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Good Day Wish To A Subscriber

A special good day to Herald subscriber Johanna Shorey of Baker City.

BHS graduate qualifies for national wrestling tournament

CALDWELL, Idaho — Baker High School graduate Dylan Feldmeier is one of two students at Treasure Valley Community College to qualify for the National Collegiate Wrestling Association national championship tournament March 14-16 at Allen, Texas.

Feldmeier, a pre-dental hygiene student, pinned his opponent March 2 at a regional tournament, wrestling at 235 pounds.

"There was some very talented competition and I am ecstatic about earning a spot at nationals," Feldmeier said in a press release.

This is the first year for the Treasure Valley wrestling team, which is based at the college's Caldwell campus.

At BHS, Feldmeier finished second in the state tournament in 2016, and third in 2017.

WEATHER

Today

44 / 32



Rain or snow

Thursday

40 / 25



Mostly cloudy

Correction: Due to incorrect information supplied to the Herald, Gerald Howard's obituary in Monday's paper contained an error. Gerald worked for the Forest Service for crew boss Dick Culley in 1967.

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Harrell Hereford Ranch's 40th-Annual Spring Sale

Bovine Bidding



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Mike and Lisa Dailey of Goldendale, Wash., study 2-year-old bulls before the auction begins Monday.

By Casey Crowley

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Cattle ranchers from across the Northwest descended on Baker Valley Monday for the 40th-annual Harrell Hereford Ranch Spring Bull Roundup sale at the ranch along Salmon Creek west of Baker City.

But those who walked through the snow on a chilly late winter day weren't the only ones bidding on the cattle. Ranchers across the nation were also able to submit bids via the phone or the internet.

There were more remote bidders this year, something Bob Harrell attributes to the recent wintry weather across much of the West.

"We've got a good customer base that has been with us for a long time and so we are trying to do everything we can to accommodate them," Harrell said. "What makes a good sale is when you have more buyers than what you have bulls."

Up for auction this year were 140 bulls, about 100 heifers and 11 quarter horses.

"If our crowd is good then we should get along all right — we have a really good set of bulls this year, good set of heifers, so it's just kind of up to how bad they are needing them," Harrell said.

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Decisions about bulls and their probable price tag face prospective buyers like Alec Oliver of Seneca during the Harrell Hereford Ranch's annual spring sale.



Students' art on display at EOU

LA GRANDE — Student artists from Baker County and North Powder are among those whose work is on display at Eastern Oregon University through March 15.

The pieces are part of the Eastern Oregon Regional High School Art Exhibition that opened Feb. 22 in Nightingale Gallery on the EOU campus.

More than 300 works produced by students from 14 regional high schools and home-schoolers were honored for display, an EOU press release stated.

Morgan Stone was named Crossroads Carnegie Art Center Outstanding Baker High School Young Artist

for her ink drawing titled "Meme Queen."

Nuria Pons of Burnt River High School won the Crossroads Award for Outstanding Baker County School Young Artist for her graphite drawing titled "Lady Bug."

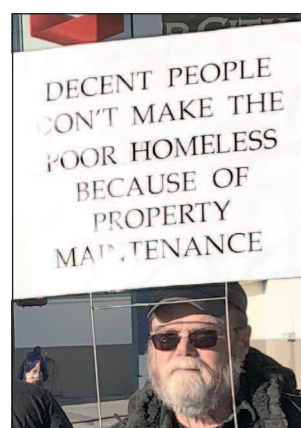
They were chosen for the awards by artist and EOU art professor emeritus Tom Dimond. He and Ginger Savage, Crossroads executive director, presented the two young artists each with \$50 and award certificates.

Three Baker County students also earned honorable mention certificates in the competition.

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Baker High School senior Koedi Birmingham was honored for her ceramic piece, "Rueben Blorp." It's displayed at Eastern Oregon University's Nightingale Gallery in La Grande.



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Christopher Christie of Baker City opposes a proposed change to the city's property maintenance ordinance.

Man goes public with protest

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Christopher Christie's criticism of Baker City's proposed chronic nuisance ordinance continued Monday afternoon, this time with a public protest.

Christie, who lives in Baker City, has repeatedly spoken out against the ordinance, which he contends unfairly targets poor residents who can't afford to comply with its requirements or to defend themselves if they're cited for a violation.

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City's revenue could be short in future

By Casey Crowley

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Baker City's general fund expenses will surpass revenues in three years if the public safety fee the city imposed in 2017 expires as scheduled on June 30, 2020.

That was one of the messages that Jeanie Dexter, the city's finance director, had for the city's budget board when it met Tuesday evening at City Hall.

Although the board, which consists of the seven City Council members and seven other city residents, didn't have a detailed discussion about the general fund Tuesday, budget board member Randy Daugherty said he believes the city, if it wants to continue the public safety fee beyond 2020, should first put the matter to city voters.

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FRIDAY — ENJOYING A CALM DAY IN A NORMALLY BLUSTERY PLACE