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Haines Rodeo captures audience despite heat

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Mutton busters, bull and bronc riders, team ropers, rawhide racers, and enthusiastic audience members braved unseasonably hot temperatures and converged on the Haines Stampede rodeo grounds over the Fourth of July weekend.

Haines Stampede Rodeo winners are; Saddle bronc

prize sponsored by Elk Hole, LLC awarded to champion Kyle Dennis with a 65, and Jackson Murphy with a score of 62.

Big Loop sponsored by Harrell/Mackenzie quarter horses awarded to Jason Steward/Riley Brown with a time of 25:31 and second place to JT Jaca/Lee Wright with a time of 30.94.

Bareback competition sponsored by Britt Sand and Gravel was won by

Austin Williams with a score of 72, Jared Bain in second with a 70, Kerk St. Claire 67, and Blake Anglen with a 57.

Team roping sponsored by Clarke and Clarke Insurance and Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel was won by Nick Eiguren/Skeeter Duby with a time of 6:25, followed by Michael McGinn/Bill Justus in at 6:5, Ty Sturza/Ryan Stewart at 6:75, Jared McFarlane/Matt Azevedo

at 7:03, Howdy McGinn/Paul Dunn with a 7.6, and Kelsey Felton/Darrell Sewell in with a time of 7.84.

Calf roping sponsored by Bingham, Bingham and Watt champion Connor Rexin at 10.78, followed by Coy Patterson at 13.22, Duncan McKenzie with a time of 21.87, and Garret Robinson in at 27.97 seconds.

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One of the youngest of the Bingham family tries to tame this sheep during the mutton busting contest.



Submitted Photo.

Last week, Baker City's own bluesman, Jimmy Lloyd Rea, passed away at age 63 leaving behind a legacy of family, friends, fans—and music.

A blues legend passes

• BAKER CITY'S OWN BLUES HALL OF FAMER, JIMMY LLOYD REA, LEAVES BEHIND A RICH MUSICAL HISTORY

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"We're mourning and we're going to send him out with a party." So began the Reverend Danny G presiding over a full house packed to standing room only at the Baker City Christian Church for the funeral of James "Jimmy" Lloyd Rea Jr. The ceremony celebrating the life of the Baker City blues legend was a funeral service like no other and fitting of Baker City's most decorated and famed musician.

The church hall vibrated with recordings of the shuffling, rockin' blues of Jimmy Lloyd Rea and the Switchmasters while friends and family clapped their hands and swayed to the beat laid down by the booming bass of the

blues master himself.

"He always could pack a house," said one of Rea's closest associates during the sharing of memories.

Rea played with some of the greats of the blues world including B.B. King, John Lee Hooker, Albert King, Al Wilson and Freddie King. Hooker reportedly referred to Rea as "the new Boogie Man."

James Lloyd Rea Jr., was born Oct. 6, 1951 and died in a Nampa, Idaho hospital on June 30, 2015 from complications caused by diabetes.

He was a lifelong resident of northeastern Oregon and together with his wife of 43 years, Marydee, raised four children and cherished his four grandchildren.

In his 63 years, he touched many lives with his music, sense of humor, and accessible personality. He always had a story to tell.

"Lloyd could spin a good yarn," said Oregon City guitarist Doug Rowell, who played music with Rea for 20 years.

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Truck used in chase recovered

• SUPERIOR TOWING TAKES ON DAUNTING MARBLE CREEK REMOVAL

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The May 12th high speed chase during which Damon Robinson led law enforcement near the rugged Marble Creek trailhead may have ended with the suspect in jail—but that left the problem of removing the abandoned white 1997 Dodge 3/4-ton pickup from its resting place 2,130 feet down the mountainside.

"It took 21 hours of total recovery time," said Donn Christy, owner of Superior Towing in Baker City. "It was an hour and a half in and an hour and a half out. Elevation posed quite a problem. The air was thin and the hill was steep—38-40 degrees and the truck was almost a half-mile down."

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Forester sets the record straight

• LOCAL BUSINESS OWNER FEARS FIRST FRIDAY MEETING MEDIA MISQUOTE COULD CONFUSE PEERS, CLIENTS

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Since last month's installment of First Friday with the Commissioner, held on June 5, Arvid Andersen, owner of Andersen Forestry Consulting, Inc. of Baker City, has been attempting to set the record straight about what he said at that meeting, citing some misquotes in another newspaper that he fears may create confusion or other issues between him, his peers and his clients.

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Friday Rain showers with the possibility of a thunderstorm after 1 PM. Chance of precipitation is 70%. Highs in the mid 80s. Lows in the upper 50s..

Saturday Lesser chance of showers with even less of a chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 70s, chance of precipitation is 40%. Lows in the mid-50s.

Sunday Mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Chance of precipitation is 30%. Highs around 80. Lows in the mid-50s.

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