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A special good day to Herald subscriber Matt Kniesel of Baker City.

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ENTERPRISE — Northeast Oregon is wild, scenic and recreational. If a new bill in the U.S. Senate becomes law, more local streams will officially become Wild, Scenic or Recreational, too.

**Nation, 5A**

NEWYORK — About 1 in 3 Americans say they definitely or probably won't get the COVID-19 vaccine, according to a new poll that some experts say is discouraging news if the U.S. hopes to achieve herd immunity and vanquish the outbreak.

BRIEFING

**Free fishing in Oregon today and Sunday, Feb. 14**

You don't need a license to fish in Oregon today, Feb. 13, or Sunday, Feb. 14. During free fishing weekends, anglers don't need a license or tag to fish, crab or dig clams in the state. All other fishing regulations, including size and bag limits, do apply. Fishing forecasts are available at <https://myodfw.com/recreation-report/fishing-report/>

WEATHER

**Today**  
30 / 18



Snow likely

**Sunday**  
32 / 24



Cloudy

**Monday**  
39 / 29



Cloudy

Full forecast on the back of the B section.

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**County Vaccinates 300 Residents, Most Age 80 Or Older, Against COVID-19**

## Intensive Inoculation



Samantha O'Conner/Baker City Herald

LeAnne Bourne of the Baker County Health Department, right, helps Frank Steinbeck get to the station where he received his first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine on Friday morning at Baker High School.

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Despite snow showers and temperatures hovering around 20 degrees, 300 Baker County residents, most of them age 80 or older, received their first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine Friday morning, Feb. 12, at Baker High School.

The mass vaccination clinic was the

largest in the county since the first doses arrived in mid-December.

"I think the testing site was a good training exercise, because we kind of got a feel for at least the outside part," Baker County Commissioner Mark Bennett said.

About 50 people — 25 from the county and 25 volunteers — helped

guide residents through the process.

Starting Monday, Feb. 8, the county used a call center and its website to schedule appointments for people 80 and older, who became eligible for their first dose on Feb. 8 based on state priority guidelines.

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STUDENTS NEED TO BE UP-TO-DATE ON IMMUNIZATIONS

## Kids need shots, too

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Vaccinating the county's older citizens against COVID-19 is foremost on the minds of most Baker County residents these days.

But there are other inoculations that families must consider each year when the third Wednesday of February rolls around.

That is the annual exclusion date on which children are kept home from school if their shot records documenting that they're protected from multiple diseases are not up-to-date. This year it's Feb. 17.

Nancy Staten, Baker County Health Department director, said 165 letters were sent out last week alerting families whose children's vaccination records were not complete. That included 60 letters that were mailed to students throughout the state, including some in Baker County, who attend online classes through Baker Charter School.

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## Woman charged with stealing \$60,000 from 98-year-old

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Police arrested a Baker City woman on charges that she stole more than \$60,000 from a 98-year-old woman who is a memory care pa-

tient at Settler's Park.

Baker City Police Lt. Ty DUBY said Dalene Davis, 61, of 1425 Auburn Ave., was arrested Thursday on a secret indictment charging her with six counts each of

first-degree aggravated theft and first-degree criminal mistreatment involving Lydia Chancy. Davis was taken to the Baker County Jail where she was processed and released because of

COVID-19 restrictions, DUBY stated in a press release.

He said the investigation of the crimes began in June of 2019. Davis is accused of taking money from Chancy after befriending her and

gaining access to her financial accounts.

The Oregon Department of Justice Elder Abuse Division and the Baker Branch of Adult Protective Services assisted with the investigation.

## A most special shot

■ Lori Brock, a registered nurse at the Health Department, gave her dad, who's 97, his second COVID-19 vaccination

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Lori Brock figures she's given about 125 COVID-19 vaccinations, but the arm she's preparing to pierce is like no other.

"This is a special one," Brock, a registered nurse, said late Thursday morning, Feb. 11, at the Baker County Health Department.

The right arm she's peering at, needle in hand, belongs to her father.

Robert Bennett is 97.

He's a World War II veteran, a Marine who served in the Pacific Theater.

And in the span of a few seconds, thanks to his daughter's deft hand, Bennett has had his second dose of the Moderna vaccine.

"I get to hug him now that he's fully vaccinated. You're good to go, Dad."

— Lori Brock, registered nurse, after administering the second dose of COVID-19 vaccine to her father, Robert Bennett, 97



"That didn't take long," Bennett said, rolling down the sleeve of his plaid shirt.

But he got something more than an inoculation.

His daughter leans in for a hug.

"I get to hug him now that he's fully vaccinated," Brock said. "You're good to go, Dad."

Bennett all but leaps from his chair with a spryness that belies a man a little more than two years from the century mark (he turns 98 in June).

His daughter reminds

him that he has to sit in the waiting room for 15 minutes in case he has a reaction to the shot.

Bennett seems unconcerned.

The only effect from the first shot about a month ago was a slightly sore arm, he said.

That's why he asked his daughter to poke his right shoulder, the same one he bared for the first inoculation.

He sleeps on the other arm.

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Jayson Jacoby/Baker City Herald

Lori Brock administered the second COVID-19 vaccine dose to her father, Robert Bennett, on Thursday, Feb. 11.



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