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football
preview

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Good Day Wish
To A Subscriber

A special good day to Herald subscriber Kristi Hensley of Baker City.

BRIEFING

Community
Christmas tree
to be cut Nov. 23

Baker City's Community Christmas Tree will be cut Nov. 23 and delivered to its spot in the Court Avenue Plaza between Main and Resort Streets.

This year's tree was donated by Iliene Hatch.

Baker City thanks partners and volunteers for helping put the tree in place: Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative, Chuck Carey, Superior Towing, Eastern Oregon Rental and the Baker City police, public works and community development departments.

I-84 eastbound
down to one lane
near Farewell Bend

Interstate 84 eastbound is limited to one lane near Milepost 353, Farewell Bend, due to a concrete panel that moves under traffic loads. The eastbound offramp at Exit 353 will remain open for over-size loads. The lane closure could last 1 to 2 weeks.

WEATHER

Today

54 / 30



Chance of rain

Saturday

54 / 29



Mostly sunny

Sunday

58 / 27



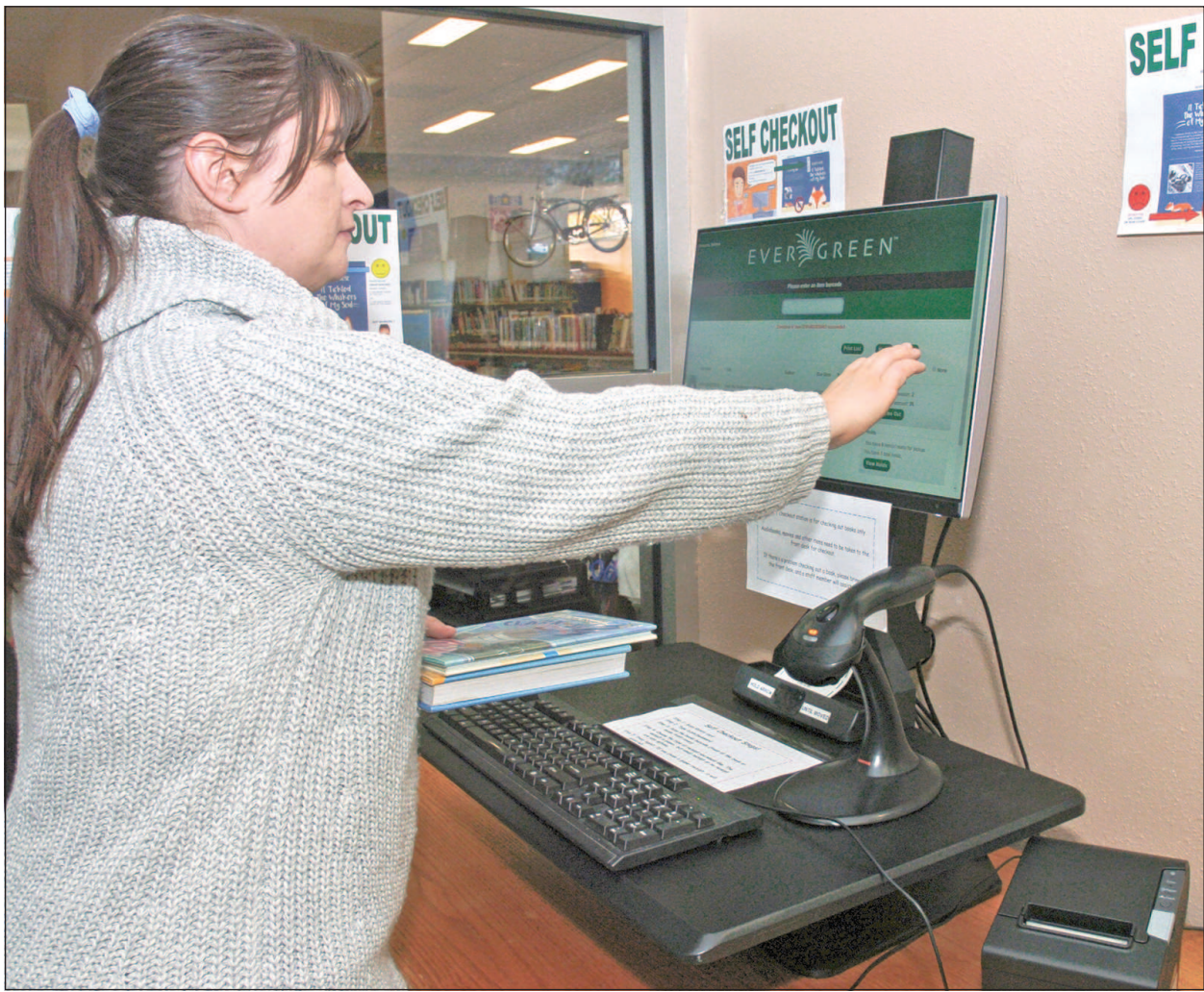
Partly sunny

Full forecast on the back of the B section.

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Baker City Library Replaces Shelves, Adds Self-Checkout Station

Ready For Readers



S. John Collins / Baker City Herald

Missy Grammon, Baker County Library's youth services coordinator, says the self-checkout station offers an easy five-step program when a patron has a library card and its password, which is no problem to remedy. "We're here to help when needed," she said.

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Visitors to the Baker County Library will see several additions to a favorite work and reading area.

Last week workers installed six new shelving units in the children's book section. The shelves were donated as surplus property from Concordia University in Portland.

Library director Perry Stokes said the library's facilities manager arranged for a contractor to deliver and install the shelves.

The units were worth between \$16,000 and \$20,000. The library's only cost was about \$5,000 for transportation.

Stokes said one of the units was taken to the library's Richland branch to increase its shelf capacity.

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Submitted photo illustration

Six new shelves installed at the Baker County Library in the children's section not only offer a sturdier platform, but room for more books, according to Missy Grammon, top right, youth services coordinator.



Planners delay decision on cell tower

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The Baker City Planning Commission heard more testimony Wednesday about a proposed 70-foot-tall cell tower in north Baker City, but commissioners didn't take any action on the request from Verizon Wireless.

Commissioners left the record open and will accept written comments, in reaction to new information presented Wednesday, until 5 p.m. on Nov. 20.

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Submitted photo illustration

This conceptual photo shows what a camouflaged cell tower would look like. The view is looking north from the Leo Adler Field parking lot.



B2H
suit
filed

Groups hope to block power line that would run through Baker, Union counties

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Two La Grande groups have filed a lawsuit in federal court seeking to block the proposed Boardman-to-Hemingway power transmission line, which would run through Baker and Union counties.

The Stop B2H Coalition and Greater Hells Canyon Council filed the suit Tuesday in U.S. District Court in Pendleton.

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Man
accused
of waving
fake gun
at driver

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A Baker City man who pointed part of a plastic toy gun that appeared to be real at a driver traveling along Hughes Lane Tuesday afternoon is in jail.

Brian Anthony Heredia, 30, who police describe as a transient, was arraigned in Baker County Circuit Court Wednesday on one count each of recklessly endangering another person and menacing, Class A misdemeanors; and second-degree disorderly conduct, a Class B misdemeanor.

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