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QUICK HITS

Good Day Wish To A Subscriber

A special good day to Herald subscriber Rosemary Keeter of Baker City.

Oregon, 5A

PENDLETON — The new Oregon State Police crime lab in Pendleton is open and running.

Calvin Davis is the forensic scientist in charge of the lab near the local command for Oregon State Police and the headquarters of the Pendleton Police Department.

BRIEFING

Wyden plans town hall on June 30

Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., has scheduled a town hall meeting for June 30 at 11:30 a.m. at the Baker City Senior Center, 2810 Cedar St.

Walden town hall in Durkee on July 1

Rep. Greg Walden, R-Ore., has scheduled a town hall in Durkee on July 1 at noon. The event will take place in the Durkee Community Center gymnasium, 1912 Oxman Ranch Road. Take the Durkee exit off I-84 and drive south.

WEATHER

Today

72 / 44



Mostly sunny

Tuesday

77 / 43



Showers possible

Full forecast on the back of the B section.

Correction: An editorial in Friday's issue contained an error. Had Brian Addison's lawsuit against Baker City gone to trial, it would have been decided by a jury, not a judge.

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Cooper Demonstrates His Work In Baker City

Burning Barrel

■ Rick DeFerrari builds oak barrels for aging wine and whiskey



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Rick DeFerrari, master cooper of Oregon Barrel Works at McMinnville, demonstrated how to make an oak wine barrel during an event called "Barrel and Vessel: The Art of Aging Wine" on Saturday at Crossroads Carnegie Art Center.

By Lisa Britton
For the Baker City Herald

Rick DeFerrari aims a heat gun at the barrel, then adds more hunks of oak to the crackling fire that is, slowly, toasting the inside of the wine barrel.

DeFerrari, who owns Oregon Barrel Works in McMinnville, is a master cooper, which means he builds oak barrels for aging wine and whiskey.

On Saturday, he demonstrated the process from start to finish in the courtyard at Crossroads Carnegie Art Center.

DeFerrari's visit to Baker City, along with Andrew Beckham from Beckham Estate Vineyards in Sherwood, was part of a day-long event titled "Barrel and Vessel: The Art of Aging Wine."

DeFerrari came for the barrel part of the day. Beckham makes



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These barrel staves show the different levels of toasting, with the lightest on the left. The black one on the right is called "char" and is used for whisky barrels.

amphora, an ancient technique of creating large vessels out of terra cotta clay for aging wine.

The workshops were made possible through a partnership

with Oregon Folklife Network, the National Endowment for the Arts and Oregon Cultural Trust.

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Group hopes to end train horns

By Jayson Jacoby
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A group of Baker City residents has created an online petition gauging local interest in trying to establish a "quiet zone" in which freight trains wouldn't sound their horns at crossings within the city except when the train operator sees a vehicle on the tracks or other dangerous situation.

Cities can apply for a quiet zone designation, although they must also pay to install concrete medians on streets at railroad crossings to prevent drivers from trying to drive around a crossing gate arm.

According to a press release from the Baker City group, its effort was inspired in part by La Grande.

In April the Federal Railroad Administration granted La Grande's request for a quiet zone, culminating a campaign that began in that city about 20 years ago, according to a story in The Observer newspaper.

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Blair promoted to battalion chief

By Chris Collins
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The Baker City Fire Department has one career employee who's a woman.

And one woman has worked as a lieutenant and one woman will soon be named battalion chief.

And, not surprisingly, considering the relatively low number of women employed in fire service nationwide and the size of Baker City's Fire Department, those three roles have been filled by just one woman: Sara Blair.



Blair

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CITY COUNCIL MEETS TUESDAY

City wants to buy land for sewer lagoon

The Baker City Council will consider a proposal Tuesday to spend about \$161,000 to buy the property and easements it needs to pipe wastewater to a new lagoon it will build east of Interstate 84 to comply with a state requirement.

The meeting starts at 7 p.m. at City Hall, 1655 First St.

The city has for decades piped treated wastewater, stored in lagoons about a mile north of town, into the nearby Powder River.

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