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### QUICK HITS

#### Good Day Wish To A Subscriber

A special good day to Herald subscriber Bill Quigley of Baker City.

#### Sports, 5A

PORTLAND — Off to Oregon's first appearance in the Final Four, guard Sabrina Ionescu set the theme for the second-seeded Ducks.

"All I gotta say is we're not done yet," Ionescu said after she had 31 points, eight assists and seven rebounds in Oregon's 88-84 victory Sunday over top-seeded Mississippi State.

Satou Sabally had 22 points and seven rebounds for the Ducks (33-4), who head to Tampa, Florida, to face the winner of Monday's game between top overall seed Baylor and Iowa.

### 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** 54 / 39

Cloudy, rain

**Tuesday** 54 / 39

Mostly cloudy, showers

Full forecast on the back of the B section.

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### Rep. Greg Walden Addresses Town Hall Gathering Saturday

# Walden Speaks



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U.S. Rep. Greg Walden replies to citizens' questions and concerns during his town hall meeting Saturday.

**By Casey Crowley**  
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More than 30 people gathered at the Baker Elks Lodge Saturday

morning for a town hall meeting with U.S. Rep. Greg Walden.

Walden, who represents Oregon's 2nd Dis-

trict that includes Baker County, spoke for about 15 minutes about some of the recent legislation he has worked on before answering questions from members of the crowd for almost an hour.

Questions were chosen

at random from a bucket of tickets. Audience members had to grab a ticket prior to the meeting and wait for their number to be called.

Walden was asked questions on a number of issues including health care, Social Security, climate change, immigration, the Oregon cap and trade bill and more. Walden, a Republican, faced questions about voting with Democrats and a few other Republicans to overturn President Donald Trump's declaration of a national emergency because of a lack of border security. County Commissioner Bill Harvey, a Republican, and Chuck Chase both asked him why he voted against the president's declaration.

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Baker County Commissioner Bill Harvey asks where have all the billions of dollars gone that have already been routed toward U.S. southern border security.



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About illegal immigration, Chuck Chase asks Walden, "Can't Congress do anything?"

### Baker chapter receives top awards

# BHS FFA shines at state convention

Baker High School's FFA Chapter brought home a wide range of honors and awards from the 2019 Oregon FFA State Convention at the Deschutes Fair & Expo

Center. The event took place Friday through Monday of spring vacation.



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In addition to individual honors, the BHS organization was named a Superior Chapter and received a Gold for the National Chapter Award, one of just 10 chosen

in the state, Bibiana Giffit, agriculture science teacher and FFA adviser, stated in an email to the Herald.

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# From drill SGT. to RCSM

By Dawn Arden

In January, Regimental Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Bennett, 43, assumed responsibility of the U.S. Army Military Police School, becoming the first 31E, or Internment/Resettlement Specialist, to hold this position.

"I just want to be successful," Bennett said. "I want to do it right; I want to get it right — being the first, there's kind of a lot of weight on my shoulders. I'm not saying I didn't ask for it, but if I don't get it right it could impact the future of those that are up and coming, those that have just as much potential as I did, or do."

His story began in Baker City.

"I come from a very small town, and I come from a family of ranchers and loggers where hard work is the norm," he said.

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# Bill 901 to be discussed

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On Wednesday, the Baker County commissioners will meet to discuss a third bill in the Oregon Legislature at the request of the Blue Mountain Translator District.

Senate Bill 901 would allow cities in the district to vote to fund the district through a property tax levy. The district is funded through a roughly \$100 service charge to those who use the service.

The commissioners had previously discussed the bill at their last session on March 20 with Alex McHaddad the executive director of the BMTD. At the last meeting, both Commissioner Bruce Nichols and Commissioner Mark Bennett said they don't want people to have to pay taxes for a service they might not use.

If passed Baker City wouldn't be effected by the bill unless another bill was passed that would allow cities to vote for annexation into the district.

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