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Hugh Foster caulks a seam at a Baker City home

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QUICK HITS

Good Day Wish To A Subscriber

A special good day to Herald subscriber Robert Whitnah of Baker City.

BRIEFING

Baker County Garden Club will meet on Aug. 14

The Baker County Garden Club will meet Aug. 14 at 10:30 a.m. at the Daugherty house, 995 J St. Please bring a sack lunch and auction items.

Class on safe use of medication for seniors set Aug. 19

A free class, "Safe Medication Use In Older Adults" is set for Aug. 19 in Baker City. The half-day class is free thanks to funding from the state and nonprofits including the Alzheimer's Association and Oregon Health Care Association. The class is designed for anyone who helps care for an aging resident. A professional instructor will discuss safe medical use, pain management and medication reviews.

The class will run from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Sunridge Inn Conference Center, 1 Sunridge Lane. To register for the class, call 1-800-930-6581 or go to www.OregonCarePartners.com

WEATHER

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Storms possible

Thursday

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Storms possible

Full forecast on the back of the B section.

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Baker County Fair Continues Through Saturday

The Show Goes On



Kathy Orr/For the Baker City Herald

Evie Davis, a third-generation 4-Her, washes her crossbred spring ewe Tuesday in preparation for today's breeding class. She also will show a market lamb, as well as chickens and pigeons.

By Samantha O'Conner
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Evie Davis sits on a bale of hay looking through a book for the name of a specific breed of chicken. Behind her at the Baker County Fairgrounds are rows of chickens, some of them fowl that Davis, 12, has raised and will show at the Baker County Fair.

Davis, from Oxbow at the eastern edge of Baker County, said she has always liked animals.

Her parents allowed her to start showing animals at both the Baker County Fair and Fair

in Halfway, when she was 8. "It's probably my favorite thing I've ever done," Davis said. This year, her fourth showing at the Baker County Fair, Davis is joined by her siblings: Grace 15, Reid 14, Peter 10, Gideon 9, Colin 7, and Abby 5.

Altogether, the family members are showing 13 chickens, four sheep, three rabbits, and two pigeons.

Evie also had two new chicks with one of her chickens to show.

"I've done the best with chickens," she said.

The family raises several breeds of chickens including australorp, brown and white leg-horn, sagitta, partridge cochin, braham, blue cochin, and others. They keep their chickens for eggs and do not butcher them.

Besides the fowl, Davis will be showing a breeding ewe and a market lamb this week.

"I mainly show the same thing so I get better at it, but this year I'm showing pigeons which is a new thing," Evie said.

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Coates' body found

■ Baker City man had been missing since July 26

A relative on Monday evening found the body of a Baker City man missing in the Elkhorn Mountains since July 26.

Baker County Sheriff Travis Ash confirmed that the relative found the body of Derrick Austin Coates, 32, in the Marble Creek area about 9 miles west of Baker City.

That's where a huckleberry picker found Coates' Jeep Cherokee early on the morning of July 27.

No other information was available this morning from the Sheriff's Office.



Coates

Crews slow fire near Huntington

By Jayson Jacoby
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Fire crews dealing with triple-digit heat, gusty winds and hip-high tinder-dry grass have made progress toward stopping a fire in steep terrain near Brownlee Reservoir in eastern Baker County.

The Pole fire, which could threaten a few homes, has burned about 675 acres.

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USFS seeks to limit spread of Eagle Cap blaze

By Jayson Jacoby
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Forest Service officials decided to have a helicopter dump water on part of a fire in the Eagle Cap Wilderness Monday and Tuesday, but their goal is to limit its growth rather than put it out.

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S. John Collins / Baker City Herald

Alex Wachtel of Baker City, a student at Eastern Oregon University who hopes to become a teacher, worked as a paraprofessional this summer in the Baker School District Summer Academy.

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ALEX WACHTEL PURSUES HER DREAM

Talking teaching

By Samantha O'Conner
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Alex Wachtel has wanted to be a teacher since she was a third-grader at South Baker Elementary.

"It's gone back and forth throughout the years as I've grown up but I had a really great teacher in third grade, Mrs. Stout," Wachtel said. "And I just, that's what I've really wanted to do ever since and being here really confirms that because I love kids."

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