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Good Day Wish To A Subscriber

A special good day to Herald subscriber Robert Fuller of Baker City.

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Members of Baker High School's Future Business Leaders of America organized the 2021 FBLA Regional Skills Conference — virtual style, of course, because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

BRIEFING

Open house for volunteers at Heritage Museum

People interested in working as a volunteer at the Baker Heritage Museum in Baker City are invited to an open house on Tuesday, March 2, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Museum, 2480 Grove St. Masks will be required. More information is available by calling Gracie Hardy at 541-523-9308 or by email, ghardy@baker-county.org

Haines Fire District Board to meet

HAINES — The Haines Fire Protection District Board will have its monthly meeting on Monday, March 8, at 6 p.m. at the main station, 816 Cole St. COVID-19 safety protocols will be followed.

WEATHER

Today 35 / 18 Mostly sunny

Sunday 37 / 22 Morning snow

Monday 39 / 23 Partly cloudy

Full forecast on the back of the B section.

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Baker High School Volleyball Team Is Back On The Court

Bumping Bulldogs



Corey Kirk/Baker City Herald

Gretchen Morgan bumps the ball during a volleyball practice at Baker High School on Feb. 24. At far left is Fern Bruck, and Montana Williams is in the background.

Corey Kirk, Baker City Herald

The Baker High School volleyball team has a lot to get used to during a season first postponed, and now shortened, by the pandemic.

A new coach.

A new schedule.

The new experience of playing while winter, not summer, is waning.

But both the Bulldogs and their new coach, Ali Abrego, are excited to be back in the BHS gym, practicing in preparation for their first match, set for March 2 at 5 p.m. at home against Burns.

"I'm grateful because it is my last year," senior Hayden Paulsen said. "It's depressing that I don't get the actual season but I am very grateful that I get to be back in the gym with my team."

Abrego, who is a special education

teacher at Baker Middle School, is working with a young roster, including multiple sophomores.

"It's really fun having a new coach, she's hard on us which is really good, and she goes straight to the point and I love her as a coach," said one of those sophomores, Macey Moore.

Abrego was able to get acquainted with her team last fall during a five-week mini-season.

Practice for the regular season,

which includes 12 matches scheduled between March 2 and April 5, started Monday, Feb. 22.

"I'm really thankful we had those five weeks in the fall to kind of get a preview of what we would be seeing," Abrego said on Wednesday, Feb. 24. "What we saw in the fall has improved over the last few days I have seen the kids."

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Visitor center back on county agenda

By Jayson Jacoby

A little more than a year after the Baker County Board of Commissioners was slated to award a contract to run a visitor center in Baker City, the matter remain unresolved.

But commissioners will resume their discussion of the issue when they convene on Wednesday, March 3, at the Courthouse, 1995 Third St. Commissioners likely will take up the visitor services contract around 9:45 a.m.

The contract was on the agenda on Feb. 19, 2020, but commissioners decided to delay a decision.

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Eltrym Theater to reopen March 5

By Lisa Britton

Terry McQuisten will welcome moviegoers back to the Eltrym Theater on March 5 — the 13th anniversary of when she and her husband, Dan, purchased the business.

And, as of a Wednesday, Feb. 24, announcement from the state, theaters can now sell concessions.

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Proposal To Shift Idaho Border West

Border issue on the ballot

Measure on May 18 ballot an early step in process that could move Baker, other counties into Idaho, but change would require approval from both state legislatures as well as Congress

By Jayson Jacoby

A nonprofit promoting a proposal to add 18 Oregon counties to Idaho, including Baker County, gathered enough signatures to put a related measure on the county's May 18 special election ballot.

The measure wouldn't directly deal with Move Oregon's Border's proposal to expand Idaho.

Rather, if voters approve the measure in May, the Baker County Board of Commissioners would be required to meet on the second Wednesday every March, July and November "to discuss how to promote the interests of Baker County in any negotiations regarding relocating the state borders of



Submitted map

An effort called Move Oregon's Border would expand Idaho's border to encompass parts of Eastern, Central and Southern Oregon and Northern California.

Idaho to include Baker County," according to the ballot title.

Actually moving the states' border would require the approval of both the Oregon and Idaho legislatures, and of Congress.

To put the measure on the Baker County

ballot, Move Oregon's Border had to collect at least 496 valid signatures from registered voters in the county, said Stefanie Kirby, Baker County clerk.

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