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The first of our three annual sections devoted to the local agriculture industry. The 32-page section includes stories about February storms that eased drought concerns, how the weather complicated the calving season for some ranchers, producers' worries about Oregon's proposed carbon tax, and other topics.

QUICK HITS

Good Day Wish To A Subscriber

A special good day to Herald subscriber Rebecca Smith of Baker City.

BRIEFING

Posse collects cowboy boots

The Baker County Mounted Posse is collecting cowboy boots to replace those lost when the Posse's cargo trailer was stolen and burned in Baker City in late February.

Boots can be dropped off at Step Forward Activities, 3720 10th St. (across from The Little Pig).

WEATHER

Today

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Full forecast on the back of the B section.

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Telling a story

Scratchin' It Out



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Daen Chesterman, 6, of Baker City says he didn't try to tell a story with his petroglyphs, he just wanted to make a bunch. Kids could use examples provided or use their imaginations to create their own ideas.

By Chris Collins

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Children visiting the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center created pictures in an unexpected way Monday

As part of a lesson about petroglyphs, they learned how ancient cultures carved in rock to communicate and tell stories about their lives.

Kylea Winegardener, who's 7 — and a half, she was quick to add — drew a story about fishermen and water 'and there's the Loch Ness Monster," which she said she's learned about in school.

One of the fishermen was trying to warn others about the monster, but they didn't believe him, Kylea said. She added that she enjoyed the session.

"I learned that petroglyphs tell stories," she said. Kylea was at the Center with her parents, Brooke and

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Kylea Winegardener, 7, explains her petroglyph story to her mom, Brooke Wooters. She said the figures near the bottom are men going fishing. They don't know about the Loch Ness Monster awaiting them, upper left. Interpretive Ranger Glenn Reynolds, background, encourages the children to create a story.

Superintendent says coach's firing handled properly

Witty explains district action



Tyson Wooters of Salem.

S. John Collins / Baker City Herald Warren Wilson

By Chris Collins ccollins@bakercityherald.com

Firing a popular high school coach is a sure way to bring discord and dissension to any school district.

Superintendent Mark Witty and the Baker School Board found out just how high emotions can run last week from supporters of

Warren Wilson, head Baker High School girls volleyball coach since 2015 who also has assisted with the boys baseball program for several

Witty initially relieved Wilson of his coaching duties on Feb. 25 as a result of an investigation of complaints against Wilson by parents of

players on his 2018 volleyball team.

The Oregon Teachers Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC) currently has an open investigation of allegations against Wilson, Trent Danowski, TSPC deputy director, said in a telephone interview today. See Coach/Page 2A

Baker Council OKS grant award

By Casey Crowley ccrowley@bakercityherald.com

In a special meeting Tuesday evening, the Baker City Council approved a grant application that would provide further funding to build an all-abilities playground in Baker City.

This comes less than a week after the city won the Moda Health Assist monthlong voting contest, which will award Baker City roughly \$35,000.

The money awarded from Moda is equal to \$20 for every assist the Portland Trail Blazers make this season.

The grant application the council approved is from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department. If the city receives the grant it could get up to \$280,000 as long as it has a 40-percent match. Past estimates had put the cost at about \$70,000.

The Moda assist money could be used as matching funds for the grant if needed. The city is also looking into other sources of funding

The council had cancelled its regular meeting, which would have been Tuesday, because of a light agenda, but scheduled the special meeting after winning the Moda contest. The grant application couldn't wait until the next regular meeting because the grant's application deadline is April 1 and the City Council won't meet again until April 9.

Haines Council discusses employee

By Casey Crowley ccrowlev@bakercityherald.com

The Haines City Council met Tuesday to discuss the employment status of the city's Public Works employee and a letter he submitted to the Council.

Over 25 members of the public attended the meeting.

The letter, written by Brandon Fry, says Mayor Jim Brown directed him to falsify wastewater numbers and to drive vehicles he was not licensed to drive. Fry has been working for the city since January of 2017.

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