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Baker girls advance to state basketball tournament

The Bulldogs routed Seaside 67-31 on Saturday to earn a berth in the Class 4A state tournament for the third straight year. See more on Page 8A.

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Good Day Wish To A Subscriber

A special good day to Herald subscriber Steve Abbey of Baker City.

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Marist ended Baker's season Friday with a 52-46 win in the second round of the Class 4A state boys basketball playoffs at BHS.

Baker trailed most of the game before Riley Flanagan's two free throws gave the Bulldogs a 40-39 edge with 5:08 left in the game.

A free throw by Caden Long with 3:47 left gave Baker its largest lead — two points — at 41-39.

Marist then scored seven straight points to take a 46-41 lead before Kaden Sand drilled a three-pointer to cut the gap to 46-44 with less than a minute left.

WEATHER

Today

31 / 22



Partly sunny

Tuesday

40 / 32



Mostly cloudy

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Demonstration Outside Oregon Gov. Kate Brown's Public Event

Governor Greeting



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About 30 people gathered Friday at Geiser-Pollman Park to express their opposition to some policies of Oregon Gov. Kate Brown, who spoke at the Baker Heritage Museum.

By Casey Crowley
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Oregon Governor Kate Brown visited Baker City on Friday afternoon to discuss her goals for the state for the upcoming year.

More than 70 people gathered at the Baker Heritage Museum to hear Brown talk for about 15 minutes. She then answered questions from audience members for about 45 minutes.

The question-and-answer part of the event was moderated by Baker City Mayor Loran Joseph.

Before Brown's arrival, a group of about 30 people congregated across Grove Street at the northeast corner of Geiser-Pollman Park to display signs expressing support for President Donald Trump and the 2nd Amendment, and opposing some of Brown's policies.

Inside the Museum, Brown said that although job growth has been high and unemployment rates low in most of the state, economic prosperity hasn't reached all Oregon communities.

"My role as governor is to figure out how we provide all of our communities with the tools you need to thrive," said Brown, a Democrat who was elected to a four-year term in November 2018.

She took over the governorship in February



Casey Crowley / Baker City Herald

Oregon Gov. Kate Brown told an audience in Baker City Friday that her top priorities for 2019 include access to health care and housing.

2015 after John Kitzhaber resigned.

Brown said access to health care and housing will be her two top priorities for 2019.

Brown said while about 94 percent of adults have access to health care coverage the state is working to increase that to 100 percent.

As for housing, that's an issue "impacting every single community around

the state," the governor said.

Last week, the Oregon Legislature passed the first statewide rent control bill in the United States, legislation Brown supported and signed into law.

The law went into effect immediately because of an emergency clause in the bill.

Some of the people demonstrating outside the Museum went inside to lis-

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— Tom Van Diepen,
Baker City resident

ten to Brown, while others remained outside during the event.

Tom Van Diepen of Baker City held a sign prior to Brown's arrival, but he went inside to listen to the governor.

"We're just here to let Mrs. Brown know that not everybody in the state feels like they do on the west side," Van Diepen said.

The opposition gathering was organized through social media and intended to show Brown that there is a lack of support in some places for some of the policies she supports, including the controversial carbon emissions limitation, House Bill 2020, also known as a cap-and-trade bill because it would both cap carbon emissions for some industries while allowing businesses that exceed the limits to buy credits from companies that don't.

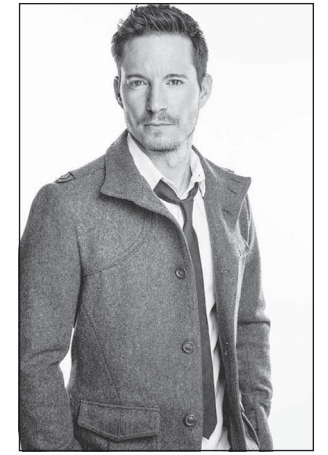
"That cap and trade thing could literally wipe us out with killing jobs," Van Diepen said.

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More than 70 people gathered at the Baker Heritage Museum Friday to listen to Gov. Kate Brown.



Submitted photo

Jesse Ruda

Baker native stars in film

■ Jesse Ruda has many relatives living in Baker City

By Jayson Jacoby
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For Jesse Ruda the thought of saddling up a horse and taking a ride in the Elkhorn Mountains helps ease the stress of having to perform when the lights are bright and the cameras are rolling.

Ruda, 38, is an actor who lives in Los Angeles and recently had his first lead role in a feature film.

But Baker City, he says, will always be home.

"I love Baker — it's the ultimate place for me to recharge my batteries," said Ruda, whose father, Benny Ruda, and several other relatives live here.

Jesse stars in "Suburban Swingers Club," which premieres Saturday, March 9 at 8 p.m. on the Lifetime Channel.

Jesse Ruda was born in Baker City. His father was a former bareback rider on the professional rodeo tour, and his mother, Belinda, was a former runway model who owned a salon and was an artist.

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Snowmobilers rescued near Halfway

By Jayson Jacoby
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Two Washington men whose snowmobiles became stranded in a snowbound canyon in eastern Baker County on Friday night were found safe on Saturday morning after a search that involved more than a dozen volunteers.

Scott Weaver, 53, of Richland, Washington, and Michael Webb, 38, of Pasco, were "exhausted" but otherwise fine, Baker County Sheriff Travis Ash said.

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