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A special good day to Herald subscriber Rick Plumley of Baker City.

BRIEFING

Brian Sorensen Car Rally Wednesday at Baker High

The annual Brian Sorensen Car Rally, a fundraiser honoring a Baker High School graduate who died in 2000, is set for Wednesday at Baker High School. The event is named for Sorensen, a 2000 BHS graduate who died on June 30, 2000, from Ewing's sarcoma, a rare form of bone cancer.

The event is open to all vehicles. Entry fee is \$5 for BHS students and \$10 for community members. Registration is set from 7:15 a.m. to 7:45 a.m., with awards at 1:45 p.m. in the BHS auditorium. Entry forms are also available at the BHS front office.

All proceeds go to the Ronald McDonald House Charities.

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

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Rain showers

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Burnt River 4-H Club Members Visit Residents At Meadowbrook Place

Greeting Goats



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Cecelia Scott, left, visits with Marian Brown, a resident at Meadowbrook Place, on Friday. Scott and her fellow 4-H members from the Burnt River 4-H Club brought two baby goats and two chicks to Meadowbrook.

By Lisa Britton
For the Baker City Herald

Grace Boehm smiles, then laughs, as the goat reaches out and gently nibbles her fingers.

As she pets the curious kid, Boehm starts talking to the goat's owner, Cecelia Scott, and recounting a time long ago when she raised bumper lambs in Montana.

"I raised one. They were so cute," Boehm says.

Members of the Burnt River 4-H Club brought two one-month-old

goats — named Cookie and Cream — and a couple of chicks to visit the residents at Meadowbrook Place in Baker City on Friday.

Cortney Storey, who leads the club with Carrie Scott, said she offered to bring the baby animals to visit the assisted living facility.

"I remember going to a home when I was younger. My grandma loved it," Storey said.

Residents stopped by to see the goats, smiling to watch the animals sniff around the room, tails wagging

whenever anyone dropped a hand to give a pat.

The 4-H club has four members. The three who visited Meadowbrook were Cecelia Scott, Lars Olin and Reagan Martin.

The 4-Hers answered questions about their animals and told their new acquaintances about their experiences in the 4-H program.

"It's a wonderful experience for the children to learn respect for the animal world," said Marian Brown, who lives at Meadowbrook.



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Burnt River 4-H Club members Cecelia Scott and Lars Olin carry one-month-old goats Cookie and Cream to visit with residents of Meadowbrook Place.

BOND MEASURE COULD GO TO VOTERS THIS NOVEMBER OR IN MAY 2020

A new idea for schools

By Chris Collins
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The Baker School District, working with architectural and construction management consultants, has formed a tentative plan to ask voters to help fund improvements designed to make the schools safer and more secure and to provide more space for elementary classes.

"These are draft ideas — period," Superintendent Mark Witty told the Board Thursday night. "We're not asking the Board to say this is the plan, by any stretch."

"These are ways we could approach it," he said. "If we want to go forward, then we talk about how we engage the community."

The plans call for moving elementary students around to alleviate overcrowding at that level and maintains the proposal put forth earlier to transfer seventh- and eighth-graders to Baker High School where there is excess classroom space.

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Council to talk fee hikes Tuesday

The Baker City Council will consider approving a new fee schedule, including a 20-percent boost in wastewater charges, when it meets Tuesday at 7 p.m. at City Hall, 1655 First St.

Michelle Owen, the city's public works director, discussed the proposed fee increase during a Council work session in early March.

The proposed increase, from \$23.26 per month to \$27.88 for residential customers, would take effect July 1, 2019.

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State moves ahead on B2H power line

By Jayson Jacoby
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The latest phase in Idaho Power Company's dozen-year effort to build a major power transmission line that would cross parts of Baker County could arrive late this month.

The Oregon Department of Energy, which has been reviewing the Boise company's application for the controversial Boardman-to-Heming-

way project, could release a draft proposed order by the end of April, said Jeff Maffucio, Idaho Power's facility siting coordinator.

The release of the draft order would start a 60-day public comment that would include a series of public hearings, one of which would take place in Baker City, likely in late June.

During those meetings residents

could make comments to Oregon's Energy Facility Siting Council, the seven-member group that reviews and issues certificates for major projects such as power lines and pipelines.

Maffucio said the Council would undertake a 6-month review of the draft proposed order, with a proposed order possibly being released in late 2019.

He estimated it would take another 12 to 18 months before the Council could potentially issue Idaho Power a permit allowing construction of the 300-mile, 500-kilovolt line. Idaho Power is partnering on the project with the Bonneville Power Administration and Pacifi-Corp.

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