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A special good day to Herald subscriber Jessie Ritch of Baker City.

BRIEFING

BAKER CITY TRICK-OR-TREATING

The event, organized by the Baker City Kiwanis Club, returns to downtown, Saturday, Oct. 30 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Masks will be required, and families are asked to stay in their own group, with one-way foot traffic. More information: Debbie Poe, 541-403-0483.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT AT CALVARY BAPTIST

Free event Saturday, Oct. 30 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the church, corner of Third and Broadway streets. Chili and chili dogs, and indoor miniature golf.

TRUNK-OR-TREAT AT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Saturday, Oct. 30 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the parking lot at the Baker City Christian Church, 675 Highway 7.

SUMPTER EVENTS

Trunk-or-treat is set for Saturday, Oct. 30 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The Sumpter Dredge also has been decorated for a haunted tour, with live actors, Friday, Oct. 29 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The Dredge is open for self-guided tours on Saturday, Oct. 30. The Sumpter Valley Railroad will be running on Friday and Saturday.

WEATHER

Today

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Rain showers



Wednesday

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Rain showers



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Lisa Britton/Baker City Herald

Corrine Vegter fabricated this trailer to be a ticket booth and advertise the Haunted Studios.

Chilling Churchill

■ Former school transformed into creepy haunted house

By LISA BRITTON

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If you're not squeezing your eyes shut in terror, Corrine Vegter really hopes you'll enjoy the artwork.

Yes, the Haunted Studios at Churchill School in Baker City are intended to give visitors a fright.

But Vegter, along with Brigid and Blake Musselman, have spent nearly a year working on designs for this year's haunt.

"I just want it to be unique and different," Vegter said. "I want everything to be creative."

The Haunted Studios opened to the public in early October, and have been scaring visitors every Friday, Saturday and Sunday night.

Unless you go at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, which Vegter designated as the "no scare hour" for those who want to see everything but avoid the screams.

For Halloween weekend, the Haunted Studios will be open from 6:30 p.m.



Lisa Britton/Baker City Herald

The "Plumber's Nightmare" room has all manner of creepy decorations.

to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday.

Tickets are \$15 in advance when purchased online at www.churchill-baker.com, or \$20 at the door.

Churchill School is at 3451 Broadway St., but entry is in the parking lot off 16th Street. Masks are required.

This year, visitors can choose to enter through an enclosed slide, which empties directly into the doll room.

"It looks like a black

hole," Vegter said of looking into the slide entrance.

The doll room, by the way, has more dolls than last year.

"We added an extra hundred dolls," she said.

During the summer, she and other volunteers painted the doll faces (and yes, quite a few are quite creepy).

Vegter scours estate sales and secondhand shops to find props for the haunted studios.

"I've been collecting things from thrift stores,

and I got body parts from the Heritage Museum," she said.

(Spare mannequin parts come in handy for haunted houses.)

They also create their own props — for instance, Vegter welded parts of an old bed frame to create a fireplace. Other props, like trees, were made with papier-mache. They also repurposed the heads of old CPR dummies, and made handpainted headstones.

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Rainfall sets record

■ 'Atmospheric river' mostly misses Baker Valley, but earlier storm douses area

By JAYSON JACOBY

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The "atmospheric river" that drenched California and doused parts of Eastern Oregon and Western Idaho on Sunday, Oct. 24 mainly flowed around Baker Valley.

But a less-touted storm two days earlier soaked the valley with record-setting amounts of rain.

The Friday, Oct. 22 storm was forecast to be the preliminary to the main event on Sunday, according to the National Weather Service.

And although that prediction proved accurate in parts of the region — including areas of Baker County — Baker Valley was an exception.

Friday's rain total at the Baker City Airport was 0.59 of an inch. That easily surpassed the previous rainfall record for Oct. 22 of 0.22 of an inch, set in 1983.

The airport was one of the wettest spots on Friday, its rainfall exceeding what fell in, among other places, Burns, Ontario and Boise.

But on Sunday, when that "river" of moisture barreled onto the West Coast from the Pacific Ocean, the situation was reversed.

Baker Valley, which was just to the north of the main storm track, added just 0.11 of an inch.

Areas to the south and east, meanwhile, were in its path, with rainfall totals to reflect that.

Boise, for instance, got half an inch of rain on Sunday.

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Kyle Stertz/Contributed Photo

A whimsical snowman hitched a ride on the chairlift at Anthony Lakes Mountain Resort on Monday morning, Oct. 25. About 3 inches of snow accumulated at the ski area over the weekend.

Rescuers find man snowbound in Wallowas

By JAYSON JACOBY

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Crews from Baker and Union counties rescued a Baker County man in the snowbound Wallowa Mountains north of Halfway Monday, Oct. 25, the day after he was stranded by a blizzard while packing in supplies with horses for an elk-hunting trip.

Robert Derald Borders, 67, who lives near Baker City, did not need medical treatment, Baker County Sheriff Travis Ash said in a cellphone interview Monday afternoon.

Borders, who had four horses, was able to use his satellite device, which works even when cell service is limited or nonexistent, as is the case in that remote part of the county, to send a text message to a friend late Sunday morning, McClay said.

The friend then called the Baker County Dispatch Center around noon Sunday.

The text message also included Borders' precise location, which aided rescuers, McClay said.

Around 2:30 p.m. on Monday, McClay said rescuers had reached Borders, who had sent text messages to rescuers with his satellite device while they were en route.

Although Borders' use of the device was a significant help to rescuers, the weather, especially on Sunday, was a major hindrance.

A group of Baker County Search and Rescue team members, summoned Sunday afternoon by Ash, started traveling to the location, which is in the Eagle Cap Wilderness several miles north of Cornucopia, in the Soldier Lake and Sugarloaf Mountain area.

McClay said rain was falling, snow was on the ground and powerful winds were toppling trees as rescuers traveled higher into the mountains.

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Council could fill vacancy tonight

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The Baker City Council might have another go at appointing someone to fill the one vacancy on the seven-member board.

The six current councilors will meet tonight, Oct. 26 at 7 p.m. at City Hall, 1655 First St.

The Council has been down to six members since August, when Lynette Perry resigned due to health issues.

During the Council's Sept. 14 meeting, two candidates to replace Perry — Randy Daugherty and Thomas Hughes — each received three votes.

Councilors Shane Alderson, Jason Spriet and Heather Sells voted for Daugherty. Mayor Kerry McQuisten and Councilors Joanna Dixon and Johnny Waggoner Sr. voted for Hughes.

During the Sept. 28 meeting, Alderson made a motion to appoint Daugherty. The motion failed, 3-3, with the six councilors divided the same as they had been two weeks earlier.

Now a third candidate has expressed interest — Koby Myer.

Councilors, who have already talked with Daugherty and Hughes, invited Myer to attend tonight's meeting.

Councilors could potentially entertain motions to appoint one of the three candidates, or vote by ballot.



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