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Justin Miller slides into third base



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QUICK HITS

**Good Day Wish To A Subscriber**

A special good day to Herald subscriber Raymond Duman of Baker City.

**Sports, 6A**

LOS ANGELES (AP) — After Magic Johnson shockingly quit his job as the Lakers' president of basketball operations right before the game, the Lakers certainly didn't play like a franchise in turmoil.

Maurice Harkless and the Portland Trail Blazers snared a huge win anyway.

BRIEFING

**Couples retreat set for April 25-27**

The third-annual Couples Retreat is set for April 25-27 at the Oregon Trail Events Center, 18070 West Campbell Loop.

Larry and Cherrie Simpson will be the guest speakers.

Cost is \$150 per couple. More information is available by calling Benny Ruda at 541-519-6261.

**CASA training starts April 16**

The next training for CASA (Court-Appointed Special Advocates) will start April 16 at 5:30 p.m.

To pre-register and for more information, call 541-403-1375 or email info@casaeo.org.

WEATHER

**Today**

51 / 34



Partly sunny, breezy

**Thursday**

52 / 32



Rain showers

Full forecast on the back of the B section.

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**Baker County Largely Avoids Flooding Affecting Neighboring Counties**

## Muddying Water



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Pets walked by Gary Young, Bella, a yellow lab, and a griffon called Mia, stop at Central Park Tuesday to take a closer look at the Powder River that has been running high, fast and muddy through town.

**By Jayson Jacoby**

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The mild storm that dumped heavy rain and melted a lot of mountain snow earlier this week has boosted several Eastern Oregon rivers above flood stage, but Baker County has fared better than its neighbors.

Flood warnings are in effect for several rivers in the region, including reaches of the Grande Ronde in Union County, the Innaha in Wallowa County and the John Day in Grant County.

Sections of several highways were closed due to flooding as of this morning, including two stretches of Highway 26 in Grant County.

Neither of Baker County's two major rivers, the Powder and the Burnt, is under a flood advisory.

But both rivers are running relatively high due to the combination of heavy rain and balmy temperatures that accelerated the melting of a deep



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The Powder River has been flowing high and fast due to rain and melting snow, but the river has stayed below flood stage.

snowpack.

No significant flooding has been reported, nor any water-related road

closures, Baker County Roadmaster Jeff Smith said.

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## 11 from BHS qualify for FBLA event

Eleven members of the Baker Future Business Leaders of America qualified for nationals by placing in the top four in their events at this year's state leadership conference.

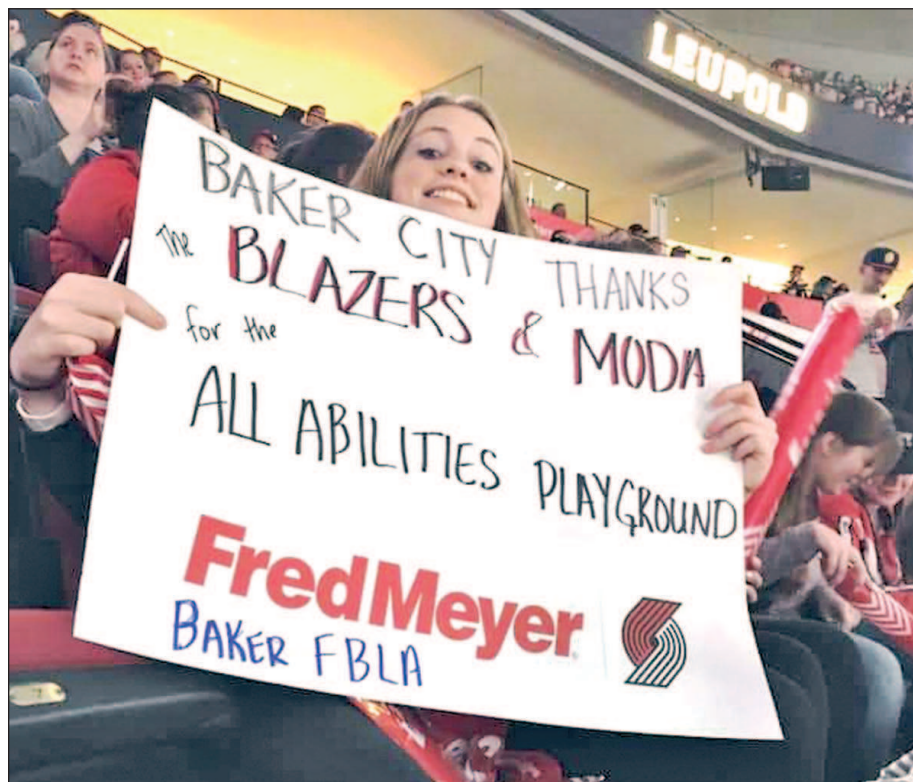
The event took place April 3-6 in Portland's Lloyd Center District.

"This is the most we have ever had qualify automatically," Toni Zikmund, FBLA adviser, stated in an email to the Herald.

Those who place in the top 10 also have a chance of competing at nationals — that would be an additional eight students — if people who placed above them decide not to go, Zikmund said.

The National Leadership Conference is scheduled June 27 to July 3 at San Antonio, Texas. It will cost each student about \$1,600 to participate, Zikmund said.

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Submitted photo

Hailey Zikmund offered appreciation from the community and the Baker FBLA Chapter for the all-abilities playground to be funded partially through a grant from the Trail Blazers and Moda when she and other members rooted for the Blazers April 3 as part of their visit to Portland for the FBLA State Business Conference.

## D.A.: Wolf killing legal

Lawrence Aguilar, who lives in Pine Valley near Halfway, shot and killed a wolf on March 12 near his front door

**By Jayson Jacoby**  
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Baker County District Attorney Matt Shirtcliff has determined that a Pine Valley cattle rancher was legally justified in shooting and killing one of four wolves he said were chasing his cow dog near his home on March 12.

Lawrence Aguilar, who lives about 9 miles from Halfway, said he shot the wolf three times with a .223 rifle.

In a press release, Shirtcliff said that "Oregon law clearly allows the use of lethal force to kill a wolf that is biting, wounding, killing or chasing livestock or working dogs."

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## Council OKs fee increases

**By Casey Crowley**  
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It took two tries, but the Baker City Council on Tuesday approved a slate of fee changes, including a 20-percent boost in wastewater rates, that will take effect July 1.

The fee resolution was eventually passed with a vote of 4-1. Councilor Mike Downing was absent Tuesday. Doni Bruland cast the lone dissenting vote, and Arvid Andersen abstained.

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## Haines employee resigns

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A city of Haines employee who complained about orders he was given by the mayor has resigned.

Brandon Fry submitted his resignation on Monday.

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**FRIDAY — GETTING READY FOR THE TURKEY-HUNTING SEASON**