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COLES

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Roger Coles, who is a former Baker City Council member, is secretary of the Baker City Bronco and Bull Riding events.

Dawn said she and Roger have been involved in helping to plan the annual events for about the past decade.

On Friday, Roger was in his usual place, manning a gate for the worker who

gathers the bucking broncos after each ride.

One horse leaped over a fence and into the area where Roger was working.

“Roger happened to be the one that got it,” Dawn said. “I watched the whole thing.”

Another volunteer, Dave Buckridge, suffered three broken ribs in the melee, Dawn said.

“It was a nasty, freak accident,” she said.

The blow from the horse’s

hoof knocked Roger out, and he was flown by LifeFlight to Boise.

He didn’t regain consciousness until Saturday morning when doctors reduced his sedation level, Dawn said.

On Sunday, Roger was moved from the intensive care unit to a regular room.

Dawn said, her husband is a bit wobbly when he walks, and he has difficult talking and swallowing.

She said a physical thera-

pist told her Roger probably would stay in the hospital for at least one week, and then require therapy for another three to four weeks.

Dawn said that although Friday’s anniversary will be different from what the couple expected, they will have plenty to celebrate besides their marriage.

“He’s doing better than expected, and he could have died,” she said. “We’re extremely lucky.”

Baker man arrested after altercation

By Casey Crowley
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Baker City Police had to evacuate a Main Street bar Friday afternoon when a man who had previously been banned from the business entered through the back door and then resisted arrest.

Adam Christopher Herman, 42, of 2235 Carter St., was arrested at 2:45 p.m. at The Main Event, 1939 Main

St.

Herman is charged with second-degree criminal trespass, second-degree disorderly conduct, interfering with police and resisting arrest.

The incident started about 11:49 a.m. when police were called to a trespassing complaint at a nearby business, No. 1911 clothing store at 1911 Main St.

Herman left that busi-

ness and then entered The Main Event through its alley entrance, according to a press release from Baker City Police.

An employee there had given Herman a trespass order on June 23.

Officers from Baker City Police and deputies from the Baker County Sheriff’s Office arrived. After determining that Herman had potentially

armed himself with pool cues and balls, police evacuated patrons from the business.

During the arrest Herman suffered a minor cut to his hand. He was evaluated by paramedics from the Baker City Fire Department and then taken to the Baker County Jail.

Herman is awaiting trial after another arrest for multiple assaults earlier this year.

Governor invokes fire emergency

CENTRAL POINT (AP) — Oregon Gov. Kate Brown on Saturday invoked the Emergency Conflagration Act allowing state officials to mobilize additional firefighters to battle a combination of blazes in a southwestern part of the state.

Brown invoked the emergency declaration in response to the Garner Complex of 13 fires in Jackson and Josephine counties where some

homeowners are under various levels of evacuation orders.

“With weather conditions helping these fires grow quickly, I have invoked an emergency declaration to make more state resources available to the fire crews on the front lines,” Brown said in a statement.

The order allows municipal fire departments in the state to travel to the area and help protect some of the 393

homes currently being threatened.

Some residents in the area have been told to evacuate immediately, but the exact number is unclear.

The 10-square-mile complex of fires is burning in grass, brush and timber, much of it in rugged areas. Nearly 1,400 firefighters are fighting the fires and more are expected. Two firefighters suffered minor injuries, but one has returned to the fire line.

Two killed in motorcycle crash near Enterprise

ENTERPRISE (AP) — Oregon State Police say two people have died in a three-wheeled motorcycle crash in northeastern Oregon.

Police say 79-year-old

driver Galen Rottinghaus of Oak Harbor, Washington, lost control of the motorcycle on Friday as a group of motorcyclists slowed to turn into the Joseph Canyon

Viewpoint on State Route 3.

The motorcycle overturned on the shoulder.

Police say 77-year-old Patricia Ann Evans of El Cajon, California, died at the

scene.

Rottinghaus was transported by helicopter to a regional medical center where he was later pronounced deceased.

Attorneys say immigrants mistreated at Oregon prison

By Andrew Selsky
Associated Press

SALEM — Strip searches. Overcrowded cells with open toilets. Scant meals that violate religious restrictions.

Federal public defenders say 120 asylum seekers are enduring those conditions at a federal prison in Oregon where some have considered suicide and at least one has attempted it.

“We are dying day by day inside here,” one detainee said, William Teesdale, chief investigator for the federal public defender’s office in Oregon, wrote in a filing in federal court in Portland.

The immigrant was unwilling to be identified in the filing due to fear of persecution or retaliation, Teesdale said in the documents.

Most of the asylum seekers held at the prison in rural Sheridan say they faced risks in their home countries, including India, Nepal, Guatemala, Mexico and China.

Instead of being welcomed to the U.S., they ran into the “zero-tolerance” policy of the Trump administration that calls for the detention of people who try to enter the country illegally.

“Here we have come to save our lives but I think we will die here in jail,” one detainee said, according to

Teesdale’s affidavit.

Several detainees have untreated medical conditions, including a heart problem, gunshot wound and broken leg.

He said they are triple-bunked and confined for long hours in cells with open toilets. They must eat in the cells and have no indoor or outdoor recreational opportunities.

