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To A Subscriber

A special good day to Herald subscriber Faith Plummer of Baker City.

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Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative is offering free bus rides to its members who want to attend OTEC's annual meeting May 4 in John Day.

BRIEFING

Fundraiser for
Kellin Calder's
family set Friday

A fundraising dinner and silent auction is set for Friday for the family of 4-year-old Kellin Calder, who was recently diagnosed with leukemia. All proceeds will go to the family. The event will start at 6 p.m. at Lefty's Taphouse, 1934 Broadway St. The menu is chili (including vegetarian) and cornbread. Those who can't attend but would like to help the family can donate by calling Anthony Constantine at 541-403-4821 or at gofundme.com/4yearoldsuperhero

National Day of
Prayer set May 2

A gathering for the annual National Day of Prayer is set for May 2 from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Geiser-Pollman Park. Everyone is invited to the annual gathering to pray for the nation, state, counties and cities.

WEATHER

Today

66 / 31



Mostly sunny

Thursday

73 / 44



Partly sunny

Full forecast on the back of the B section.

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Bracing For A Potentially Busy Mosquito Season

Water and Bugs



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Parts of Bowen Valley Tuesday morning, just south of Baker City, have standing water that could serve as breeding grounds for mosquitoes.

By Jayson Jacoby
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If there's anything mosquitoes need more than blood it's water, and Baker County is pretty soggy this spring.

This has Matt Hutchinson worried. Hutchinson is starting his

seventh season as the area's chief mosquito killer, and he's bracing for an active stretch.

"I'm preparing for a busy season — busier than last year," Hutchinson said Tuesday afternoon.

The 2018 season started relatively fast but it ended

slow, mainly due to the severe drought that dried some of the water sources where mosquitoes lay their eggs, said Hutchinson, who manages the 200,000-acre Baker Valley Vector Control District.

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Council discusses trash rate hike plan

By Samantha O'Conner
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Baker Sanitary Service president David Henry answered questions from Baker City Council members Tuesday about his company's request to boost residential garbage collection rates by 18.75%.

Councilors didn't take any action on the proposal Tuesday. They will take up the matter again during their May 14 meeting.

Councilor Lynette Perry said constituents have asked her whether Baker Sanitary could offer a reduced rate if they have their trash picked up every other week, rather than weekly.

Henry said that idea has been mentioned multiple times. He explained that the company has a collection system that's based on weekly pickup.

"The only piece that I would be concerned about on an every other week service or something that would change that system is if that would impact the efficiency of those routes," Henry said.

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Baker High to benefit from state funding

By Chris Collins
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Funds dedicated to helping Oregon school districts better ensure high school student success are being used to fund guidance programs, a "graduation coach" and college visitations along with increased career and technical programs in the Baker School District.

Three school administrators discussed budget plans for the state-funded strategies for the second year of the biennium with the Baker School Board last Thursday.

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Cars collide at uncontrolled intersection

By Chris Collins
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No one was injured when two SUVs collided at an uncontrolled intersection in east Baker City during the noon hour Monday.

Baker City Police Sgt. Wayne Chastain cited Meagan Harlan, 31, of 2325 Eighth St., on a charge of failure to yield the right of way at an uncontrolled intersection after her 2003 Chevrolet Tahoe collided with a 1994 Jeep driven by Lacy Gyllenberg, 16, of 2935 Walnut St.

Harlan was traveling east on Madison Street and Gyllenberg was traveling north on East Street when the two vehicles slammed into each other about 12:15 p.m. Monday at the corner of East and Madison streets. Harlan's SUV was pushed into shrubs and narrowly missed colliding with a large tree in the south side of the yard at 2408 East St.

Police Chief Dustin Newman said Tuesday that both vehicles were totaled in the crash and were towed from the scene.

Newman says the secret to successfully navigating through an uncontrolled intersection is to slow down and be prepared to yield to any vehicle to the right of you.

"Slow down and check in all directions before proceeding," he said.

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Savannah Gyllenberg, right, comforts her step daughter, Lacy Gyllenberg, following a crash at the intersection of Madison and East streets Monday. Lacy, 16, the only occupant of the Jeep at left, was driving north on East Street when she collided with the eastbound driver on Madison Street, Meagan Harlan, background. Sgt. Wayne Chastain, Baker City Police Department, arrived on scene to sort the details of the crash. No one was injured.



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FRIDAY — BICYCLING THROUGH THE BURNT RIVER CANYON