

# Local & Entertainment

## Helicopter training

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The aircraft had been airborne for about six hours prior to that, collecting water from Murphy's dip, near Highway 26 leaving Unity, before the engine rpm changed, and the aircraft started losing altitude.

The helicopter experienced a hard landing (as opposed to a crash), and rolled over on its side.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) reported that there was "substantial damage" to the helicopter, and the FAA and National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) continue to investigate the incident.

Coincidentally, Baker City Fire Chief Mark John, Assistant Fire Chief Tom Everson, Baker Rural Fire Chief Dan Weitz, and Baker City Manager Mike Kee attended a 90-minute orientation at the Baker City Airport on the Tuesday prior to the hard landing, covering different types of aircraft currently being used for local firefighting purposes and procedures for responding to emergencies, such as the aforementioned incident.

John said, "Baker City and Baker Rural have a dual response to the airport, because it's closer for them (Baker Rural), but it's Baker City property," explaining that the orientation was primarily for the purpose of responding to an emergency at the airport, and that an incident could involve both departments.

"They had quite a few different helicopters there (10, according to John), and the pilots or the mechanics were walking us through emergency shut-offs, and things like that, in the event they were going to have an issue there."

The group moved from aircraft to aircraft, and at least one member of the crew for each aircraft explained emergency fuel

and other shutoffs, access points, etc., John said. He said, "It was good. It was very informative."

He said he'd gone through this type of orientation/training numerous times in the past, but he hadn't been involved with a major incident involving aircraft before.

John said, "It's less than ideal to put a lot of water into one of those engines, because you'll destroy it, but if someone's life is in danger, and you need to kill the engine, you can do that," speaking about shutting down an aircraft engine which is still powered up, after a landing or crash, for example.

"The military personnel said you could master stream, like off one of the big turrets of the (fire) engine, and you might be able to kill the engine, but with a regular hose stream, (the aircraft engine) would just shoot it (the water) right out the back. It won't even slow that thing down. You'd have to put like a 1,000 gallons a minute into that thing." He noted the extra effort that's required for the more difficult task of shutting down a Blackhawk helicopter, one type of aircraft the group was familiarized with during the orientation.

Though John, Baker County Emergency Management Fire Division Manager Gary Timm, and a few others have aviation certifications, such as fire suppression, John said, "It's unusual for municipal firefighters to have aviation qualifications, because it's really difficult to get the time in to get qualified."

Timm said John, Everson, Weitz, Kee, and others were given an invitation as a courtesy to the orientation because of the large amount of aircraft and fuel present at the airport, and the possibility of their responding to an incident there.

Other area fire chiefs were invited, but couldn't

attend because of other commitments.

Timm was also unable to attend because of other commitments, he said.

Weitz said, "A risky time is takeoff," and also noted the difficulty in shutting down a Blackhawk, an aircraft he said he hasn't been familiarized with before the orientation.

He said he's been through an orientation or training similar to this one every year for the last five years, and the crews at the airport familiarized the group with how they would prefer the fire departments handle aircraft emergencies there.

Weitz said, "The worst thing in the world is to put water on a fuel fire. If you add water to a fuel fire, you just spread it, and CAFS (Compressed Air Foam System) snuffs it out. We're lucky to have that."

The CAFS Weitz referred to is a firefighting system, the only one in eastern Oregon, he said, that was acquired by Baker Rural through a grant, and located at the Lindley fire station, near the airport.

Timm mentioned that some individuals have asked why the majority of aircraft were based out of the airport, and not closer to area fires, and he said, "In some cases, you can (do that), but it's a short flight to Eagle Creek, a short flight, even if you think about it, going to Unity, where you're just right over the top of the hill."

John said, "It's a much safer location to operate from." They both noted the availability of facilities and fuels there also.

Timm said that, on April 18 of this year, a scenario involving a simulated air show plane crash was presented at the airport, as part of the area annual fire exercise (as reported by *The Baker County Press's* Gina K. Swartz on Friday, April 24).

