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Nixyaawii's Dakota Sams (11) competes in the Oregon 1A State Basketball Tournament on Thursday, June 24, 2021, at Baker High School. The Nixyaawii Golden Eagles defeated the Damascus Christian Eagles 50-29. Corey Kirk/Baker City Herald

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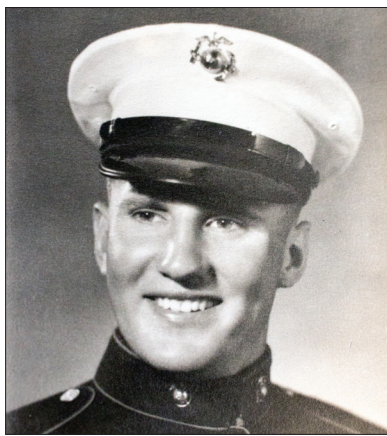
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## Tom Tangney honored fallen brother's memory

By KATHY ANEY  
East Oregonian

a recruiter swayed him by telling the teen he had a good chance of playing on the Marine football team. He had been awarded a full-ride scholarship to play at Pacific University but realized he would soon be drafted, so he closed the deal with the Marines rather than having the branch chosen for him. The young man soon found himself in the grimmest of environments during the three-year conflict in Korea. In the frigid cold, the men dealt with frostbite, icy terrain, jammed weapons and frozen rations. They wore multiple pairs of pants to cut the cold and used snow to make coffee. Tangney was pulled out of combat two weeks early after his brother, Clarence, died at the Battle of Heartbreak Ridge in 1951. He officially confirmed the identity of his brother, whose Army dog tags had



Contributed Photo  
**Tom Tangney joined the Marines at age 19 and fought in Korea.**

R-E-S-P-E-C-T.  
Like the Aretha Franklin song, all Tom Tangney wanted was a little respect. While Aretha sang of a personal relationship, Tangney wanted respect for all those who serve our country.  
Tangney, who died Wednesday, June 23, at age 89, often spoke at local events about remembering the sacrifices of veterans. "By honoring the nation's veterans," he liked to say, "we preserve their memory, their service and sacrifice."  
Tangney, of Pendleton, knew something about sacrifice.  
At age 19, he joined the Marines and headed to Korea. He was a high school football star, and admitted that

been removed behind enemy lines. The sight of Clarence's face, half gone, shook Tom.

Clarence had supported his younger brother by doing Tom's chores on the family's Prineville farm so that Tom could play football and run track. Tom never quite got over losing him, say family members.  
Tangney sometimes spoke about the difficulty of returning home from war, about feeling jittery and drinking too much. Post-traumatic stress disorder wasn't yet a term, he said. Rather, returning war veterans struggled with "shell shock" or "combat fatigue."  
"Or you were crazy as hell," he told a group in 2017. "Society at the time did not understand psychological effects of war trauma."  
After six months, the jitters faded as he pushed his war memories to the far reaches of his mind. He married his high school sweetheart, Maxine,

and started work at a sawmill. A job at Mid-State Lumber Company brought the couple to Pendleton in 1955. The couple had three children, one of whom died at age 2. He drove a milk truck for Carnation Dairy for 22 years and eventually he and Maxine operated the Daisy Milk Company in Pendleton for another 22 years.  
Those who knew Tangney best say he lived to serve. He served with Veterans of Foreign Wars Let 'er Buck Post 922, the Elks, the Main Street Cowboys and in many other ways. He was honored as Pendleton's 2006 Man of the Year. Tangney was the milkman who shared a friendly greeting and a joke at every doorstep, said grandson T.J. Tangney. He was also the guy who did something just

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## Barry brings Round-Up to life on poster

By ANNIE FOWLER  
East Oregonian

PENDLETON — Rowdy Barry is well known in the sport of rodeo as a bullfighter.  
He spent the better part of 33 years putting himself between angry bulls and bull riders, and has dozens of broken bones and scars to prove it.  
Barry, 54, also is a respected cowboy artist, and the Pendleton Round-Up Board of Directors commissioned him to create the official poster for the 2021 Round-Up that will take place Sept. 15-18.  
"It's a pretty cool honor to be part of that history," Barry said. "Hopefully I can build up my name. Most know me as Rowdy Barry the bullfighter, not Rowdy Barry the artist."  
Barry's design puts a twist on Wallace Smith's iconic 1925 saddle bronc rider that is synonymous with the Pendleton Round-Up.  
"I looked at a lot of old posters and researched what I was going to do," Barry said. "I wasn't going to do the Let 'er Buck horse, but the more I looked at it, I wanted to do it with the black background."  
Barry did a rough sketch of his design, complete with Native American designs in all four corners and a tuft of grass beneath the horse, and presented it to the board for approval.

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# HEAT WAVE

National Weather Services predicts temps in 100s late into next week

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**U**MATILLA COUNTY — Residents across Eastern Oregon can expect some of the highest June temperatures in decades starting Sunday, June 27.

