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Good Day Wish To A Subscriber

A special good day to Herald subscriber Allen Younger of Baker City.

Outdoors, 1B

Oregon wildlife officials are trying to make it easier for hunters to harvest antlerless elk that are damaging croplands in Northeastern Oregon.

The state Fish and Wildlife Commission recently approved a pilot program that, starting in 2020, will allow hunters to buy a tag to hunt antlerless elk over a four-month period in areas including parts of Baker, Keating, Eagle and Pine valleys in Baker County, the Grande Ronde Valley in Union County, the Wallowa Valley in Wallowa County and the John Day Valley in Grant County.

BRIEFING

Durkee Christmas program Dec. 15

DURKEE — The annual Christmas children's program and potluck are set for Dec. 15 at the Durkee School. The potluck starts at 4:30 p.m., and will be followed by the program. Santa Claus will also make an appearance. More information: Call Diane Bloomer at 541-519-0248.

WEATHER

Today

38 / 31



Rain showers possible late

Saturday

40 / 31



Rain showers likely

Sunday

42 / 23



Snow showers possible early

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Restoring The Historic Haskell Building On Main Street

Heavy Lifting

■ Owner Carol Phillips has steel ceiling beams installed this week



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The second of two identical beams to support the ballroom ceiling structure of the two-story brick Haskell Building, which is undergoing restoration by owner Carol Phillips, is 3 feet high, 50 feet long and weighs 8,500 pounds.

By Samantha O'Conner
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Carol Phillips made big progress this week on the restoration of the historic Haskell Building on Main Street.

Literally big. Workers from Gyllenberg Construction used a crane Wednesday to hoist a pair of massive steel beams — each is 50 feet long and weighs 8,500 pounds — and four wooden

columns into the building on the east side of Main between Washington and Court avenues.

The beams will support the ceiling in the second floor of the brick building, built in 1890.

Phillips said the columns will go through the floor to the basement where they will stand on concrete footings. Two will go through the ceiling

in the Royal Artisan and two through Delicioso restaurant.

Phillips, who won a statewide award for best facade renovation in 2018 for the Haskell Building, which she bought in January 2017, received a \$200,000 grant earlier this year from the Oregon Main Street program to continue the restoration.

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Cell tower turned down

■ Planning Commission votes 5-2 to deny Verizon Wireless' request to build tower north of D Street

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The Baker City Planning Commission voted 5-2 Wednesday to deny Verizon Wireless' application to build a 70-foot cellphone tower on the north side of town.

Several people who live in the area north of Leo Adler Field and the Fairgrounds testified at previous Commission meetings this fall that they believe the proposed tower would mar their views and reduce their property values.

And although federal rules prohibit the Planning Commission from considering health issues related to cell towers, several residents also objected to the tower based on their concerns about the health effects from radio frequency emissions.

Holly Kerns, director of the Baker City-County Planning Department, said Verizon officials have 14 days to appeal the Commission's decision to the Baker City Council.

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Out-of-town dog deemed dangerous

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A pit bull visiting from Lakewood, Washington, that attacked a toy schnauzer as the smaller dog walked on a leash with his owner through a south Baker City neighborhood last month has been designated as a dangerous dog.

Police Chief Ray Duman said hearing officer Paula Sawyer issued the ruling after a Wednesday hearing on the matter.

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Man who killed a mother and daughter near Baker City in 1976 dies in Salem prison at 79

By Jayson Jacoby
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A man convicted of a double murder in Baker County more than 40 years ago died Wednesday morning in the infirmary at the Oregon State Penitentiary, where he was serving a life sentence.

Donald Douglas Hull, 79, had been in custody at the state penitentiary in Salem since Jan. 24, 1977, according to a press release from the Oregon Department of Corrections.

Hull was convicted of the murder

of Darlene Hull, 31, and her daughter, Tamera Shove, 13, on Aug. 13, 1976.

Darlene Hull was formerly Donald Hull's sister-in-law, having divorced his brother in 1975. Donald Hull had also lived with Darlene, according to contemporary newspaper stories.

Buzz Colton of Baker City remembers the murder case, and probably more vividly than most people.



Hull

Colton and his father, Frank Colton, were members of the Baker County Sheriff's Posse in August 1976, and they found the bodies of Hull and Shove in what Buzz describes as a manger on an abandoned farm on the east side of Baker Valley near Sunnyslope Road.

Buzz, now 84, said Sheriff Delmar Dixon assigned him and his father, on Aug. 14, 1976, the day Hull was arrested in Portland, to search the area east of the Baker City Airport because it was one that Hull was

known to frequent.

Another was the Virtue Mine area south of Flagstaff Hill, where the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center now stands.

Colton said he and his father decided to start their search at the former Opal Cooper farm near the intersection of Sunnyslope Road and Airport Road, about four miles northeast of Baker City. They parked near the empty house on the farm in the early afternoon.

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MONDAY — OREGON VS. UTAH FOR PAC-12 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP