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Good Day Wish To A Subscriber

A special good day to Herald subscriber Ryan Chaves of Baker City.

BRIEFING

COVID-19 vaccination clinic set for March 12

The Baker County Health Department's next COVID-19 vaccine clinic is set for Friday, March 12, at Baker High School. Appointments are being scheduled for those who have signed up on the County's vaccine interest list and are eligible for the vaccine. To get on the list, call 541-523-0015 or go to www.bakercountycovid19.com. People on the list will be contacted for an appointment in coming weeks as vaccine shipments arrive.

Soroptimist Club offering two \$1,000 scholarships

Soroptimist International of Baker County is offering two \$1,000 college scholarships for women graduating from a high school in Baker County, or Powder Valley High School, in 2021 or within the past five years, who are continuing their education at a university, college or trade school. The deadline to apply is April 15. Applications and details are available on websites for each of the eligible high schools, or by emailing Barbara Stiff at stiffbarbara7@gmail.com

WEATHER

Today
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Mostly sunny

Wednesday

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Mostly sunny

Full forecast on the back of the B section.

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Three Baker City Boys Start Fly-Tying Business

Fooling The Fish



Lisa Britton/For the Baker City Herald

A trio of Baker City boys, from left, Ty Price, Chase Myatt and Tyler Myatt, have started a fly-tying business.

Lisa Britton, For the Baker City Herald

The boys talk so fast their voices meld together in a rush of chatter.

Then suddenly all three fall silent as their focus shifts to three small vises on the table.

In companionable silence they work, winding string around the body of a tiny creation they — or a customer — can cast into a stream or lake in hopes of catching a trophy trout.

The three boys are Chase Myatt, 11; Tyler Myatt, 9 (he turns 10 on Wednesday, March 10); and Ty Price, 10.

Together they have started a business called Eagle Creek Custom to provide hand-tied fishing flies.

The venture started several years ago with Chase.

"I've always been interested in making flies and lures to fish with," he said.

He'd mainly used a spinning reel. Then he received a fly-tying kit as a Christmas present.

Once he had used those materials, he checked out a fly-tying kit from the Baker County Public Library.

Hooked on the hobby, he started gathering more materials and teaching himself how to tie different flies



Lisa Britton/For the Baker City Herald

Tying fishing flies requires a variety of material and specialty tools.

from books, a DVD, and YouTube videos.

His younger brother, Tyler, took notice. When his friend Ty came over, the two boys tried their hand at tying a fly.

"We basically just wrapped a

feather on a hook," Tyler said.

Ty went home wanting to learn more, and found that his parents, Wes and Jocelyn Price, had a whole stock of fly-tying material from years ago.

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Councilors Will Consider Sending Letter To Gov. Kate Brown

City Council to call on state to consult locally on restrictions

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The Baker City Council is planning to send a letter to Gov. Kate Brown asking the governor to consider opinions from local residents when the state is imposing COVID-19 restrictions on businesses and other activities.

Councilors discussed the issue during their meeting on Feb. 23.

They asked Councilor Jason Spriet to draft a letter to the governor for the full Council to review.

Councilors will talk about Spriet's draft letter during their regular meeting this evening, March 9, at City Hall, 1655 First St. The meeting starts at 7 o'clock.

Spriet's draft letter notes that in 2020 the state "Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion was directed to make Oregon a more equitable place for every Oregonian."

He goes on to write that one element of that strategy was to have



Spriet

state officials work with community leaders in making decisions.

"We do not currently feel that this element of the framework is being realized," Spriet wrote. "Our community is not currently being heard by our state leadership. We are asking for a seat at the table, a voice for our citizens, and an opportunity to provide input to restrictions that have a profound effect on our rural communities."

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HARRELL HEREFORD RANCH, THOMAS ANGUS RANCH HAVE SPRING AUCTIONS

Locals bullish after cattle sales

By Jayson Jacoby
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Many bids came in via a computer screen rather than from shouts at the sale ring, but Bob Harrell Jr. was still pleased to see something resembling normal in the beef business.

Harrell said the 42nd-annual bull sale at his family's Harrell Hereford Ranch in Baker Valley on March 1 was successful.

"I thought it went really well," Harrell said. "We were very pleased."

The turnout, both in person and online, was especially welcome after a year of uncertainty and upheaval in the cattle market, Harrell said.

"Ranchers are used to adversity," he said. "No one knew what to expect. But we're seeing that life can go on and we can do business."

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2 events honored at awards ceremony

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A pair of Baker City events that had to adjust to the COVID-19 pandemic were honored during the Oregon Festival and Events Association's online annual conference Saturday, March 6.

Crossroads Carnegie Art Center's 2020 Oktoberfest won the Fundraising Event of the Year award. The event, which previously had taken place inside the Community Event Center, was instead a drive-thru dinner, with a virtual fundraiser.

Baker City's other award-winner was CASA of Eastern Oregon's gingerbread home tour, which won the Innovation Award.

The tour of gingerbread structures created by local residents, and displayed at businesses and other locations in December, replaced the annual tour of historic homes, a holiday season tradition.

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