They are strip-searched in front of other detainees, and Hindus were given beef and pork to eat, even though it’s against their religion, and tried to survive on just the vegetables accompanying the meals, Teesdale said.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement recently transferred four detainees to a center in Tacoma, Washington, for specialized medical care, ICE spokeswoman Clarissa Cutrell said.

The agency has no comment on the conditions in Sheridan due to pending litigation, Cutrell said.

Leland Baxter-Neal, an attorney with the American Civil Liberties Union of Oregon, called the conditions inhumane and unconstitutional.

The Trump administration’s decision to put the immigrants in the prison, where they mixed for three

weeks with the general prison population, has caused “chaos, confusion and massive human suffering,” he said.

Federal Public Defender Lisa Hay said in a letter to Warden Josias Salazar and Acting ICE Field Office Director Elizabeth Godfrey that her office learned of an apparent suicide attempt by a detainee.

“Both those who witnessed the incident and those who heard of it have expressed great distress,” Hay said.

Other detainees also considered killing themselves, court documents state.

Petitions were filed Wednesday by Hay’s office seeking court hearings for five detainees, whose names

were redacted because of their security concerns.

“I have to cry in my pillow,” an immigrant identified as ICE detainee No. 1 said in his habeas corpus brief. “I have suicidal thoughts but then I remember my family. My family is all that keeps me going.”

The public affairs office of the Federal Bureau of Prisons did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

A statement filed in court shows the prison had to scramble to take in the immigrants, who were sent there because other holding facilities used by ICE were overloaded.

The prison received only one day of notice — on May

LOCAL BRIEFING

Gold panning contest winners named

Dennis Rexroad won the professional class in the Eastern Oregon Mining Association’s Oregon State Gold Panning Championships Saturday near the Baker Heritage Museum.

Ash Grove Cement Company sponsored cash prizes to the best and fastest gold panners in multiple divisions.

In the professional class Bill McClure finished second, and Joseph Marten was third.

Other winners:

- Amateur Division: Scott Carter, 1st; Cassie Martin, 2nd; Evangeline Rexroad, 3rd
- Kids Division: Alaine Sames, 1st; Coleson Schroeder, 2nd; Marshall Mather, 3rd

The Eastern Oregon Mining Association thanks Alice Knapp and others for donating gold for the kids’ panning tubs.

Vendors sought for Community Night Out

Vendors interested in having a booth at the Community Night Out event Aug. 7 at Geiser-Pollman Park can reserve a space by calling Phoebe at the Baker City Police Department, 541-524-2014, or calling Lynette at 541-519-5653 or emailing to bakercityevents1@gmail.com

Nonprofit and social services booths are free. Retail and sales booths cost \$15. Vendor set up will start at 3 p.m. on the sidewalks around the park. All vendors must supply a raffle basket or gift certificate with a value of at least \$15. One free raffle ticket will be given to each person as they go through the food line. Extra raffle tickets cost \$1 each, 7 for \$15, 15 for \$10, or 35 for \$20. Raffle proceeds help pay for future community events.

ROOSTERS

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The city allows residents to keep chickens, but the current ordinance doesn’t make any distinction between male and female fowl.

“We have had a number of complaints about roosters crowing for hours in the morning,” City Manager Fred Warner Jr. wrote in a report to the council. “Though it sounds inconsequential, rooster crowing can be highly disruptive, especially in the summer when daylight occurs

very early.”

The City Council will meet Tuesday at 7 p.m. at City Hall, 1655 First St.

In other business Tuesday, councilors will:

• Consider amending an ordinance that deals with problem pet owners.

The change would clarify that residents deemed as problem pet owners would also be prohibited from boarding animals that they don’t own.

• Consider a resolution setting guidelines for the Anthony Silvers Street Tree grant program for the 2018-19 fiscal year

Temporary Farm Labor: M&M Apiary, Lincoln, CA, has 1 positions with 3 mo. exp. required as beekeeper with references; raise honeybees & maintain colony health, caging queens, install queen cells, assemble hives, harvest combs, transport honey; maintain buildings, vehicles & equipment; long periods of standing, bending & must lift 50 pounds; obtain driver’s license within 30 days of hire with clean MVR; no bee, pollen, or honey related allergies; once hired, workers may be required to take employer paid random drug test; testing positive/failure to comply may result in immediate termination; employer provides free tools, equipment, housing and daily trans; trans & subsistence expenses reimb.; \$13.18/hr, may increase based on exp. w/possible bonus, OT in accordance w/CA Wage Order, may work nights, weekends, holidays and asked but not required to work Sabbath; 75% work period guaranteed from 9/1/18 – 7/1/19. Review ETA790 requirements and apply at nearest OR Workforce Office with JO# 16070361 or call 503-947-1659.

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FREE ACTIVITIES FOR FAMILIES

FREE BOWLING FOR TEENS Monday, July 23 7 PM TO 9 PM Elkhorn Lanes

FREE BBQ Wednesday, July 25 Cheeseburgers, Hot Dogs & Sodas 5:30 TO 7 PM Geiser Pollman Park

Free Activities Presented By: Baker Valley Church of Christ