

Local & State

LOCAL BRIEFING

New at the Library

• 2400 Resort St.

FICTION

- "Celtic Empire," Clive Cussler
- "The Fifth Doctrine," Karen Robards
- "Run Away," Harlan Coben
- "Lena Jones mysteries," Betty Webb
- "The One-Eyed Man," Ron Currie

NONFICTION

- "Einstein and the Rabbi," Naomi Levy
- "Breaking Free," Rachel Jeffs
- "Classic Car," Martin Gurdon
- "Kushner, Inc.," Vicky Ward
- "Churchill's Ministry of Ungentlemanly Warfare," Giles Milton

DVDS

- "American Renegades" (action)
- "Black '47" (action)
- "Dynasties" (documentary)
- "Mortal Engines" (science fiction)
- "Spider-man: Into the Spideverse" (family)

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- Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.
- Friday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Sunday, noon-4 p.m.

CRASH

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Wilson was finishing up a service call at Fifth and Campbell streets when he was hit at about 1:25 p.m. Wednesday.

The driver, Virginia Joan Soderholm, 46, of 2610 14th St., is being held at the Baker County Jail on \$37,500 bail (release could be granted upon the posting of \$3,750).

Soderholm is charged with one count each of driving under the influence of intoxicants, fourth-degree assault, reckless endangering, failing to maintain lane of travel, no insurance and second-degree criminal mischief.

Police drove her to the hospital to be examined before she could be released to the jail because of her high level of intoxication, Police Chief Dustin Newman said.

Soderholm was driving east on Campbell Street on her way to the Courthouse when the crash happened.

She was scheduled to appear at 1:30 p.m. for a sentencing hearing on charges of two counts of first-degree theft.

Newman said police called Circuit Court officials to tell them Soderholm would not make her court appearance.

After the crash, Wilson was taken by ambulance to Saint Alphonsus Medical Center where he was treated in the emergency room, underwent three X-rays to determine whether he'd broken any bones, and sent home about two hours later.

The crash itself happened

much more quickly.

"I was putting my tools in the truck and I heard no brakes or nothing," he said Thursday. "The next thing I know I heard a crunch and I was on the ground. And I was like, 'What was that?'"

Wilson says the open door of his pickup truck pushed him to the ground as the pickup was shoved by the oncoming van and traveled 12 to 13 feet from where it had been parked in his customer's driveway.

"I was just standing there," he said. "If my truck wasn't there (the van) probably would have hit the house."

Once Wilson was able to get up, he realized his body was hurting.

"My head hurt, my elbow, my shoulder and my back hurt," he said.

With his experience working as a firefighter for 19 years and as a paramedic for 14 years, Wilson knew he'd better call for an ambulance and head to the hospital.

"It's most probably soft-tissue damage," Wilson said of his injuries. "My back is pretty sore today."

He was on light duty Thursday after returning to the appliance store he and his wife have operated for the past two years. The couple live at Haines with their four children, ages 9, 7, 5 and 3.

"All I know is I'm super lucky to be here," Wilson said. "Two inches to the left and it would have killed me."

"It could have been way, way worse," he says.

"The kids don't know or comprehend what happened or could have happened," he said. "They just know Daddy's truck got smashed."

Wilson said he has no hard feelings toward Soderholm, who police say had a blood-alcohol content of .14, nearly twice the legal driving limit of .08, when she was arrested.

"I don't even blame her," Wilson said. "I blame the drugs and alcohol. Everybody makes mistakes. I just hope she learns from it."

Wilson, who believes in God and attends church regularly, credits his faith with helping him maintain his positive attitude about life in general and about the woman who hurt him and damaged his pickup Wednesday afternoon in particular.

"Life goes on," he says. "She's messed up her life for a while. Hopefully she can recover."

His upbeat manner belies the challenges he faces as a double amputee. Wilson, who stands 6 feet 4 inches tall, was born with two club feet. His right foot was amputated when he was a baby and his left foot was amputated after he injured it at the age of 22.

He wears a prosthesis to the knee on both legs, which hold the running blades he walks on through the day.

Wilson says he'd like to run a marathon some day, but that will take preparation and training.

"We're all given different challenges for different reasons," he says philosophically.

UMPQUA NATIONAL FOREST IN SOUTHERN CASCADE MOUNTAINS

Group of wolves found in S. Oregon

SALEM (AP) — State officials say a new group of wolves is living in the southern Oregon Cascade mountains. Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife said Thursday that wolf activity has been reported by people in Douglas and Lane counties for several years and that in late 2018 biologists found wolf tracks.

Cameras captured images of three wolves on Feb. 20 in the Umpqua National Forest.

Officials have designated the area as a new area of known wolf activity. Wildlife managers so far have little data about the new group and say more surveys are needed.

The species has been making a comeback after being wiped out 70 years ago by a bounty-hunting program.

Wolves lost endangered status under Oregon law in 2015 — when the state's population hit 81 wolves — and are no longer federally protected in the eastern third of the state.

Spring Fling square dance event set

The 40th Spring Fling square dancing event, put on by the Elkhorn Swingers Square and Round Dance Club, is scheduled for April 12-14 at the Senior Center, 2810 Cedar St.

Featured caller is Darin Keith of Nampa, Idaho, and the featured cuer couple are Debbie and Paul Taylor of Cle Elum, Washington.

The tentative schedule:

Friday, April 12

- 7 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. — Phase 3-4-5 pre-rounds

- 8:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. — Phase 2-3 pre-rounds
- 8 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. — mainstream dance, every third tip plus with Phase 2-3-4 rounds

Saturday, April 13

- 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. — Phase 3-4 round dance workshop (casual attire)
- 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. — square dance workshop (casual)
- 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. — Phase 2-3 round dance workshop (casual)

- 6:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. — Phase 3-4-5 pre-rounds (dance attire)

- 7 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. — Phase 2-3 pre-rounds (dance attire)

- 7:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. — Plus square dance

- 8 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. — mainstream dance, every third tip plus with Phase 2-3-4 rounds

Sunday, April 14

- 10 a.m. to noon — Phase 5 round dance workshop (not included in weekend package)

Advance registration, before April 1, is \$50 per couple and \$25 per individual.

At the door costs are \$55 per couple and \$27.50 for the weekend. Individual prices are \$10 for the Friday night dance and \$10 for the Saturday night dance, and \$5 per workshop.

More information is available by calling Chuck Hoover at 541-524-9306 or Sally Stutzman at 541-910-2123.

HEART TO HEART

Girls basketball coach thankful for support

I want to thank all the parents, businesses and our community for the great send-off and for the amazing welcome back into town. We couldn't have done it without you! Thanks to everyone who made the trip over. And a big shout out and thank you to the Newport High School girls team and fans for supporting us in the championship game. And I want to thank everyone involved over the years that have helped build our program into what it has become. Thanks for everything!

Mat Sand

Baker High School girls basketball coach

A grateful person

To my dear J.C. Oh how I wish I could thank you in person. I've had a rough couple years and to know that

someone out there actually cares about me, I don't feel so alone.

I only hope you know how deep my gratitude is for what you've done for me. Once again, thank you from the top of my woodpile to the bottom

of my heart.

Happy spring,

Sandie Millhouse
Baker City

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