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A special good day to Herald subscriber Pat Guy-mon of Baker City.

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Oregon's carbon cap and trade proposal passed out of its legislative committee on a party-line vote Friday, setting it up as the next landmark piece of legislation to pass in the 2019 session.

BRIEFING

Keating School fundraiser set for Thursday

Keating School's annual fundraiser is Thursday, May 23, beginning at 5 p.m. at the school with a dinner of pulled pork. A live dessert auction starts at 6 p.m., followed by the student play "The Entire American Revolution in 40 Minutes or Less."

The play was chosen to align with what the students are studying this spring.

They received scripts after spring break and began regular rehearsals by mid-April.

Nearly every student has at least one line in the performance.

Keating has 32 students ranging from preschool to grade 6. This event is the school's main fundraiser for the year. Proceeds are used to support playground improvements.

WEATHER

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Cloudy, breezy

Thursday

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Mostly cloudy

Full forecast on the back of the B section.

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Baker High Students' Tile Mosaics Decorate Downtown Building

Brightening Baker



Samantha O'Conner/Baker City Herald

Baker High School students created tile mosaics that decorate the south wall of the New Directions Northwest office on Broadway Street between Resort and Main streets.

By Samantha O'Conner
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A group of talented high school artists have brightened a bare wall on a downtown Baker City building.

Six colorful tile mosaics were recently affixed to the south wall of the New Directions Northwest administrative office on the one-way block of Broadway Street between Resort and Main streets.

Baker High School art teacher Kristen Anderson wanted to add to the city's collection of public art, and she decided mosaics, made from broken pieces of pottery she has saved for eight years, would be an ideal medium for her 50 to 60 students.

"We're a huge art community but we don't really have a lot of art downtown," Anderson said. "So I always wanted the kids to be a part of community art."

Anderson, who studied art in school, has taken many classes where she worked with clay. When she had pieces she wasn't fond of but didn't want to throw away, she started collecting them in a large pot. She did the same with student artwork, putting them in the bin to use later on.

She accumulated eight years worth of pottery projects. Anderson then talked with local artist Andrea Stone, who works with mosaics.

Anderson said she "always knew I wanted (Stone) to be involved in it."

Stone said she came up with a theme to help guide the young artists' work.

"Where we started with the kids was 'The City of Trees' just because we wanted to have some jumping off point for them in terms of their designs and to be thinking about the community and their connection to the community," Stone said.

Students worked on two large mosaics as well as their own small tiles. The two larger mosaics depict Baker City with its incorporation year of 1874, and the Oregon Trail with wagons and miners beside a river.

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Baker's State Championship Girls Basketball Team Receives Rings

Bulldogs put on the bling

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Mat Sand had one last chance to coach the state champion Baker girls basketball team and the Bulldogs, though they were wearing dresses and skirts rather than sweat-soaked jerseys, didn't disappoint.

The group of young women gathered Tuesday night on the polished wood floor of the BHS gym, the site of eight of their 25 wins during a historic, record-setting season.

Family and friends sat in the bleachers, bursting into applause regularly.

But on this night the state champions didn't pass or dribble or shoot.

Instead they slipped onto their fingers glossy rings commemorating their achievement, one last gift from a community that has supported many of these players since they were little girls tossing the ball toward the hoops in gyms around town.



Jayson Jacoby / Baker City Herald

The Baker girls basketball team received their state championship rings Tuesday.

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Pot sales on city's radar?

■ One councilor wants to at least discuss the issue

By Samantha O'Conner
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Baker City Councilor Lynette Perry said on Monday that she thinks the Council should discuss the possibility of allowing marijuana sales in the city to bring in tax money that could be used for drug education and enforcement.



Perry

Perry, who was elected in November 2018 and sworn in this January, broached the topic during the city Budget Board's first meeting Monday night.

The City Council voted in March 2015 to prohibit marijuana sales within the city limits.

Two Baker County cities, Huntington and Sumpter, allow retail pot sales.

Perry said that although she personally opposes recreational marijuana use, she understands it is legal throughout Oregon.

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Memorial Day event will honor 4 brothers

Four brothers with Eastern Oregon ties, three of whom fought in World War II and one during the Korean War, will be honored posthumously during a Memorial Day ceremony Monday, May 27 at 12:30 p.m. at Mount Hope Cemetery.

Rick Gloria, Baker County's veterans services officer, will give the introduction. Duncan B. Pierce will perform Taps, and flags will be presented by an honor team. Derrick Coats will give the opening and closing prayers.

The ceremony will honor the Shoemaker brothers, Robert, James, Oscar and Andrew.

Andrew died in a Japanese prisoner of war camp on Jan. 31, 1945.

His three brothers survived the war but have since passed away.

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