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### QUICK HITS

#### Good Day Wish To A Subscriber

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

#### Community, 3A

A Baker City man who was duck hunting in the dredge tailings near Sumpter Sunday morning when he was injured in a fall was located by a Life Flight helicopter that conducted an aerial search of the area before landing and taking the man to a Boise hospital for treatment.

### BRIEFING

#### Baker County Health Department plans drive-thru flu shot clinic Oct. 16 at Baker High

The Baker County Health Department will have a drive-thru flu shot clinic on Friday, Oct. 16, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Baker High School in the student parking lot, between the school and football stadium, 2500 E St.

Flu vaccine is available to all people 6 months and older. Alicia Hills, nursing supervisor at the Health Department, encourages everyone to get a flu shot this season.

Flu vaccine costs \$38 (available for age 6 months and older) for the regular vaccine and \$73.50 for high dose (available for age 65 and older).

Bring your insurance card. More information is available by calling the Health Department at 541-523-8211.

### WEATHER

#### Today

62 / 37



Rain likely

#### Wednesday

59 / 27



Partly sunny

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# Students coming back

■ Baker School District students from pre-K to sixth-grade begin in-person classes on Wednesday

By Chris Collins  
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Baker elementary school students will return to in-person classes Wednesday.

Baker School District Superintendent Mark Witty issued a press release Monday morning announcing the opening for students in

preschool through sixth grade.

But first, families were notified over the ParentSquare school communication system of the word many had been hoping to hear since online classes started Sept. 8.

"I am pleased that we are able to return to in-person school for our youngest learners," Witty stated in

the press release. "We are excited to welcome students back to our four elementary campuses this coming Wednesday."

The final decision to open this week was made after consulting with Baker County Health Department officials early Monday, Witty said.

The elementary schools snuck in just under the wire to meet the metrics set by the Oregon Health Authority and Oregon Department of Education for schools in counties, including Baker, with fewer than 6 residents per square mile.

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### Orpheum Theater Renovation Continues In Downtown Baker City



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The interior of the Orpheum Theater was stripped to the wood frame a few years ago as part of a renovation that started in 2016. In this photo from November 2018, Aletha Bonebrake, chair of the building committee for the Eastern Oregon Regional Theatre, looked at the project in progress.

# The Next Stages

By Lisa Britton  
For the Baker City Herald

The Baker Orpheum Theater project is moving along, and by early 2021 residents will start seeing changes at the location on Main Street.

Since January, the project has received \$82,000 from five local donors. That boost will complete construc-

tion documents, design review, and permitting by the end of the year so work can begin next year.

"That's the good news," said Aletha Bonebrake. "We go from the quiet phase to the active phase."

Bonebrake is a board member for Eastern Oregon Regional Theatre, and chair of the building committee. The project began in May 2016

with a donation from David Burris that enabled Eastern Oregon Regional Theatre to buy the 1889 downtown building that housed the first Orpheum Theatre, a vaudeville stage that changed and grew with silent films and "talkies" into the late 1950s.

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### BAKER CITY COUNCIL MEETS THIS EVENING

## City may revise lease for Quail Ridge

By Jayson Jacoby  
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The Baker City Council this evening will consider approving a 5-year lease with the owner of Anthony Lakes Ski Area to continue managing the city-owned Quail Ridge Golf Course.

Tonight's meeting starts at 7 o'clock at City Hall, 1655 First St. The number of audience members will be limited due to COVID-19 restrictions.

In December 2019 the City Council approved the transfer of the golf course management lease from Mike Brooks to the Baker County Development Corporation, the nonprofit that owns Anthony Lakes Ski Area. The corporation formed a separate company, Quail Ridge Golf Management LLC, also in December 2019.

The transferred lease expires at the end of this year.

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## Trick-or-treat site changes

By Jayson Jacoby  
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Shelly Cutler figures that a Snickers or a Kit Kat bar is an equally enticing treat whether it plunks into a kid's bag or plastic pumpkin on Baker City's Main Street, or in a parking lot a mile or so away.

Main Street's sidewalks won't be bustling with ghosts, witches and other creatively attired creatures this Halloween.

But Cutler said volunteers want to ensure that the coronavirus pandemic doesn't play a nasty trick on costume-clad youngsters.

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