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Good Day Wish To A Subscriber

A special good day to Herald subscriber Gordon Colton of Baker City.

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On Friday, the commissioners for Oregon's Department of Fish and Wildlife voted to adopt the latest iteration of the state's wolf plan. Within hours, numerous environmental groups issued statements rebuking the plan.

BRIEFING

Red Cross blood drive set June 17

The American Red Cross has scheduled a blood drive for June 17 at the Calvary Baptist Church, 3910 Broadway St., from noon to 6:00 p.m. If you need to cancel or reschedule your appointment, please contact Myrna Evans at 541-523-5368.

Work this week on Washington Ave.

Crews are scheduled to remove the curbs and gutters this week along Washington Avenue from the Powder River bridge east to Clark Street, and the street will be closed except for limited local access. Delays and detours are possible this week.

The work is part of a project that includes replacing the curbs and gutters, scheduled the week of July 8, followed by repaving later in the summer.

WEATHER

Today

81 / 47



Mostly sunny

Tuesday

86 / 52



Mostly sunny

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Changes At Bulldog Memorial Stadium, Ash Grove Tennis Complex

Stadium Upgrades

■ Crews repairing rail at grandstand, installing new sound system



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Bulldog Memorial Stadium is undergoing work that includes handicap access to a bottom row of seats. A retaining wall will replace the small, grass slope that was directly in front of the bottom railing. Contractor Robert Collins says he also will install a new and safer handrail. All work will be completed well before the Shrine Football Game on Aug. 3.

By Gerry Steele

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East-West Shrine All-Star Football fans and those attending Baker High School home football games will notice some new features at Bulldog Memorial Stadium. And hear some as well.

The railing along the front of the west (covered) side of the stadium will be replaced, and the grassy embankment behind the Baker bench area removed.

"The rail needed to be repaired, and we'll have a crew pouring cement along the site," said Mark Witty, Baker 5J superintendent.

"Crews are removing the bank and widening the front row in the bleacher area so that it will be wide enough to get a wheelchair through the space if needed," Witty said.

Workers will also install a new sound system at the stadium at Ninth and E streets, just west of the high school. Ash Grove Cement Co. (\$15,000) and the Baker Quarterback Club (\$5,000) have donated half the money for the



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General Contractor Robert Collins removes a section of shrubbery Thursday at the north end of the football field at Baker High School. He said he will construct an access road to the field, which will be made of gravel with grass over the top for ambulances and other vehicles.

sound system. Baker 5J will pay the remaining \$20,000.

"We hope to have the work done by Shrine game time (Aug. 3)," Witty said.

In another project being undertaken, the courts at the Ash Grove Tennis Complex east of the high school near the Baker Sports Complex will be resurfaced.

Witty said the work will be

done the second week of July.

Funding will come from the Tennis Association of Baker and private funding (\$28,224) and the school district (\$16,000).

Witty said the resurfacing will involve two different processes. The renovated surfaces should last approximately 10 years, he said.

Baker City might bill nonresidents for some fire department responses

■ Proposed ordinance designed to recover some of the costs from people who don't help pay for the fire department through taxes

By Jayson Jacoby

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Baker City might start sending bills to people who live outside the city limits and who don't pay city property taxes when they're in a car accident that requires the fire department to send equipment other than an ambulance.

The City Council will consider a proposed ordinance setting the fees when it meets Tuesday at 7 p.m. at City Hall, 1655 First St.

The city already bills both residents and nonresidents for ambulance runs.

But in the case of, for instance, a traffic crash on Interstate 84 that requires a fire engine as well as an ambulance, the city doesn't include the cost of sending the engine in the bill.

But unlike city residents and property owners, who help support the fire department with property taxes, nonresidents who don't own property within the city limits don't pay the tax, which is a major source of revenue for the department.

According to a report that Jeanie Dexter, the city's finance director, wrote for councilors, the ordinance would allow the city to bill nonresidents for fire services "relating to motor vehicle accidents and/or motor vehicle fires (including, but not limited to, vehicle extrication, vehicle fire services and accident scene management) to more nearly equalize payments of users for operation and maintenance of the fire and emergency services system."

The ordinance would not be limited to vehicle crashes and fires.

The city could also bill nonresidents when fire crews respond to "unauthorized open burning" and incidents involving hazardous materials.

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11-year-old found safe after night in the mountains

Searchers found 11-year-old hiker Helaman Garcia in good health early Sunday morning after an overnight search for him that began about 6 p.m. Saturday in the Anthony Lakes Area.

Baker County Dispatch received a report of lost hikers at 5:55 p.m. Saturday, a Sheriff's Office press release stated. Search teams found the boy about 3:50 a.m. Sunday three-fourths of a mile east of Van Patten Lake.

Helaman was evaluated by an emergency room doctor who was part of the search team and found to be in good condition, Ashley McClay, public information officer for the Sheriff's Department, said today.

"It could have been very tragic and it came out with a happy ending," McClay said.

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