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### QUICK HITS

#### Good Day Wish To A Subscriber

A special good day to Herald subscriber Carol Harley of Baker City.

#### Sports, 5A

PORTLAND — It didn't matter to CJ McCollum that the Portland Trail Blazers were expected to beat the Phoenix Suns, winners of just 15 games this season.

McCollum scored 26 points and Portland snapped the Suns' three-game winning streak with a 127-120 victory Saturday.

### BRIEFING

#### Cribbage tourney March 15-17

The 40th-annual Gene Sissel Memorial cribbage tournament is set for March 15-17 at the Baker Elks Lodge, 1896 Second St.

- The schedule:
- Friday, March 15 — early bird (7 games), 2:30 p.m. (newcomer friendly); doubles, Canadian (9 games), 6:30 p.m. (newcomer friendly)
  - Saturday, March 16 — registration, 8 a.m. to 8:50 a.m.; main event (22 games), 9 a.m. (ACC-sanctioned); special (7 games), 7 a.m. (newcomer friendly)
  - Sunday, March 17 — main playoffs (3 of 5), 8 a.m.; consolation (9 games), 9:30 a.m. (ACC-sanctioned, playoffs 2 of 3)

More information is available at [www.cribbage.org](http://www.cribbage.org). Tournament directors are Les Sissel (541-519-1483) and Mindy Sherrieb (541-523-3449).

### WEATHER

#### Today

43 / 24



Sunny

#### Tuesday

40 / 26



Mostly cloudy

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# THE HISTORY MAKERS



Mike Weber / For the Baker City Herald

The Baker girls basketball team, including Sydney Keller, center, and Jayme Ramos, holding ball, celebrate their state championship Saturday at Forest Grove High School. The Bulldogs beat Marist 51-48.

The Baker girls basketball team completed the greatest season in school history Saturday by beating Marist 51-48 to claim the Class 4A state championship, the first girls hoops title for the school.

The Bulldogs finished the season with a 25-1 record.

Baker won all three of its games at the state tournament at Forest Grove High School in thrilling fashion, including rallying from a fourth-quarter deficit in Saturday's title game.

Fans turned out Sunday evening to greet the Bulldogs when they returned to Baker City.

Turn to Page 6A for full coverage of the Bulldogs' historic accomplishment.

### Baker Hosts Regional Battle of the Books Competition

## Readers Remember



Lisa Britton / For the Baker City Herald

The middle school team from Willowcreek Elementary, in Malheur County near Vale, quickly scans through books before the competition at Oregon Battle of the Books. Gathered around the table are, clockwise: Jessica Dotson (lower right), Lainey Cummings, Alexxa Ross, Lia Jensen and Braxton Bair.

#### By Lisa Britton

For the Baker City Herald

As soon as the question is read, four blonde heads nearly collide as the girls lean in to whisper and debate until they come up with an answer.

As they confer, the opposing team members wait in anticipation of getting their chance to answer.

And so it goes, back and forth, as avid young readers wrack their brains to remember some of the most minute details of 16 books they read for Oregon Battle of the Books (OBOB).

Saturday brought 23 teams to Baker High School for the regional competition of OBOB's District 6, which encompasses the northeast corner of Oregon stretching as far west as Arlington.

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The team from Irrigon Elementary School tries to come up with an answer during a regional Oregon Battle of the Books competition Saturday at Baker High School. Irrigon teammates are Daniela Lopez Navarrete, right, Caelyn Pullen, center, and Aurora Bishop, left. Pictured in the background is the Baker City's middle school team.

## Council to have final vote on new property rules

By Casey Crowley  
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The Baker City Council on Tuesday could approve an ordinance including stronger penalties for property owners who allow trash to pile up.

Councilors are scheduled to vote on the final reading of the chronic nuisance ordinance when they meet at 7 p.m. at City Hall, 1655 First St.

The council has been discussing the ordinance since December. Councilors approved the first two readings last month.

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## Driver arrested after pursuit

A Baker City man who led police on a high-speed vehicle chase through town Saturday was arrested later while hiding in a garage.



Nunez

Ramon Nunez Jr., 36, of 1221 East St., was arrested about 6:21 p.m. at 2539 Ninth St.

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