The National Weather Service forecasts temperatures to peak June 28, and June 29, with highs of 107 degrees in Boardman, 111 in Pendleton and 114 in Hermiston.

The conditions could prove unprecedented for the month of June. Rob Brooks, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Pendleton, said June temperatures in Umatilla County typically range in the upper 80s.

The federal agency predicts temperatures in excess of 100 to stretch well into next week. Brandon Lawhorn, a forecaster with the National Weather Service in Pendleton, said temperatures could range to as high as 103 degrees through next Friday. Forecasters, he said, are predicting a possible triple-digit Fourth of July throughout the Columbia River Basin.

### Take precautions with heat

Steve Hardin, the emergency department manager at St. Anthony Hospital in Pendleton, advised people to stay out of the heat and remain vigilant on the signs of heat exhaustion and heat stroke.

"Limit activity, especially strenuous activity during the hot times," he said. "If you want to do yard work, get up at 6 in the morning, go outside and do yard work when it's cooler."

Hardin advised people to limit their consumption of alcohol and stay aware of their hydration and water intake when temperatures are high.

"Typically people will consume



Ben Lonergan/East Oregonian

**A motorcyclist rides along Airport Road in Pendleton on Thursday, June 24, 2021, as heat waves shine across the surface. The National Weather Service predicts Pendleton and Hermiston are in for temperatures north of 110 on June 28 and 29.**

a large amount of beer and they'll think they're staying hydrated, he said. "In all reality they're dehydrating themselves."

Hardin said the most common issue for people to be on the lookout for is heat exhaustion, which has symptoms such as headache, lightheadedness, profuse sweating and cold, clammy skin. People also can experience nausea or vomiting and increased thirst.

"You need to hydrate yourself," he said. "Drink water and sports drinks intermittently."

If someone begins to show signs of heat exhaustion, Hardin recommended moving them to a cooler place, offering water and sports beverages, such as Gatorade, and using cold compresses or a cold shower to help cool down.

"Don't put it off, once you start getting symptomatic you need to get out of the heat," he said. "If you don't, it will progress to heat stroke."

Heat stroke is a much more serious condition and requires immediate medical care, Hardin said. Heat stroke presents with delirium, confusion or loss of consciousness as well as nausea and vomiting. People experiencing heat stroke cease sweating and their skin will typically be hot and red. Hardin advised anyone suffering heat stroke to seek emergency medical attention.

"Heat stroke is a true medical emergency, and you need to come to the ER for it," he said. "Do not give them fluids, they're confused

or altered, they're in or out of consciousness, you don't want them to choke."

The Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Administration on Thursday, June 24, warned that heat illness poses a serious threat to workers who are not prepared for hot weather.

"Employers need to take the threat of heat illness seriously, which means acting sooner — not later — to put the appropriate safeguards in place," said Penny Wolf-McCormick, statewide health enforcement manager for Oregon OSHA. "And they don't have to go it alone. Oregon OSHA is ready to help with free expert advice and a variety of educational resources."

Oregon OSHA recommends employers create a heat illness prevention plan that can include training employees to recognize the signs of heat illness, performing work during the coolest part of the day and providing water, rest and shade, particularly for those in labor-intensive jobs.

### Keeping cool inside

If anyone thinks their air conditioning unit isn't working properly or is on the verge of failing, they should call immediately, said Seth Draper, service manager for Bruce Heating and Air, which has locations in Hermiston and the Tri-Cities. HVAC technicians are stretched thin right now, and aren't available to show up at a moment's notice.

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### PENDLETON HOLDS RECORD FOR HOTTEST TEMPERATURE

The National Weather Service is predicting peak temperatures Monday, June 28, of 112 in Pendleton and 114 in Hermiston. The last time Pendleton reported hotter temperatures was 1961, with 113 degrees. Temperatures have never reached that high in Hermiston, according to the National Weather Service.

But all of those temperatures fall below the hottest temperature ever reported in Pendleton. On Aug. 10, 1898, the city reported 119 degrees Fahrenheit, according to the National Weather Service and the East Oregonian physical archives. That also is the hottest temperature recorded in Oregon, tied with Prineville's temperatures that same year.

The region had been "treated to a spell of weather the like of which has never been known heretofore," the East Oregonian reported the day after the record-high temperatures. Back then, however, the thermometers only went up to 115 degrees, so the additional four degrees had to be "measured by the observer," the newspaper reported.

The heat became central to several stories the newspaper reported that day.

A fire extended more than a mile and a half and destroyed more than 11,000 bushels of wheat and barley on a farm just east of Pendleton. The likely cause was matches someone dropped that were "ignited by the warm rays of the sun," the newspaper reported.

A 14-year-old boy named Louis Fletcher had been working his father's harvest field that day when the heat knocked him unconscious and left him in "a very serious condition" for several hours before he eventually recovered.

The local "woolen mills and wool scouring mills" closed and sent workers home due to temperatures that topped 122 in the facility's shade. Meanwhile, the "ladies of the Christian church" planned an ice cream social on the courthouse lawn the following day to support the "Ladies Aid Society."

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