## Bebe's word search

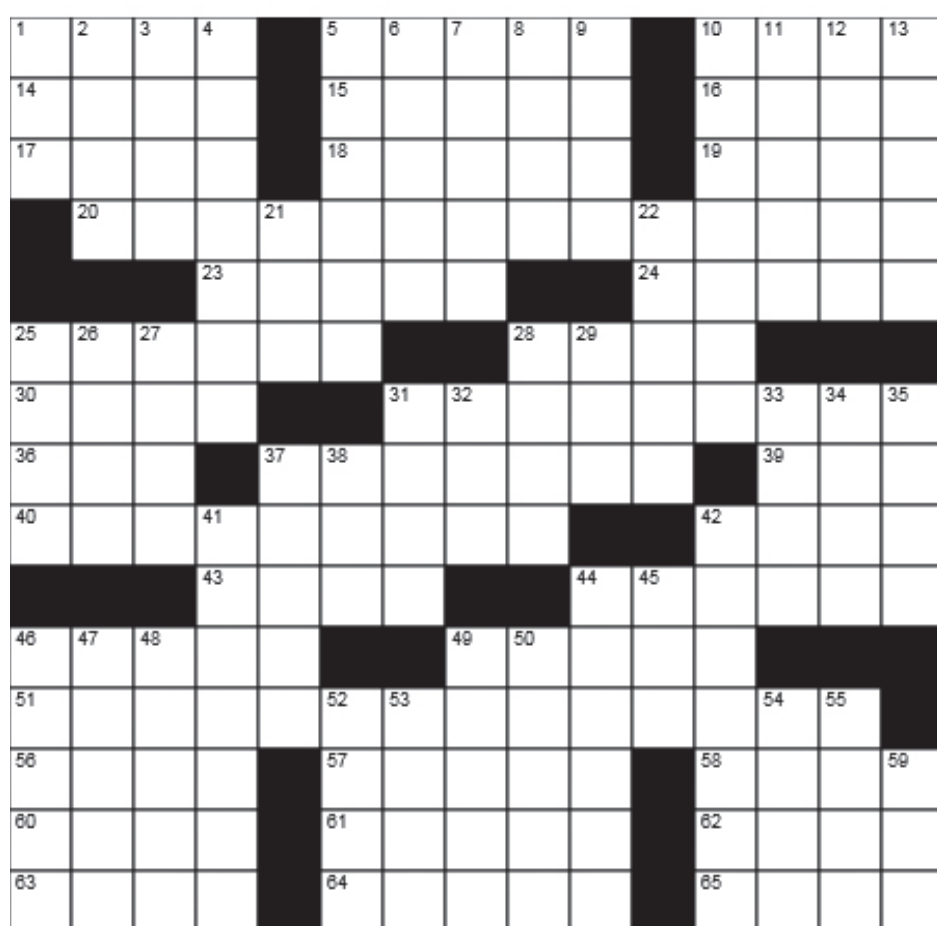
### Songs From the Year 2002

Find and circle all of the songs from 2002 that are hidden in the grid. The remaining 21 letters spell an additional song title from 2002.

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| ADDICTIVE<br>AERIALS<br>ALL MY LIFE<br>BABY<br>BLURRY<br>BY THE WAY<br>COMPLICATED<br>DAYS GO BY<br>DILEMMA<br>DISEASE | ESCAPE<br>EVERYDAY<br>FOOLISH<br>FOR YOU<br>FULL MOON<br>GIRL TALK<br>GIRLFRIEND<br>HALFCRAZY<br>HANDS CLEAN<br>HAPPY | HEAVEN<br>HELLA GOOD<br>HERE I AM<br>HERO<br>HEY MA<br>IN MY PLACE<br>LOSE YOURSELF<br>MOTIVATION<br>MY LIST<br>MY SACRIFICE | NOTHIN'<br>OH BOY<br>RAINY DAYZ<br>SPIN<br>STILL FLY<br>THE MIDDLE<br>TOXICITY<br>UH HUH<br>WITHOUT ME<br>WORK IT |
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## This week's crossword puzzle



- Across**
- 1- Rights org.;
  - 5- Palm fruits;
  - 10- Chews the fat;
  - 14- Common street name;
  - 15- Have \_\_\_ to pick;
  - 16- Util. bill;
  - 17- Mormon state of western USA;
  - 18- Dull surface;
  - 19- Rocket launcher;
  - 20- Complete change;
  - 23- Golfer Calvin;
  - 24- Leases;
  - 25- Move forward;
  - 28- Spouse;
  - 30- \_\_\_ a soul;
  - 31- Interpret;
  - 36- Rage;
  - 37- Republic in central Europe;
  - 39- Actor Kilmer;
  - 40- New word or phrase;
  - 42- Falafel holder;
  - 43- Villainous character in Shakespeare's "Othello";
  - 44- Cricket team;
  - 46- Simple seat;
  - 49- Farm machine;
  - 51- Planes, trains, and automobiles, e.g.;
  - 56- Leaf tool;
  - 57- Perspire;
  - 58- Oil of \_\_\_;
  - 60- Citrus coolers;
  - 61- Bobby of the Black Panthers;
  - 62- Challenge to complete a task;
  - 63- Bears' lairs;
  - 64- Expressed disapproval;
  - 65- Break, card game;
- Down**
- 1- \_\_\_ Darya (Asian river);
  - 2- Suffragist Carrie;
  - 3- One telling tales;
  - 4- Sad;
  - 5- Maiden;
  - 6- Behind;
  - 7- From head \_\_\_;
  - 8- \_\_\_'acte (intermission);
  - 9- Appear;
  - 10- Polite;
  - 11- Actor Delon;
  - 12- Intoxicate;
  - 13- Examines closely;
  - 21- Maiden name indicator;
  - 22- Bohemian;
  - 25- Nabokov novel;
  - 26- Infrequent;
  - 27- Sweet sandwich;
  - 28- Polite address;
  - 29- Raggedy doll;
  - 31- Threesome;
  - 32- Apt. divisions;
  - 33- Tel \_\_\_;
  - 34- London gallery;
  - 35- Enthusiastic vigor and liveliness;
  - 37- Scores;
  - 38- Early bird?;
  - 41- Pride woman;
  - 42- Time spans;
  - 44- On cloud nine;
  - 45- Permit;
  - 46- Fine fiddle;
  - 47- Commerce;
  - 48- Like some furniture;
  - 49- Smash;
  - 50- \_\_\_ of Two Cities;
  - 52- Hey, over here!;
  - 53- Is in the red;
  - 54- Pearl Buck heroine;
  - 55- Japan's first capital;
  - 59- "Sure thing";



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