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**Good Day Wish To A Subscriber**

A special good day to Herald subscriber Wanda Ballard of Baker City.

**Oregon, 3A**

SALEM — Supporters of a petition to recall Gov. Kate Brown came up short of the signatures needed for a ballot challenge, Oregon Republican Party Chair Bill Currier said Monday.

Currier made the announcement midday on the Lars Larson Show, the conservative talk show. Supporters needed at least 280,050 valid signatures by 5 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 14, to put a recall on the ballot.

BRIEFING

**Mining reclamation presentation set for Oct. 24**

Terry Drever Gee, environmental consultant, will talk about the award-winning reclamation of the Bonanza placer mining operation near Halfway Oct. 24 in Baker City. The event is sponsored by the Powder Basin Watershed Council. Drever Gee will speak at Mad Matilda's Coffee House, 1931 Court Ave., at 6:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$5.

The Bonanza reclamation won a state award in 1993, and a national award in 1994 for its work along Pine Creek north of Halfway.

WEATHER

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Increasing clouds

**Thursday**  
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Cooler with rain showers

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**Auction Featuring Japanese Cattle Breed Saturday At The Geiser Grand**

## Focus On Wagyu



Photo courtesy of JDA Livestock Marketing and Promotion

More than 50 Wagyu cattle will be up for sale during a video auction Saturday in Baker City. Prospective buyers from across the West are expected to attend the event.



Submitted photo

Ken Tew and his wife, Julie Barnes-Tew, raise Wagyu cattle on their Rockin 2 Ranch along Alder Creek southeast of Baker City.

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Baker City will be the focal point of the Wagyu cattle industry this weekend.

A two-day event will culminate Saturday afternoon with the Western Wagyu Elite Sale, a video auction, including online bidding, of the Japanese cattle breed renowned for its marbled beef high in healthier monounsaturated fats.

The auction is set for 12:30 p.m. on Saturday at the Geiser Grand Hotel.

Most of the events, all of which are free and open to the public, will take place at the Baker County Fairgrounds, starting at 10:30 a.m. Friday, said Ken Tew, who has been raising Wagyu cattle in Baker County

since 2000.

(Wagyu is pronounced "WAH-g-you")

Tew and his wife, Julie Barnes-Tew, own Rockin 2 Ranch along Alder Creek southeast of Baker City.

Ken Tew said their ranch, along with two other Wagyu ranchers, Bert and Terri Siddoway of Durkee and Steven Slagle, a La Grande veterinarian, are sponsoring the weekend gathering.

JDA Inc., a livestock marketing and promotion company from Woodland, California, is organizing the auction.

Tew said about 26 of the Wagyu cattle offered in the auction will be on display Friday and Saturday morning at the Fairgrounds.

### Thomas Angus Ranch fall bull sale Thursday

This is a busy week for the cattle business in Baker County. The Thomas Angus Ranch near Baker City will have its annual fall bull sale Thursday at noon at the ranch on Pocahontas Road about 4 miles west of Baker City.

Cattle will be available for viewing starting at 8 a.m. Thursday. Lunch is set for 11 a.m. with the sale starting at noon.

More information is available at [www.thomasangusranch.com](http://www.thomasangusranch.com)

Tew said he will have four cows in the auction, along with Wagyu embryos.

The auction will include more than 60 lots, including bulls, cows, embryos and semen.

Tew said ranchers from across the West will be traveling to Baker City for the auction.

Wagyu cattle are the source of the prized Kobe beef.

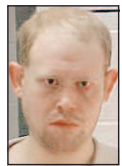
Tew said interest in the breed has been increasing, including among ranchers who cross Wagyu with established breeds such as Angus and Simmental.

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## Father, son cited after fight

A Huntington father and son have been charged with assaulting each other Monday afternoon in a disturbance at their home.

"Alcohol appears to be a factor" in the altercation between David Ladell Rosiere, 47, and his son, Codie Aaron Rosiere, 24, both of 15 E. Monroe St., Baker County Sheriff Travis Ash stated in a press release.



Codie Rosiere

Crystal Lynn Rosiere, 46, who also lives at the Monroe Street address, reported the incident to Baker County Dispatch at 2:49 p.m. Monday.

Ash said deputies heard screaming when they arrived at the Rosieres' home and both men had visible injuries.

Crystal Rosiere said she had been unsuccessful in her attempt to break up the fight.

After investigation, deputies arrested Codie Rosiere and took him to the Baker County Jail where he was charged with fourth-degree assault, a Class A misdemeanor. He was granted a conditional release Tuesday.

David Rosiere was taken to Saint Alphonsus Medical Center in Baker City for treatment. He also was charged with fourth-degree assault. David Rosiere was cited and released in lieu of custody, Ash said.

No details about his condition were available in time for this report.

## BLM plans prescribed burning

The Vale District of the BLM plans to light prescribed fires in several places in Baker County this fall, weather permitting.

Agency officials typically don't know more than a few days in advance whether conditions will be suitable for burning, including having sufficient winds to disperse smoke.

Areas that could be burned include:

- Rooster Combs: 118 acres of hand-piled debris off Clarks Creek Road, about 23 air miles southeast of Baker City.

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Episode Features Interview With Baker City Historian Gary Dielman

## OPB documentary examines 1914 Copperfield confrontation

A documentary featuring a notable episode in Baker County, and Oregon, history will premiere Monday on Oregon Public Broadcasting.

"Fern Hobbs and the Snake River Showdown" chronicles the confrontation between Hobbs, an Oregon attorney sent to Baker County by Gov. Oswald West in 1914, and residents in Copperfield, a small mining town along the Snake River known for il-

legal gambling and other debauchery.

The half-hour show airs at 9 p.m. Monday.

Among those interviewed for the documentary is Baker County historian Gary Dielman.

Dielman said OPB producer Nadine Jelsing and her crew recorded an interview in the living room of Diel-



Dielman

man's Baker City home in late May. The next day Dielman accompanied the documentarians to the former site of Copperfield, about 75 miles east of Baker City.

The episode, part of the "Oregon Experience" series, is also available to watch online now at [opb.org/fern-hobbs](http://opb.org/fern-hobbs)

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FRIDAY — BAKER VOLLEYBALL PLAYS HOST TO RIVAL LA GRANDE