

Local

Here, kitty, kitty

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Last Wednesday, February 25, Baker City Police officers and staff from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife were called to the south Baker area near the Sinclair Station on Highway 7 due to reports of a potential cougar sighting.

Rumors of a "big cat" in the area have circulated on that side of town for the past month.

Hounds, owned by Joe Curtis, were brought in to search, with a focus on the irrigation ditch area near Myrtle Street on the west side of the railroad tracks.

Due to the locations nearness to South Baker Intermediate, parents and students were encouraged to take precautions walk-

ing to and from school. Many parents opted to pick their children up instead of having them walk from the bus to home.

Chief Wyn Lohner said at the end of last week, "We just finished a second dog search for the Cougar that was reportedly seen in South Baker yesterday afternoon. This search was the result of a report that the Cougar was living along the ditch, west of P&E Distributing. The dogs, owned and handled by Joe Curtis, searched the canal from 7th Street to 10th Street. Areas of interest were discovered, but no evidence of the Cougar was found. With a chance of snow in the forecast, Curtis recommends that citizens in the area of the sighting (South of Auburn and West of

Highway 7) look for large tracks in their yard before they let their dogs out in the morning. If tracks are located, ODF&W recommends that citizens put a bucket over the tracks and call dispatch. ODF&W officials or a police officer will respond to look at the tracks. If photos are taken of the tracks, ODF&W recommends placing an object of known size next to the tracks as a size reference (dollar bill, ruler, pop can, etc.). Citizens in the area are asked to remain alert and cautious, and to report any sightings to Baker Dispatch."

At least one additional sighting of the cougar was reported by a separate resident this week, bringing the total witnesses reporting the cat up to four.



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The bricks are in



Submitted Photo.

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