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Baker wins its final 2 matches

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A special good day to Herald subscriber Ted White of Baker City.

**Sports, 5A**

The Baker boys soccer team completed its season with a sound 4-1 defeat of the Four Rivers Falcons on Friday, April 2 at the Baker Sports Complex.

BRIEFING

**Mount Hope Cemetery clean up starting soon**

Baker City's maintenance contractor, Grass Masters, will be doing the spring cleanup at Mount Hope Cemetery, including removing deteriorated decorations and flowers, from April 12-26.

The city is asking people to remove those items before April 12. They can be replaced starting April 27. Items that are left and that the contractor has to move will be stored, except perishable items, until Nov. 1, 2021.

A copy of the cemetery rules is available at [www.bakercity.com](http://www.bakercity.com), and more information is available by calling 541-524-2047.

**Haines Fire Protection District board meeting set**

HAINES — The Haines Fire Protection District's board of directors will have its monthly meeting on Monday, April 12 at 6 p.m. at the main station, 816 Cole St. The meeting is open to the public, and COVID-19 safety procedures will be in place.

WEATHER

Today

61 / 30



Sunny

Wednesday

69 / 37



Mostly sunny

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Despite Dry March, Snowpack Remains Above Average

## Sticking Around



Jayson Jacoby/Baker City Herald

Although snow has melted from lower elevations in the Durkee Valley area about 20 miles southeast of Baker City, the mountains, including Lookout Mountain, elevation 7,120, background, remain mantled in snow.

By Jayson Jacoby

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Wes Morgan has a nearly full reservoir, and he can't just twist a faucet to stop the inflow.

Indeed, today's comparative trickle will become something closer to a torrent before it slows, due to a mountain

snowpack that's above average despite a dry March.

"I'll be turning some extra water down the river, probably this coming week," Morgan said on Monday morning, April 5.

The river is the Burnt. The reservoir is Unity. Morgan manages the Burnt

River Irrigation District in southern Baker County.

A major part of his job is to control the water level in the reservoir, about four miles north of Unity, along Highway 245.

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## N.E. Oregon Snowpack Report

Measuring Site	Elevation	Snow Water Equivalent (inches)				Snow Depth
		Now	Average	% of avg.	Last year	
Aneroid Lake	7,300	16.8	24.1	70	17.6	62
Anthony Lakes	7,125	28.2	26.0	109	29.0	75
Beaver Reservoir	5,150	15.7	8.6	183	14.1	38
Bourne	5,800	15.3	14.7	104	14.1	41
Eilertson Meadow	5,440	10.7	6.7	160	9.2	24
Gold Center	5,340	12.6	3.9	323	10.7	29
High Ridge	4,980	35.2	20.7	170	29.5	78
Little Alps	6,360	13.6	13.6	100	N/A	46
Little Antone	4,560	8.6	6.8	127	N/A	24
Milk Shakes	5,580	50.3	N/A	N/A	46.4	118
Moss Springs	5,850	30.4	25.1	121	35.8	78
Mount Howard	7,910	13.6	15.5	88	15.0	38
Schneider Meadow	5,400	31.0	26.5	117	25.1	68
Taylor Green	5,740	27.7	19.6	141	27.4	54
Tipton	5,150	13.8	11.6	119	11.5	42
West Eagle Meadows	5,500	31.9	30.0	106	26.0	70
Wolf Creek	5,630	17.1	16.8	102	17.7	54
<b>AVERAGE</b>				<b>134</b>		

## School workers positive for COVID

■ One employee and two substitute teachers from Brooklyn Primary infected, but not at the school

By Samantha O'Conner and Jayson Jacoby  
Baker City Herald

One employee and two substitute teachers at Brooklyn Primary School tested positive for COVID-19, and all three contracted the virus outside of school, the Baker School District announced on Friday, April 2.

Students in first, second and third grades attend Brooklyn. Brooklyn students have been attending in-person classes four days per week since Oct. 14, 2020.

The school district has notified parents of students in classes where one of the employees taught or worked, according to the press release.

Any students asked to quarantine, after a contact tracing interview by the Baker County Health Department, will attend classes online until they return to school.

Baker Schools Superintendent Mark Witty said Monday, April 5 that the district intends to have middle school and high school students return to a full in-person schedule on Monday, April 12.

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## Officials urge caution with spring fires

By Jayson Jacoby

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Gary Timm understands that it's a good time to burn dead grass along ditches and fences, or piles of debris.

Too good, potentially. The combination of a dry March and occasional strong winds can rapidly turn even a small blaze into an inferno, said Timm, with the Baker County Emergency Management department.

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## Early Learning Center open house April 16

By Chris Collins

Baker City Herald

A light breakfast and coffee will be served during an open house from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. Friday, April 16, to celebrate a special event at the Baker Early Learning Center (BELC).

The open house will include installation of the 2020 remodel dedication plaque commemorating the transformation of the former North Baker School building at 2725 Seventh St. into the early learning center.

The BELC opened on Oct. 9, 2020, after a \$2.3 million building renovation. It houses service providers for families of children from birth to age 5 as well as preschool and kindergarten classrooms.

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