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### QUICK HITS

#### Good Day Wish To A Subscriber

A special good day to Herald subscriber Kelsey Eastman of Baker City.

### BRIEFING

#### Mining Association meeting tonight at Baker City Hall

Anna Stafford from the Baker Rockhounds will talk about the new group during the Eastern Oregon Mining Association's monthly meeting tonight at 6:30 at Baker City Hall, 1655 First St.

Maggie Schirack, the new director at the Baker Heritage Museum, will also talk about changes to the rock and mineral collections at the museum, a project the Baker Rockhounds are helping with.

Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting. More information about the Mining Association is available by calling Terry at 541-523-6228.

### WEATHER

#### Today

58 / 32



Rain showers

#### Saturday

56 / 40



Rain showers

#### Sunday

61 / 42



Rain showers

Full forecast on the back of the B section.

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### Baker City Rotary Club Managing Annual Easter Egg Hunt

## Helping the Hunt



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Lynette Perry, with her bunny ears and a car trunk full of prizes, is handing over organization of the annual Easter egg hunt to the Baker City Rotary Club. Kenny Cockram and his daughter, Oakleigh, choose a big, fluffy rabbit as a prize during the 2018 hunt at Geiser-Pollman Park.

#### By Lisa Britton

For the Baker City Herald

The community Easter egg hunt is changing hands this year as the Baker City Rotary Club takes over the annual event at Geiser-Pollman Park.

The hunt, set for Saturday, April 20, has most recently been organized by Baker City Events.

The event originally was a project of the Jaycees. In the

late 1980s, the Baker City Herald took over until it came under the umbrella of Baker City Events in 2015.

This year, the Baker City Rotary Club offered to take over the event, said Lynette Perry of Baker City Events, who also coordinated the egg hunt when she worked as advertising director at the Herald.

Rotarian Chris Kommer is

the event's chairperson this year.

Perry said the Rotary Club is an ideal organization to assume responsibility for the Easter egg hunt.

"I'm happy to see them take it over," she said. "It's been so much fun over the years. It's turned into such a treasured event for so many kids."

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## State has new health education standards for schools

Some people have expressed concern about topics such as gender identity

#### By Chris Collins

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New state standards for providing health education to Oregon's youngest school children has raised concern among some community residents.

Assistant Superintendent Betty Palmer hopes to bring more understanding about the Oregon Department of Education's new health standards to parents and others interested in the topic at two Monday meetings.

Palmer's presentations will be just a part of both sessions, which are scheduled to allow the Parent-Teacher Organizations to conduct other necessary business.

The first, a PTO meeting at Haines Elementary School, will begin at 4:45 p.m.

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### FLOOD CONTROL REQUIREMENT LESS THAN USUAL THIS SPRING

## Brownlee didn't take typical dive

#### By Jayson Jacoby

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The relationship between snowpack and the water level at Brownlee Reservoir might seem backward.

Except this spring it's not. Here's the backward part: When the snow is deep and the spring runoff above average, Brownlee tends to shrink.

The reason is flood control. Because the federal government helped pay to build Brownlee Dam in the late 1950s, Idaho Power Company, the Boise utility that owns the dam, must comply with mandates from the Army Corps of Engineers intended to reduce the risk of flooding on the Columbia River in the Portland area.

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## Child care referral helps parents, providers

#### By Jayson Jacoby

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Shelley DeVore understands that one of the hardest things a parent ever does is leave a child at a day care facility.

She also knows how challenging it is for the people on the other side of that door, those who have the

awesome responsibility of caring for children who aren't their own.

DeVore's job is to help both groups — the parents and the child care providers — navigate the sometimes confusing system of registrations and certifications and licensing that comprise Oregon's child care system. She's the training manager

in Baker County for Child Care Resource and Referral, (CCR&R), a program based at the Umatilla-Morrow Head Start Inc. in Hermiston.

DeVore said she's accustomed to fielding questions about all aspects of day care.

"We are that resource for all com-

munity members," she said.

Oregon's system governs how many children each licensed facility can accommodate based on a variety of factors, including the ages of children, the size of the home and the number of employees.

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