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A special good day to Herald subscriber Tim Mahoney of Baker City.

BRIEFING

Fun run/walk set Oct. 16 to benefit BHS cross-country

The inaugural Oktoberfest 5K fun run/walk, a benefit for the Baker High School cross-country teams, is set for Saturday, Oct. 16. The event is in conjunction with Crossroads Carnegie Art Center's drive-thru Oktoberfest dinner and virtual auction that day.

The run/walk will start at 8 a.m. at Central Park, along the Leo Adler Memorial Parkway between Washington and Valley avenues, and end at the Baker County Fairgrounds. At the midway point, along Hughes Lane, participants will pick up as many potatoes as possible and carry them to the finish line, where the spuds will be donated to the Northeast Oregon Compassion Center for its food boxes.

Costumes are encouraged. Registration will start at 7 a.m. at Central Park on the day of the event, or go to <https://one.bidpal.net/21oktoberfest>.

Gold cards for sale

Bulldog Gold Cards, which benefit the BHS football team and offer discounts at local businesses, are for sale for \$10 at the front office at BHS, 2500 E St.

WEATHER

Today

58 / 32
Partly sunny



Friday

63 / 28
Partly sunny



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Preparing for trouble

■ OTEC linemen learn to deal with emergencies in remote work areas

By JAYSON JACOBY

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Dr. Kaare Tingelstad is looking for someone with a fractured pelvis.

A volunteer.

Travis Smart springs to his feet with an agility not generally associated with pelvic fractures.

He also has a splint on his lower right leg but this seems not to impede him either.

Smart lies on his back, reclining on a blanket spread across the granitic sand near Anthony Lakes Mountain Resort's lodge.

Tingelstad and Robbie Langrell each grab one end of a bright orange swath of nylon which is rolled into a makeshift rope.

Then they start a curious routine, rather like a square dance, circling Smart as he lies still, the nylon pulling tight against his hips.

"Is that pretty tight?" Tingelstad asks the supine Smart.

"It's pretty tight," Smart confirms.

"What do we do with him now?" Tingelstad asks the 10 or so people who stand in a rough circle, watching as Smart is trussed up.

The correct answer is what you don't do with someone whose pelvis is broken — which is move him.

"He stays there, as comfortable and warm as you can make him," Tingelstad says.

Smart, whose sense of humor, unlike his pelvis, has not been constricted, chimes in.

"Hand me a beer and go get the helicopter," he says.

Laughter spreads through the thin alpine air on this sunny, but a bit blustery, early October morning.

This is serious business, to be sure.

But it's not an emergency. Smart's pelvis is perfectly intact. So is his right leg.

The purpose of this gathering on Tuesday, Oct. 5 isn't to save someone's life — or even their pelvis.

The goal is to learn.



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Dr. Kaare Tingelstad, left, and Robbie Langrell, right, demonstrate the method for splinting a fractured pelvis. Their "patient" during a training on Tuesday, Oct. 4 at Anthony Lakes Mountain Resort is Travis Smart, a lineman for Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative in La Grande.



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Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative employees practice the stair carry method of transporting an injured person during a training on Tuesday, Oct. 4 at Anthony Lakes Mountain Resort. From left, Tyler Thomas, a substation technician, Blake Eckstein (being carried), general foreman, and Al Dockweiler, a journeyman lineman.

The students are linemen from Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative in Baker and Union counties, as well as two Anthony Lakes employees.

Tuesday was the second day of a two-day session where Tingelstad

and Langrell taught the workers how to deal with a variety of potentially life-threatening situations, including injuries and hypothermia.

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Cannon: Defying mandate could harm city

By SAMANTHA O'CONNOR and JAYSON JACOBY

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Baker City Manager Jon Cannon said the actions encouraged in a fier distributed recently in the city, including calling on city and county officials to defy Gov. Kate Brown's vaccine mandate, could put the city's insurance coverage at risk.



Cannon

Cannon also said that the fier's call for residents to withhold their property taxes if city and county officials fail to act on the mandate could leave the city unable to provide its usual services.

The one-page fier, headlined "Community Call To Action," includes an offer to "join the movement at www.BakerCountyUnited.com." The group also has a website, bakercountyunited.com.

