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A special good day to Herald subscriber Bill Ward of Baker City.

BRIEFING

Ag scholarships offered

Eastern Oregon students who plan to pursue agricultural studies in college are eligible for two scholarships aimed at preserving the region's ranching heritage.

Applications for the Pendleton Cattle Barons and the Protect the Harvest scholarships are due by March 1 and are available online at www.cattlebarons.net

Applicants for the five Cattle Barons scholarships must be residents of Umatilla, Morrow, Grant, Baker, Wallowa or Union counties. One Protect the Harvest scholarship will be awarded to a student from Umatilla, Morrow, Union or Wallowa counties, the website states.

To qualify for the scholarships, students must currently be or plan to be enrolled in undergraduate or graduate agricultural studies.

Final selection of scholarship winners will be made during the Cattle Barons Weekend scheduled May 1-2 at the Pendleton Convention Center, Round-Up Pavilion and Happy Canyon Arena.

WEATHER

Today

43 / 28



Light snow possible overnight

Friday

44 / 30



Cloudy with snow showers

Full forecast on the back of the B section.

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Timmy Eide's New Barbershop Is Bustling

The Cutting Edge



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A new barber in town, Timmy Eide, cuts and shapes hair for Albert Jones of Sumpter Monday. Eide set up his barbering chair in a building at First and Broadway streets that has housed a barbershop for decades.

By Samantha O'Conner
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Timmy Eide's scissors have been getting quite a workout this winter.

Since opening his barbershop at Broadway and First streets in mid-November, Eide, who grew up in Baker City, said the hair has been flying.

"It's been crazy busy here since it opened," Eide, 36, said of his shop, Speak A Barber & Spot.

Eide, who has been a barber for seven years, offers flattops and other classic cuts, as well as beard trims and hot shaves.

He doesn't do hair coloring but he said he might obtain his license for coloring.

"Baker's not really a place where men will get their hair colored I don't think that much," he said. "But teenagers will."

Eide, who said he attended "pretty much every school except Churchill" while growing up in Baker City, has had other jobs, but he knew he always wanted to be a barber.

"I just like helping people," said Eide, who noted how a fresh haircut can make people feel better.

Eide joined the Job Corps in Astoria originally for culinary school, but he often cut hair for others while in that position.

Starting at age 21 he sold



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A blackboard outlines the facts of business at Timmy Eide's barbershop at First and Broadway streets.

subscriptions for several newspapers in the Northwest, including the Baker City Herald and The La Grande Observer, for 15 years while attending school.

He attended barber college for six months at Hilliard, Washington, and continues to learn today.

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Taxi firm seeks license

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Baker City, which has been without a taxi service for more than a month, could soon have at least one licensed cab company.

Police Chief Ray Duman told the City Council during its meeting Tuesday that the city received an application Jan. 29 from David and Stephanie Sanders, who want to operate Elkhorn Taxi.

Their application is pending as city officials wait for confirmation of the company's liability insurance, which the city's taxi ordinance requires.

In other business Tuesday, councilors discussed a parcel the city owns on Valley Avenue, adjacent to Central Park, that could be sold, with the proceeds used to buy a larger parcel off Resort Street as access to the park.

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Downing's last meeting as councilor will be Feb. 25

Baker City Council member and former mayor Mike Downing announced during Tuesday's Council meeting that he will be moving outside the city limits soon and will no longer be eligible to serve as a councilor.

His last meeting will be Feb. 25.

The city charter requires that councilors live within the city limits.

"I've had a great time on the council, been here for seven years now," Downing said Tuesday. "I've had a lot of fun with it but I've had a lot going on these past seven years. It's been a good learning experience but it's time to focus more on my health. I'm on good recovery and road to remission for my leukemia but I need to spend more time with my kids."

Downing served a two-year term as mayor, from 2017 to 2019.



Downing

County sues to get lodging tax records

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Baker County has filed a lawsuit asking a judge to order the company that owns three motels in Baker City to give the county records related to lodging taxes paid by motel guests in parts of 2017 and 2018.

Patrick M. Gregg, an attorney from Pendleton, filed the suit Jan. 21 on the county's behalf.

The defendant is DK Hotel Management LLC. The company owns the Quality Inn Sunridge Inn, 1 Sunridge Lane; the Super 8 by Wyndham, 250 Campbell St.; and Motel 6 Baker City, 175 Campbell St., according to the complaint.

Officials from the company could not be reached for comment.

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