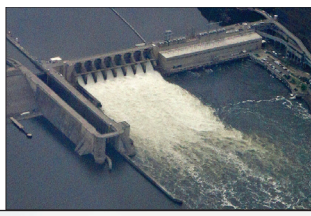
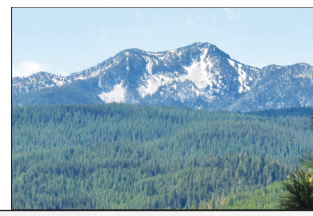




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A 30-page special section focusing on the farming and ranching industry will be included with the July 21 issue. Topics include how a damp spring helped ease the drought and improve prospects for wheat, hay and other crop yields, a beneficial trend that's being offset by escalating costs for diesel and other production expenses.

**QUICK HITS**

**Good Day Wish To A Subscriber**

A special good day to Herald subscriber Kathleen Sayers of Baker City.

**INSIDE**

**Local, A2**

PENDLETON — Joe Yetter, the Democratic nominee for Oregon's 2nd Congressional District, stopped by Pendleton on Tuesday, July 12, during his Eastern Oregon tour.

Yetter is running against incumbent Rep. Cliff Bentz, R-Ontario, and plans to use his trip as a "listening tour," learning from the residents of Eastern Oregon and asking questions about their needs.

**WEATHER**

**Today**  
92/51  
Sunny

**Sunday**  
89/49  
Sunny

**Monday**  
83/45  
Sunny

Full forecast on the back of the B section.

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## Juvenile charged in fatal shooting could be prosecuted as an adult

**BY JAYSON JACOBY**  
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Baker County District Attorney Greg Baxter is seeking to have the 17-year-old suspect in a fatal shooting in Baker City on Wednesday, July 13 tried for second-degree murder and unlawful use of a weapon as an adult rather than a juvenile.

Baxter confirmed on Friday, July 15 that he had filed for a motion for

a waiver under an Oregon law, ORS 419C.349.

Under that law, a district attorney can seek a hearing in a case in which a suspect who was 15, 16 or 17 years old is accused of a crime that, if committed by an adult, would constitute a Class A or Class B felony.

The male suspect is accused of fatally shooting another juvenile male just after midnight on July 13 in the

parking lot at the Baker Technical Institute, on the Baker High School campus.

Police have not released the name of the victim or the suspect, nor have they given the age of the victim, who died at the scene.

Police haven't said what type of gun was used.

Baxter said he couldn't give any additional details. He said the investiga-

tion is continuing.

The 17-year-old suspect was taken to a juvenile detention facility in The Dalles.

The shooting was reported at 12:25 a.m. on July 13, according to a press release from the Baker County Sheriff's Office.

The caller told a dispatcher that the shooting suspect had fled.

See **Suspect / A3**



Sarah Correll and her daughters Kimber, left, and Savannah enjoyed a sweet treat from the Ice Cream Pedalers at Geiser-Pollman Park.

## Sweet Summer Ice Cream Pedalers offer frozen confections in Baker City

**BY LISA BRITTON**  
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This summer, be sure to bring cash if you visit the park or stroll the path because you never know when you'll crave a cold treat.

And the Ice Cream Pedalers will be there, ready to sell a frozen confection.

"We don't have an ice cream truck — we have bikes," said Sophia Daffer, who stood ready for customers at Geiser-Pollman Park on Tuesday, July 12.

The service started July 11. It is a program of Baker School District's Youth Transition Program (YTP),

which provides job skill opportunities for students with special educational needs.

YTP is a collaboration with Vocational Rehabilitation, the Oregon Department of Education, the University of Oregon and local school districts.

Baker's YTP gained the specialized bike about six years ago. This year, a grant helped launch the summer project by providing funds for wages.

The Ice Cream Pedalers are sponsored by Sorbenots, which supplies the ice cream and T-shirts for the workers.

See **Sweet / A3**



Ice Cream Pedalers, a project of Baker School District's Youth Transition Program, employs four adult supervisors and 12 student employees, including Sophia Daffer, left, and Isabel Hardy. Wages are funded by a grant.

## Meeting to discuss Council recalls draws 40

**BY IAN CRAWFORD**  
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Former Baker City firefighter Casey Husk has not sat idly while the city's fire department has been roiled by the pending elimination of ambulance service and staffing cuts that City Manager Jonathan Cannon proposed in March and the Baker City Council approved this spring.

Husk, who recently resigned from the department, believes Cannon should be fired.

But the city manager is hired by the seven city councilors, not elected by city voters.

The city councilors, per the city charter, have the authority both to hire and to fire a city manager.

Given that, Husk is promoting an effort to ask voters to recall eligible councilors, with an ultimate goal of replacing them with councilors who would terminate Cannon's employment.

According to Oregon law, elected officials can be recalled only after serving at least six months. One of the seven councilors, Kenyon Damschen, was appointed in March 2022. The six others have been in office for at least six months.

Four of the seven positions on the city council will be up for election this November, those held by Joanna Dixon, Johnny Waggoner Sr., Dean Guyer and Damschen.

The three other councilors — Kerry McQuisten, Shane Alderson and Jason Spriet — are serving terms that continue through the end of 2024. All three were elected to four-year terms in November 2020.

Husk sponsored a meeting at the Baker Community Events Center Thursday evening, July 14, that attracted about 40 people.

See **Council / A3**

## County meets with landowners along B2H route

**BY IAN CRAWFORD**  
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About 20 Baker County property owners whose land is along the proposed route for the Boardman-to-Hemingway power transmission line attended a meeting this week to discuss their options in dealing with Idaho Power Company regarding payments for permanent easements.

County Commissioner Mark Bennett set up the meeting the evening of Wednesday, July 13 at the Courthouse.

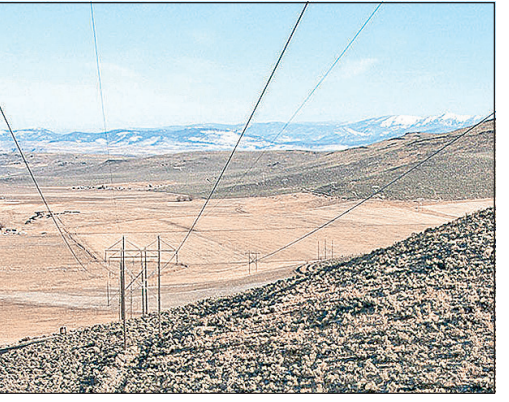
Andrew Martin, an attorney with Intermountain Law

in Baker City, the firm the county has enlisted, also attended.

Bennett said county officials offered many years ago to help affected property owners navigate the potentially complicated process.

Idaho Power, the Boise company that has been leading the Boardman-to-Hemingway project since it was first proposed in 2007, would own 45% of the line, and PacifiCorp of Portland would own 55%.

The Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), a federal agency, was also involved in the project, but early this



The proposed Boardman to Hemingway power transmission line could follow the route of an existing line that runs along the eastern edge of Baker Valley near Highway 86.

the proposed route covers more than 70 miles in Baker County and affects about 30 separate landowners, making it a challenge to get most or all to gather.

About 20 landowners attended, some by Zoom.

"I want to make this clear, we're not pushing anything specific, but we do think it's important that you hear from a confident land use law attorney," Bennett said, referring to Martin. "We think it's important that information gets out."

"I think it's a certainty that the line's going to happen, and they're nearing the stage that they're now approaching landowners," Martin said.

See **Easements / A3**



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