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A special good day to Herald subscriber Christina Smith of Baker City.

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COLLEGE PLACE, Wash- ington — A wanted man from Baker County who was reportedly driving a car stolen in Missoula, Montana, was arrested Thursday, May 28, in College Place after a brief pursuit by local police.

BRIEFING

**Siddoway, Hunt win scholarships from Soroptimists of Baker County**

Soroptimist International of Baker County has awarded \$1,000 scholarships to two local students, Kylie Siddoway and Abigail Hunt.

Scholarships are awarded annually to a woman who is a current graduate of a high school in Baker County or Powder Valley High School, or who has graduated within the past five years and is attended or has been accepted to a higher education institution.

Siddoway plans to earn a bachelor's degree in animal science and a minor in agribusiness, and then to continue at Mays Business School to obtain a master's degree in marketing. Her career goal is to work as an agricultural marketer for a cattle company.

Hunt plans to attend Montana State University and earn a nursing degree, then earn her master's degree and become a nurse practitioner.

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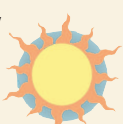
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Memorial Day Ceremony At Mount Hope Cemetery

## Never Forgotten



Lisa Britton/Baker City Herald

Ralph Cole speaks during the Memorial Day ceremony on Monday, May 31 at Mount Hope Cemetery. Cole was born in Baker City and served for 26 1/2 years in the U.S. military.

By Jayson Jacoby  
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On a tranquil and sunny morning, with only the soft rustle of a warm May wind fluttering the hundreds of American flags at Mount Hope Cemetery, Ralph Cole asked those attending a Memorial Day ceremony to imagine other circumstances, ones that could scarcely be more different.

He asked the crowd of more than 200 people to think of a December day in Vietnam, more than half a century ago.

He asked them to remember John Noble Holcomb, the Baker County boy who grew up in Richland and died on Dec. 3, 1968, at age 22, after showing "indomitable will and courage after his unit was attacked from three sides."

That description is part of the citation that accompanied the Medal of Honor bestowed, posthumously, on Holcomb. He is one of just 13 Oregonians, and the only Baker County resident, to receive the U.S. military's highest decoration.

Holcomb carried several of his wounded fellow soldiers to a safer position, exposing himself to machine gun and artillery fire.

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Lisa Britton/Baker City Herald

Paula Benintendi places an American flag at Mount Hope Cemetery on Monday, May 31.



Missoula Children's Theater Plans Two Performances During July

## Young actors will return to stage

By Lisa Britton  
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After skipping 2020 due to the coronavirus pandemic, Missoula Children's Theater is returning to Baker City.

The experience will look a little different than past years, however.

The cast will be limited to 30 students, from kindergarten up to 12th grade.

Cast members and directors will wear masks.

At this point, no audience will be allowed at the shows, which will be in the Baker High School auditorium.

Ginger Savage, executive director of Crossroads Carnegie Art Center, is

working on two different scenarios.

One is that she asks the state for permission to have an audience that is well spaced in the auditorium.

If that's not possible, the Baker School District has volunteered to livestream each performance.

Participants are encouraged to register early by going online to [www.crossroads-arts.org](http://www.crossroads-arts.org) or calling 541-523-5369.

"We're already halfway booked," Addie Voss, education coordinator for Crossroads.

**Johnny Appleseed**

The first production is "Johnny Appleseed." Auditions will be held Monday, July 5, followed by a week

of rehearsals. Performances will be at 6 p.m. Friday, July 9, and 3 p.m. Saturday, July 10.

Cost to participate in MCT is \$40 for Crossroads members or \$60 for nonmembers. Scholarships are available.

**The Emperor's New Clothes**

The second production, "The Emperor's New Clothes," will begin with auditions on Monday, July 26.

The cast rehearses throughout the week, which concludes with performances at 6 p.m. Friday, July 30, and 3 p.m. Saturday, July 31.

Cost to participate is \$40 for Crossroads members or \$60 for nonmembers. Scholarships are available.

## Case rate stays low

By Jayson Jacoby  
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Baker County had another relatively quiet weekend on the COVID-19 front, with one new case on Saturday and no cases on Friday or Sunday.

For the first 30 days of May, the county had an average of 1.7 cases per day, the lowest rate since October 2020. Most of May's cases — 27 of 51 — were reported in the first seven days. Since then the county has had zero cases on 10 days, and one case on seven days.

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## Couple hurt when ATV rolls

By Jayson Jacoby  
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A Condon woman sustained a fractured femur, and her husband had a leg fracture and a torn knee ligament, but their young grandson was not hurt Sunday morning, May 30, when their four-wheeler rolled about 50 feet down a steep slope in the mountains above Sumpter.

Betty Jo Reed, 60, was rescued by members of the Baker County Sheriff's Office's search and rescue team, and taken by Life-Flight helicopter to Saint Alphonsus Hospital in Boise.

Reed had surgery on her injured leg Sunday night, according to the couple's daughter, Melissa Reed.

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## Record heat likely this week

By Jayson Jacoby  
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June's sizzling debut is likely to become a record-breaker.

The National Weather Service is forecasting high temperatures of 93 on Wednesday, June 2 and 95 on Thursday.

Both temperatures would set new records.

The current record high at the Baker City Airport for June 2 is 90 degrees, and the record for June 3 is 92. Both were set in 2007.

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