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Baker's Brylan Robb, right, battles Weiser Monday

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A special good day to Herald subscriber Janice Cangie of Baker City.

BRIEFING

Community Choir starts rehearsals on Monday

The Baker Community Choir will begin rehearsals on Monday, Sept. 23 for its Christmas performances. Rehearsals are scheduled for every Monday at 7 p.m. in the choir practice room at Baker High School, 2500 E St. Choir members should arrive by 6:45 p.m. this Monday to receive their music. No experience is necessary, and singers from high school age and up are welcome. Middle school students can join if accompanied by an adult.

Cost is \$15 per person. Christmas concerts are set for Dec. 13, 14 and 15.

More information is available by calling LaVonne Yeoumans at 541-523-2347.

Baker County Seniors to meet

Baker County Senior Citizens Inc., the nonprofit that raises money to support senior services, will have its annual meeting Friday, Sept. 20 at 1 p.m. at the Senior Center, 2810 Cedar St. All Baker County senior citizens are encouraged to attend.

WEATHER

Today

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Rain showers

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Baker Cowboy Jesse Brown Sets Steer Wrestling Record At Pendleton Rodeo

Round Up Record



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Jesse Brown leaps from his horse onto a steer during the steer wrestling event at the 2019 Pendleton Round-Up. Brown won the event and set a new arena record of 3.7 seconds.

By Jayson Jacoby
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Cowboys have been tangling with steers at the Pendleton Round Up for more than 100 years but Baker City cowboy Jesse Brown needed less than 4 seconds to make history.

Brown, 27, not only won the steer wrestling event at the famous rodeo on Saturday.

In the finals Brown brought his steer down in 3.7 seconds.

His performance broke the Round Up arena record of 3.8 seconds set in 2002 by K.C. Jones and equalled in 2014 by Casey Martin.

Brown, a 2011 Baker High School graduate who was competing in his

fourth Round Up, said he was especially excited to set a record at such a renowned rodeo — and in the final round no less.

"It's a big one," he said of the Round Up, which started in 1910. "It's one of the most prestigious rodeos in the world."

And Brown's event, steer wrestling, has been part of the annual September event almost as long, dating to 1911.

Brown, who competed in team roping at Montana State University after transferring from Washington State University, where he played football, said steer wrestling "fits me the best" among rodeo events.

He's ranked 25th in the world in the event.

Brown said his goal for 2020 is to qualify for the biggest spectacle in rodeo — the National Finals Rodeo that happens each December in Las Vegas.

Although Brown's 3.7-second time in Saturday's finals at Pendleton was an arena record it wasn't his own personal best time.

That's 3.6 seconds. (The world record is 2.4 seconds.)

The explanation, Brown said, is in the unique nature of steer wrestling at Pendleton.

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Kathy Aney/EO Medial Group

Bulldogger Jesse Brown wrestles his steer to the ground to clinch the steer wrestling title Saturday at the Pendleton Round Up. Brown's time in the final round, 3.7 seconds, set a new record for the prestigious rodeo.

Infestation bugs Baker residents

By Jayson Jacoby
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It was around the time the 11th can of Raid went dry that Stephanie Tweit began to be seriously perturbed.

Although it might have been the ninth can of bug killer, or the sixth.

There was a lot of bugs, and cans.

"It's the weirdest thing," said Tweit, one of several residents in a north Baker City neighborhood who have been dealing with an infestation of what seem to be either chinch bugs or seed bugs.

Whatever an entomologist might call them, Tweit's assessment is succinct.

"They're driving everybody nuts."

Tweit, who has lived on the west side of Cedar near Hughes Lane since 2003, said this is the first such insectile invasion she's seen there.

"This is a new thing," she said Monday afternoon.

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Submitted photo

A closeup of one of the bugs at Bryan and Stephanie Tweit's home.

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Bugs crawl around the wood frame of a hot tub at Bryan and Stephanie Tweit's home on Cedar Street in north Baker City.



BLACKSMITH SHOP OPENS SUNDAY

New exhibit opens at the Trail Center

The Oregon Trail Interpretive Center will celebrate Frontier Day on Sunday, Sept. 22, with the grand opening for a blacksmith shop.

Visitors can watch blacksmithing demonstrations, pan for gold, see living history performers and sample Dutch oven cooking.

The Frontier Day events are scheduled from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

The Interpretive Center is open daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Center is off Highway 86 about five miles east of Baker City.

Admission is \$8 (two days) for ages 16 and over, \$4.50 for seniors 62 and over (free with a senior pass), and free for ages 15 and younger.

Cell tower proposed

The Baker City Planning Commission will have a public hearing Oct. 18 to consider an application for a 70-foot-tall cell tower on the north side of D Street between East and Clark streets.

The hearing is set for 6 p.m. at City Hall, 1655 First St.

Verizon Wireless is the applicant. Carney and Deborah Lansford own the 2.12-acre property, which has a storage building business.

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FRIDAY — BICYCLE TOUR THROUGH THE ELKHORN MOUNTAINS