

Shriners:

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“It’s the rural mentality and all the supporters,” Guyer said. “That’s what makes the game successful.”

In addition to the fundraisers during Shrine weekend, the Haines Stampede Rodeo donates gate sales to the hospital for the first night of the rodeo, on July 3. This year that raised \$3,000.

“We had the biggest crowd we’ve ever had,” Guyer said.

The first Shriners hospital opened in Louisiana in 1922.

Now the system has 24 hospitals, plus two new ones coming to Mexico and Canada.

Guyer said the Portland hospital also is expanding to include a walk-in clinic and outreach areas with telemedicine.

“We have the top orthopedic surgeons in the world,” he said.

And the Shriners hospitals provide care regardless of ability to pay or insurance status.

Player visits

Earlier on Aug. 4, the East and West teams arrive in Baker City at 2 p.m. Half will tour Baker Heritage Museum while the others around downtown to see the player window displays.

At 3:30 p.m., the two groups will swap places. Then, at 5 p.m., they’ll converge at



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Often lining up in the secondary, Heppner’s Jayden Wilson came in to relieve Mazama’s Tristan Lee for a few snaps, getting East on the board first with a 30-yard touchdown pass to Mazama’s Cole Brosterhous in route to an East victory Aug. 7, 2021, in the 68th Oregon East-West Shrine Game in Baker City.

the park for the barbecue.

Aug. 6 events

The Baker County Livestock Association and Baker County Cattlewomen get started Aug. 6 at 7 a.m. with breakfast in

Geiser-Pollman Park.

This is part of the Gridiron Tailgate and Grill, which raises money to purchase a 4-H or FFA steer that is auctioned during halftime of the football game.

Breakfast is from 7 a.m. to

10 a.m. Cost is \$10 for steak, eggs and pancakes, or \$7 for just eggs and pancakes.

The annual Hoofin’ It To Beef Fit 5K/10K fun run and walk starts at 8 a.m. Entry is \$25 for the 5K or \$35 for the 10K.

For more information, contact Wendy Bingham at 208-850-3803.

The Gridiron Tailgate includes vendors in the park throughout the day, and a silent auction that runs from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Coach:

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Medina has made such a positive impact the school district hired one social worker for the middle schools and one for the grade schools last year.

Medina is a 2004 graduate of Hermiston High School and played soccer.

“I played soccer all four

years, and then I went on and played at George Fox University,” he said. “At Fox, I was fortunate to be able to walk on. It was a dream of mine to play college soccer. It was amazing.”

When Medina first started coaching at Hermiston, he was under Danielle McBride, then Freddy Guizar. Six years later, he is now the man in charge.

“I learned through that process,” Medina said. “Last

year, I was Freddy’s assistant at the varsity level. I love soccer. I love everything about it. Coaches made a big impact in my life. It’s nice to give back in the same way.”

The Bulldogs lost some key players to graduation — Lindsey Pasena-Littlesky, Jizzelle Gonzalez, Sydney Seavert, Victoria Mendez, Aniah Avila and Caitlin Anderholm. Medina said the biggest void the Bulldogs have to fill is in net.

“We have to find a new goalie,” Medina said. “Those are tough shoes to fill. Lindsey was pretty incredible and a big part of our success last year. We will have to wait and see who fully steps up come Aug. 22.”

Goalie aside, the Bulldogs have talent on the roster.

Estephany Diaz, Katelyn Wadkins, Delia Cervantes and Laila Mendez saw plenty of time last year, and Medina is excited about junior

Andrea Sanchez Garavito taking on a bigger role with the team.

“She will be really key in the center of the field,” Medina said of Sanchez Garavito. “She has an incredible soccer IQ, and has worked her butt off to improve in every aspect of the game. Estephany will be a big asset for us, and Karina Olvera will help us out on defense.”

There is one other player

Medina would like to see on the field.

“We would like to have Dri Coleman come back out,” he said. “She only played as a freshman, but she is such a good athlete.”

Medina and his wife Angela have two boys, Israel, 4 and Isaiah, 2. “They love soccer,” Medina said of his boys. “I got to coach Israel the past 2 years — not so much coaching, but herding cats.”

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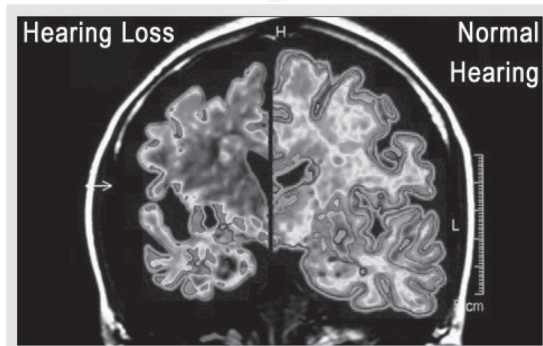
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