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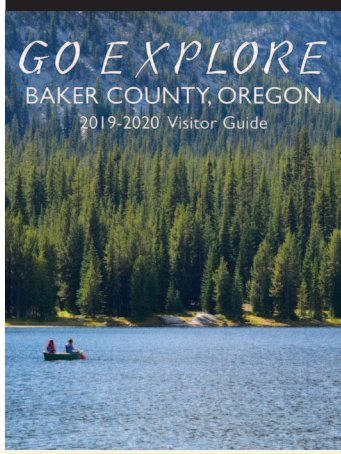
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### QUICK HITS

#### Good Day Wish To A Subscriber

A special good day to Herald subscriber Vickie Willis of Baker City.

### BRIEFING

#### Family day at Sumpter Dredge

Visitors are invited to have a free hot dog lunch Saturday and meet with a team of divers who are working at the Sumpter Dredge. The Sumpter Valley Dredge State Heritage Area opened for the season today, and a variety of family activities are planned Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. These include tours of the dredge, guest speakers and the unveiling of a new trail through the dredge tailings.

### WEATHER

#### Today

60 / 27



Mostly sunny

#### Thursday

64 / 27



Mostly sunny

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## Baker City Police Department Lobby Renovation

# Making An Entrance



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Phoebe Wachtel, left, Baker City Police Department office manager, now greets people, like visitor Alene Martineau, behind a bullet-resistant window just inside the main door of the building.

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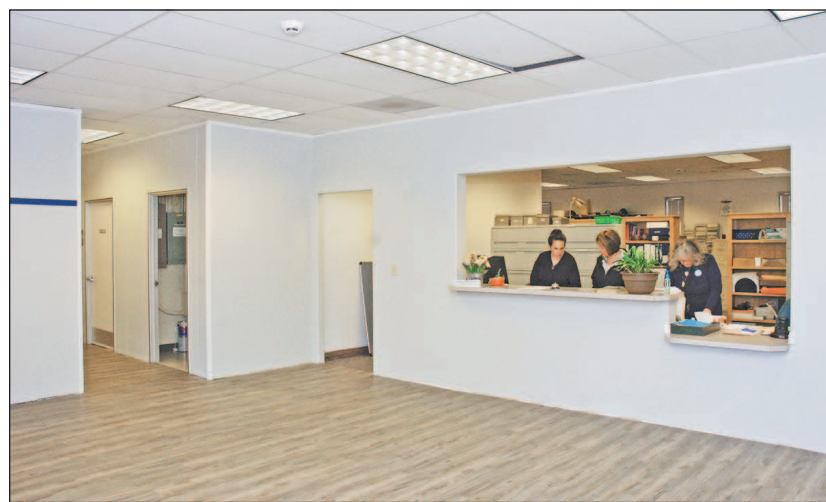
The Baker City Police Department lobby is undergoing reconstruction to improve safety and security for employees and visitors.

The Police Department, at 1768 Auburn Ave. just west of the Powder River, previously was an office for the Oregon Department of Human Services and had a small play area built into the room for children. The area became a tripping hazard for the officers and personnel working in the building.

The city bought the building in 2008 for \$615,000 and spent about \$49,000 on renovations before the police department moved in that year.

Police Chief Dustin Newman said the lobby project started the second week of April. Chris Younger, the city's facilities maintenance specialist, constructed a new wall and door within the first week.

As people walk into the building, they will see a new wall with a window made of bullet-resistant glass and a door to their left. The new wall



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Phoebe Wachtel, left, says her current desk at the police department eventually will be moved to the remodeled lobby area, foreground.

provides security for the lobby area.

"I think for officer safety, even public safety, it's a pretty good thing," City Manager Fred Warner Jr. said.

Newman said the Oregon State Police donated the bullet-resistant glass window leading into the lobby, as the state agency no longer needed it.

Volunteer Evelyn Spivey is

painting the interior of the building. The city is awaiting the arrival of furniture, and new flooring has been installed.

"I want it to be a professional appearance when people walk in," Newman said.

He estimated the project will cost about \$8,000.

## BAKER MAN PRODUCING HARD CIDER

# Pressing ahead

**By Samantha O'Conner**  
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A Baker City man who has been brewing his own beer for almost 30 years has started a new business fermenting hard fruit cider.

Mark Crowder, who owns Rain Barrel Ciderworks, hopes to begin production late this month after receiving a license from the Oregon Liquor Control Commission.

The Baker County Council endorsed Crowder's application during its April 23 meeting.

He plans to make apple cider and an apple-cherry blend initially.

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Mark Crowder will use a variety of apples to produce hard cider at his new business in Baker City.



JOURNALIST SUED CITY, POLICE CHIEF

# Lawsuit to be settled

**By Chris Collins**  
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A lawsuit filed in 2015 by a former journalist against Baker City and its police chief has reached a preliminary settlement.

Brian Addison, who formerly worked as a reporter for The Record-Courier newspaper, sued Baker City and then-police chief Wyn Lohner in U.S. District Court alleging that they had retaliated against him after he wrote an editorial criticizing the police department.

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# Search for woman continues

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Police are continuing to follow all tips and leads in their search for Linda Peterson, a Baker City woman who went missing in mid-March, District Attorney Matt Shurtcliff said Tuesday.



Peterson

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## SOROPTIMIST SCHOLARSHIPS

# Pair wins \$1,000 awards

**By Lisa Britton**  
For the Baker City Herald

Two Baker City women have received the "Live Your Dream" award from Soroptimists of Baker County.

Megan Thomas and Michelle Lyson each received \$1,000. The award is aimed to "help women who have faced economic and personal hardships to live their dreams."



Lyson



Thomas

"It's really about women who have obstacles to overcome, and who are head of households," said Kelly Tanzey, president-elect of the local Soroptimist Club. "These ladies' stories are just amazing. Uplifting and inspiring to continue on after what they've been through."

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