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**QUICK HITS**

**Good Day Wish To A Subscriber**

A special good day to Herald subscriber Dale Buxton of Baker City.

**Sports 6A**

Baker completed its sweep through a high school baseball tournament at Arizona Thursday by stopping Ketchikan 15-4.

The win improves Baker's season record to 7-0.

Against Ketchikan, the Bulldogs took an 11-0 lead after two innings.

"The kids continued to hit the ball really well," said Baker coach Tim Smith.

"When a team goes up 11-0 early, it's hard for the other team to recover."

**BRIEFING**

**Money being raised to buy rings for BHS girls hoops**

There is a community-wide fundraising effort to help purchase state championship rings for the Baker girls basketball team. If you would like to donate, you can drop off your contribution at Lew Bros. Les Schwab tires or mail to Baker Girls Hoops, P.O. Box 593. Any amount is appreciated.

**WEATHER**

**Today**  
57 / 28  
Partly sunny

**Saturday**  
57 / 30  
Partly sunny

**Sunday**  
59 / 35  
Partly cloudy

**Full forecast on the back of the B section.**

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**Shop Offers Upcycle Art And Sober Living Home**

## Road to Recovery



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Danean Riley is preparing for the grand opening Monday of her nonprofit organization, One Transition At A Time. The shop will offer sales of art items, a sober home for women and also life skills instruction. Teresa Freeman, background, is helping Riley set up shop at 2425 10th St.

**By Casey Crowley**  
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Danean Riley, 54, was a drug addict for 20 years. Now after almost 23 years of sobriety, she wants to provide more help for those in addiction recovery. With help from the Baker City and Halfway communities, Riley is opening One Transition At A Time.

The nonprofit organization is housed at 2425 10th St., the former 10th Street Market building and acts as an upcycle art gallery and goods shop as well as a women's sober living home.

Upcycle is in the process of taking materials that would normally be thrown away and finding a use for them. For Riley that use is art.

"We have to change the way we think about what we throw away," Riley says.

The most common art Riley makes includes drawers with broken, everyday items in them and painted a single solid color that hang on the wall. Some of which are currently on display at HatchLab.

In her time preparing to



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Riley's other creations include sock monkeys and signs.

open the shop, Riley has made nearly 300 pieces of art to sell. In addition to selling the art at the shop, Riley plans to sell it through her website.

"People either like them or hate them," she said. She also creates sock monkeys and other types of art. During Miners Jubilee this year, the business plans to have an upcycle art contest.

One Transition at a Time also will provide what Riley

calls a sober home that will house up to six women. The only requirement is that they are clean and sober. There are three bedrooms, each with a bunk bed.

While Riley doesn't have anyone reserved to move in once the home opens, she plans to go with the flow and trust that things will fall into place.

"It's hard to be clean and sober in a community where you have been drinking and using (drugs).

So it's important that we surround ourselves with people who aren't doing that," Riley said.

She and the other volunteers at the business also will help teach those who live in the home important life skills such as cooking, sewing, art and more. Some of the skills Riley teaches are as simple as sewing a button onto a pair of pants or a jacket.

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**Hoof disease in elk**

## Hoof disease increasing in elk

**By Francisca Benitez**  
The (La Grande) Observer

LA GRANDE — It isn't uncommon in this area to stop and admire an elk or a herd of elk, but have you ever looked at their feet?

The next time you get the chance, consider using your binoculars to get a good look at their hooves — to see if you can help spot a highly contagious and incurable disease that is threatening elk popula-

tions in the Pacific Northwest.

Hoof disease in elk is increasing and has been for several years. The disease originated and is most prevalent in Washington state, but cases have been confirmed in Oregon and Idaho as well.

The disease, called Treponeme associated hoof disease (TAHD), is a bacterial infection that causes hooves to become

severely deformed, growing into long boat-like shapes, or can cause the hooves to slough off completely. The resulting lameness threatens their chance of surviving. Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife reported that there are currently no viable options for treating the disease in the field.

"In Washington, herds have been observed with 20-90% of the animals

showing lameness. In Oregon, there have now been over thirty confirmed cases, and at least 70 separate reports of limping elk or elk with deformed hooves," The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife website reads. According to the distribution map on the website, several cases have been confirmed in Union County.

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## Costa to retire

**By Suzanne Roig**  
WesCom News Service

The Bulletin's parent company, Western Communications, announced that Publisher and President John Costa will retire at the end of April and has named his successors of the seven-newspaper chain.

Succeeding Costa as publisher will be Elizabeth McCool, who will remain chairwoman of Western Communications. Dena DeRose, currently The Bulletin's advertising director, will become chief operating officer of Western Communications, and Erik Lukens, The Bulletin's editor, will become chief editorial officer of Western Communications.

Costa's retirement takes effect April 30, but the changes in leadership occur April 1.

Western Communications, which owns seven newspapers in Oregon and California, filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection Jan. 22.

"The leadership of the company is in good hands, even as we proceed through a Chapter 11 process, which, by the way, is going well," Costa said in an email to staff. "I have assured Betsy, Dena and Erik, as well as our superb legal team and outside consultants, that I will be available to help whenever I'm needed.

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## Wescom papers up for sale

**By Suzanne Roig**  
WesCom News Service

The Bulletin's parent company, Western Communications, has put all seven of its newspapers and related real estate up for sale while it seeks protection from its creditors under Chapter 11 of the federal bankruptcy code.

However, company owners plan to seek investors in order to preserve local control of the chain's flagship paper, The Bulletin, as well as The Redmond Spokesman.

To market its newspapers, Western Communications has hired New Mexico newspaper merger and acquisition firm Dirks, Van Essen, Murray & April. The company owns five newspapers in addition to those in Redmond and Bend.

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**COMING MONDAY — WEEKEND HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS ROUNDUP**