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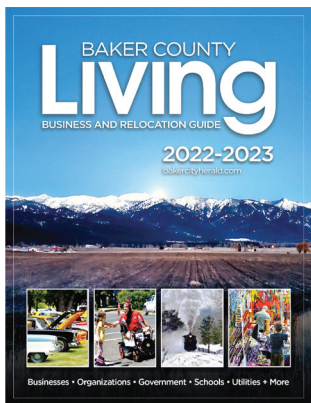
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Good Day Wish To A Subscriber

A special good day to Herald subscriber Mary Boyer of Baker City.

BRIEFING

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Baker County Living guide included with today's issue

Trick-or-treating on Halloween

Baker City's downtown trick-or-treat event is happening on Halloween, Monday, Oct. 31. The annual Baker City Kiwanis event is set for 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Main Street will be closed to traffic from Church Street to Auburn Avenue so that costumed children can safely gather their treats. Businesses and organizations, both on and off Main Street, are invited to participate.

Baker City Christian Church, 675 Highway 7, will have a trunk-or-treat on Monday, Oct. 31, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. The event includes games, s'mores, hot dog and chili dinner and more.

WEATHER

Today
56/26
Partly sunny

Sunday
57/33
Cloudy

Monday
56/35
Partly cloudy

Full forecast on the back of the B section.

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Geometry in Construction class at Powder Valley lets students turn their knowledge into buildings



CTE instructor Seth Bingham, center, explains how to use a smart square to mark angles to students Cade Thompson, left, Jodi Bingham and Tucker Martin.

Building MATH SKILLS

BY LISA BRITTON
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NORTH POWDER —From math class to wood shop, students at Powder Valley High School are putting angles to work through a course called Geometry in Construction.

For the 12 students, their day starts with Matt Richardson and geometry. On a recent morning, the teacher issued a challenge:

"Construct a right triangle." With a few snaps of rubber bands against plastic pegs, each student made a right triangle. "Now construct a congruent right triangle," Richardson said.

Some more snaps, and the geo boards all displayed two right triangles of the same size and shape.

Then came reflections and rotations before the bell sounded and the students traded rubber bands for wood and nails in the second half of this class in shop with Seth Bingham.

This is the third year Geometry in Construction has been offered at Powder. It started with Blake Jones, who has since retired. Now Richardson teaches the math portion, and Bingham continues the lessons with construction work.

Geometry in Construction was designed, Richardson said, to be problem-based and focus on experiential learning.

GIS was developed by a teacher in Loveland, Colorado, to provide a different approach to math while still covering the full curriculum.

"One of our goals is to keep two



Lizandro Rodriguez, a junior at Powder Valley High School, works on his scaled-down house model during his Geometry in Construction class.

different paths in math," Richardson said, "with plenty of opportunity to jump back and forth."

Students have two choices: a traditional geometry class, or Geometry in Construction.

Sophomore Jaycee Gray chose the latter. "There's a lab, and you get to do the building part of it — converting it to scale and using the right angles," she said.

Jace Arvidson, a junior, said the dual nature of the course appealed to him.

"I mainly did it for the math credit, but I'm not that familiar with con-

struction," he said. "I can actually work on building stuff, and have experience in construction."

"One of our goals is to keep two different paths in math with plenty of opportunity to jump back and forth."

— Matt Richardson, math teacher

"I broke one of the walls twice, but I'm getting there," Lizandro Rodriguez, a junior, said as he consulted the house plans covered in math equations.

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ELECTION 2022 | BAKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Chairman campaign committees raise \$20,000 combined

Shane Alderson has raised \$13,640, while Dan Garrick has brought in \$6,678

BY JAYSON JACOBY
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The two candidates vying to become the next chairman of the Baker County Board of Commissioners have raised a combined \$20,318 in campaign contributions, according to campaign finance reports filed with the Oregon Secretary of State's office.

Shane Alderson has received slightly more than twice the contributions of Dan Garrick.

Contributions to Alderson's campaign finance committee, which was registered with the state on Feb. 25, have totaled \$13,640.

Garrick's committee, which was formed Feb. 8, has brought in \$6,678.



Alderson



Garrick

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Council weighs request to rezone industrial parcel

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The Baker City Council has approved the second of three readings of an ordinance rezoning a south Baker City property to make buildings converted into a single-family dwelling compliant with the city's development code.

The council approved the second reading by a 4-1 vote on Tuesday, Oct. 25.

Councilor Kenyon Damschen voted no, saying that using the building on Gayle and Leonard Gazley's property at 569 Elm St. as a dwelling does not comply with the city code.

Councilor Dean Guyer, who said he has worked with the Gazleys in the past, recused himself from the discussion and vote.

Councilor Jason Spriet was absent Tuesday.

Councilors will consider the final reading, and passage, of the ordinance following another public hearing scheduled for the Nov. 8 meeting.

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Cascade Natural Gas rates are rising starting Nov. 1

Baker City Herald Residential customers of Cascade Natural Gas will pay 25% more for the fuel starting Nov. 1.

The Oregon Public Utility Commission (PUC) recently approved a 25.1% residential rate increase requested by Cascade Natural Gas, which serves customers in Baker City.

Rates will rise even more for commercial customers (30.1%) and industrial customers (33.8%).

The reason, according to PUC, is rising wholesale prices for natural gas.

Rate increases

25.1% residential
30.1% commercial
33.8% industrial

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BAKER CITY

Fire remains under investigation

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State investigators are still working to determine the cause of the wildfire that burned about 130 acres just southwest of Baker City on Oct. 6.

"The fire is still under active investigation," Jessica Prakke, public affairs officer for the Oregon Department of Forestry, wrote in an email to the Baker City Herald on Wednesday, Oct. 26. (Prakke said ODF is officially calling the fire the West Campbell fire, rather than Spring Grove Gulch, which it was called initially.)

The human-caused fire started on private property south of West Campbell Loop.

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A fire burned about 130 acres on the foothill just southwest of Baker City on Oct. 6, 2022. The human-caused fire is still under investigation.

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