the history of the bookstore," said Darlene Scheler, chapter president.

Kuhl, who died Sept. 19,

2018, at the age of 94, opened Betty's Books in 1979. The bookstore is still operating under the ownership of her daughter and son-in-law, Carolyn and Tom Kulog.

When considering a book to donate, AAUW member Mickey Edwards talked to the Kulogs.

"They suggested we do a book that was either about plants or birds — two great passions of Betty's," Edwards said.

They chose "The Timber

Press Guide to Succulent Plants of the World."

The book will be outfitted with a memorial nameplate, and then be added to the library's collection.

As members of AAUW gathered to donate the book on Wednesday, a story emerged about Betty's love of plants.

She had a cactus she called "Night Blooming Princess of the Desert." The official name is Night-Blooming Cereus.

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Mickey Edwards, left, representing AAUW, presented a book in honor of the late Betty Kuhl to the Baker County Library. Library employee John Brockman, center, said a memorial plate will be affixed to the inside cover. Carolyn Kulog, right, is Kuhl's daughter and helped select the book.

TODAY
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