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### QUICK HITS

#### Good Day Wish To A Subscriber

A special good day to Herald subscriber Scott Sherman of Baker City.

#### Local, 2A

Oregon's newly formed Governor's Task Force on the Outdoors will meet for its third session of the year Tuesday in Baker City.

The public meeting will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Sunridge Inn and Conference Center, 1 Sunridge Lane.

#### Oregon, 5A

PENDLETON — The massive Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line has cost around \$100 million without the installation of a single utility pole.

The 300-plus-mile, 500-kilovolt line could be ready to carry juice as early as 2026 at a cost of \$1 billion or more. Idaho Power, PacificCorp and Bonneville Power Administration teamed up on the project, and Idaho Power is spearheading the local, state and federal permitting work.

### BRIEFING

#### Garden Club to meet Sept. 4

The Baker County Garden Club's next meeting is set for Wednesday, Sept. 4.

It will begin at 10:30 a.m. at Oregon Trail Landscape & Nursery, 600 Elm St.

Members are asked to bring a sack lunch and a chair. New members are welcome.

### WEATHER

#### Today

82 / 40



Mostly sunny

#### Tuesday

88 / 45



Mostly sunny

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### Baker City Memory Cruise

## A Classic Lives On



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Ron Robbel's 1936 DeSoto Airflow won Best in Show in the Memory Cruise car judging at Geiser-Pollman Park on Saturday afternoon.

#### By Brandon Taylor

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Hot rods and classic cars filled Geiser-Pollman Park Saturday for the 29th-annual Memory Cruise.

Ron Robbel, 78, from Bend, won Best in Show for his aubergine-hued 1936 DeSoto Airflow. It was his first time in Baker City and his first time building a street rod. He originally bought the car in 2002 as a parts car — to be stripped and used to rebuild a different DeSoto. When that car was built, he had the leftover skeleton and he decided to build another car around that.

Ghostly flames wrap around the front end of the vehicle. A chrome angel ornament was mounted on the hood. Copper rings encircled the headlights and copper hubcaps decorate the tires.

Robbel said he doesn't know how much money he has put into the car — he hasn't added up all the receipts.

"It wouldn't make a difference," he said, but he estimates he has spent about \$100,000 over the past 11 years building the prize-winning DeSoto.

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Best in Show winner Ron Robbel, 78, from Bend, left, talks about his prize-winning 1936 DeSoto with Baker City resident Ray Koontz, 56, during Saturday's Memory Cruise at Geiser-Pollman Park.

## Fire growth slows

#### By Jayson Jacoby

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The Granite Gulch fire was relatively tranquil over the weekend, but with hot, dry and potentially windy weather predicted over the next several days, the blaze in the Eagle Cap Wilderness could begin to spread again as it did at times last week.

The fire, started by lightning July 14 in Granite Gulch north of the Minam River, moved "very slowly" Saturday and Sunday, said Larisa Bogardus, public affairs officer for the Granite Gulch fire.

"It was mainly smoldering, burning the surface debris, which is ideal," Bogardus said this morning.

Fire officials anticipated the fire, fanned by strong winds, could produce a column of smoke during the weekend.

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## Bicyclist nabbed trying to steal a chain saw

Store employees and a bystander thwarted the efforts of a La Grande man Thursday as he tried to get away on his bicycle with a chain saw he is accused of taking from Cliff's Saws and Cycles.

Baker City Police arrested Chad La Vern Proffitt, 46, on charges of second-degree burglary and first-degree theft, Chief Ray Duman stated in a press release.

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### Project at Campbell Street Interchange Planned For Late Summer 2020

## ODOT to build sidewalks under Interstate 84

The Oregon Department of Transportation plans to build sidewalks and wheelchair-accessible ramps beneath the Interstate 84 overpass at the Campbell Street interchange during the late summer of 2020.

The \$538,000 project, using federal money, will connect to the existing sidewalks near the Baker Truck Corral on the south side of Campbell Street, and near the Sunridge Inn on the north side of the street.

ODOT also plans to restripe Campbell Street in that area to a three-lane configuration, with one travel lane in each direction and a center turn lane, said Michelle Owen, Baker City public works director.

The Baker City Council during its meeting Tuesday evening will consider approving an agreement with the state for the project. The meeting starts at 7 p.m. at City Hall, 1655 First St.

Although ODOT would build the sidewalks and ramps, the city would be responsible for maintenance.

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Jayson Jacoby / Baker City Herald

The Oregon Department of Transportation plans to build sidewalks under Interstate 84 at the Campbell Street interchange late next summer. ODOT will also restripe the area to a three-lane configuration to match the rest of Campbell Street to the west.



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