Property taxes are a significant source of revenue for Baker City's budget. The city receives about \$3.6 million per year in property taxes, and the largest share of that money, almost \$3 million for the current fiscal year that started July 1, goes to the general fund.

That fund includes the police and fire departments.

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Wolves kill 12 sheep north of Elgin

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A wolf pack in Union County north of Elgin has killed 12 ewe sheep and injured two guard dogs protecting sheep over the past week or so, according to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW).

The attacks are attributed to the Balloon Tree pack, according to ODFW investigations.

That pack's breeding pair produced pups for the first time in 2020, with at least three surviving through the end of that year.

Attack on sheep

An employee of a sheep rancher found three dead adult ewes on Sept. 29 on a private, timbered pasture, according to ODFW.

Officials from ODFW and from the federal USDA Wildlife Service agency arrived on Sept. 30 and found four more dead ewes. Wildlife Service employees then found three more dead ewes on Oct. 1, and one dead and one injured ewe on Oct. 1. Workers euthanized the injured ewe that day.

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Stepping up to preserve history

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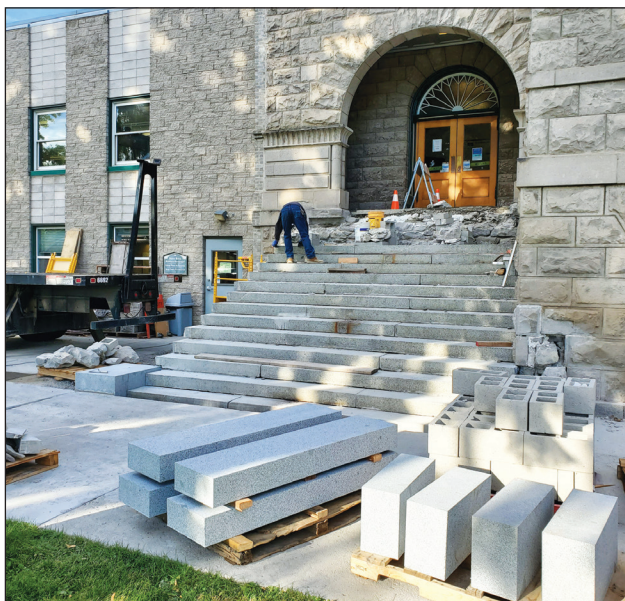
A project to replace the granite steps and stone facade leading to the main entrance of the Baker County Courthouse should be finished by the end of November.

The work is in its final phase, said Dan McQuisten, the county's facilities manager.

"In general, the scope of the project or the intent of the project was to address some long-term deterioration in the stone facade that surrounded the steps at the courthouse and it's been a long, ongoing project over the last several years," McQuisten said.

The project has a \$65,000 budget, and McQuisten said he's not yet sure whether the county will spend the entire amount.

Workers over the past several years have replaced other sets of steps at the Courthouse, 1995 Third St.



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Workers are replacing the steps leading to the main entrance at the Baker County Courthouse.

McQuisten said the facade, made of a type of compressed volcanic ash known as tuffstone, which was quarried near Pleasant Valley between Baker City and Durkee, has deteriorated over the decades due to the ravages of weather.

"For lack of a better term,

it's rotted out," McQuisten said.

The tuffstone is also used in several other historic buildings, including Baker City Hall and St. Francis de Sales Cathedral.

McQuisten said the Courthouse, finished in 1909, is mainly built of brick,

steel and wood on a concrete foundation.

"When you look at the courthouse, you see this (tuff) stone all over, you think it's a stone building," he said. "But really, what you're looking at would be thick stone siding. It's literally just a facade on the exterior part of the building."

The deterioration of the tuffstone facade around the steps threatened the integrity of the structures, McQuisten said.

The county sought to find replacement materials similar to the originals, he said.

Workers have removed the granite steps below the main entrance, on the east side of the Courthouse, as well as the underlying material that was wicking moisture and accelerating the deterioration.

With everything dried, workers are installing new steps and facade stone.

"Hopefully that will be another 100 plus year fix," McQuisten said.



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