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**Sports, A5**

EUGENE — Third-ranked Oregon had a fast start and a big finish against Arizona.

Anthony Brown threw for 206 yards and three touchdowns, and the Ducks handed the Wildcats their 16th straight loss with a 41-19 victory on Saturday night, Sept. 25.

Oregon (4-0, 1-0 Pac-12) extended its winning streak at Autzen Stadium to 15 games. The Ducks are the lone undefeated team left in the Pac-12.

BRIEFING

**Tables available for annual Christmas bazaar Dec. 3-4**

Baker County is hosting the annual Christmas bazaar Dec. 3 and 4 at the Baker County Fairgrounds show barn. Tables are \$40, and there are spots available. To reserve a table, call the Baker County Extension Office at 541-523-6418.

In addition, the county is looking for volunteers to help with the bazaar. More information is available on the Baker County 4-H Facebook page, or by calling the Extension Office or emailing to khauserk@oregonstate.edu. The bazaar hours will be noon to 5:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 3 and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 4.

WEATHER

Today

56 / 25  
Rain showers



Wednesday

62 / 29  
Sunny



Full forecast on the back of the B section.

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## Traffic fears

■ Eastside resident worries about uncontrolled residential intersections

By SAMANTHA O'CONNOR  
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Darlene Harff watches cars zoom through the uncontrolled intersections near her home on Cherry Street in east Baker City, and as she watches, she worries.

Harff estimates that about 90% of drivers she watches don't slow down, and prepare to yield to traffic to their right as the law requires, as they approach intersections on Cherry.

Harff, whose home is on Cherry Street between Broadway Street and Washington Avenue, said that when the Albertsons grocery store was closed for several months in 2015 and 2016, traffic lessened.

But it has increased since, she said.

"I think we get the traffic because they think it's the through street from the stores," Harff said.

Michelle Owen, Baker City's director of public works, said Cherry Street, although it's designated as a local street rather than a "collector" street — one designed to carry more traffic — likely attracts more drivers than other north-south streets in the area for the reason Harff cited.

Because Cherry is about midway between the two north-south collector streets in the area — Clark and Birch — drivers heading to or from the Baker Towne Square and Safe-



Samantha O'Conner/Baker City Herald

Darlene Harff, who lives near the intersection of Cherry and Broadway streets, worries that crashes will happen due to the lack of stop signs at the intersection.

way might be more likely to use Cherry, Owen said.

She said the city doesn't have any traffic counts from streets in the area.

Harff said she saw drivers going around "road closed" signs on Washington during a repaving project this summer — some of whom even stopped to move the signs.

"The whole time this road was supposed to be closed, they were flying down here like crazy," Harff said. "I'm like, this is insane."

Harff, who moved to Baker City from Minneapolis seven years ago, said she had contacted Baker City with her concerns.

She said her residential neighborhood in Minneapolis had stop signs every other block.

"So, you couldn't go more than a couple of blocks without stopping," she said.

Harff said she has even seen people drive through stop signs in Baker City. She has also heard from people all over town that inattentive drivers, especially at uncontrolled intersections, are "a real, real problem."

About half of Baker City's intersections are uncontrolled, most of those in residential areas that don't have collector streets.

She said that on some Saturday nights it sounds like a race track as drivers speed down Cherry Street.

"My neighbor on the other side of the block, she says a lot of them over there don't even stop at the stop sign (at Balm and

Washington)," Harff said. "And some guy came flying through one night and he lost control of his car and he smashed into the neighbor across the street's garage can."

Harff said she has traveled all over the country, visiting 48 states, and across Canada.

"I've been in a lot of big cities, little cities. I've never seen anything like the way they go flying through it. It's just crazy," Harff said. "It's just worrisome. There's been so many near accidents on the intersection and all we asked for was a stop sign. One stop sign to slow them down between Campbell to Washington."

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## All quiet on wolves

■ No wolves killed, or attacks on cattle, since Sept. 17

By JAYSON JACOBY

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No additional wolves have been killed from the Lookout Mountain pack in eastern Baker County since Sept. 17, and the pack hasn't been implicated in any recent attacks on cattle.

Wolves from the Lookout Mountain pack have killed at least six head of cattle, and injured three others, since mid July.

On the morning of Sept. 17, employees from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), firing rifles from a helicopter, shot and killed three wolves from the pack, including its breeding male.

Michelle Dennehy, an ODFW spokesperson, wrote in an email to the Herald Monday morning, Sept. 27, that no wolves have been killed since Sept. 17.

ODFW announced on Sept. 16 that agency workers intended to kill up to four wolves from the pack, not including the breeding female.

Four ranchers who have lost cattle to wolves are also authorized to kill up to two wolves from the pack, not including the breeding female. That permit continues through Oct. 31.

ODFW employees shot and killed two other Lookout Mountain wolves, both of them pups born this spring, on Aug. 1.

The most recent confirmed wolf attack on cattle happened on Sept. 16, according to ODFW reports.

ODFW employees found the carcass of a 450-pound calf on Sept. 17 on private land near Daly Creek, north of Lookout Mountain.

ODFW workers also confirmed on Sept. 20 that wolves had injured a 450-pound calf, also on private land, but biologists estimated that attack happened about three weeks earlier.

The calf was found in the Timber Canyon area north of Little Lookout Mountain.

ODFW officials estimate the Lookout Mountain pack consists of six wolves, including the breeding female.

By killing the breeding male, ODFW hopes to still allow the breeding female to raise any remaining juveniles. Reducing the number of juveniles she will need to feed increases the likelihood that some will survive, according to a press release from the agency.

Baker County Sheriff Travis Ash sent a letter to ODFW Director Curt Melcher on Sept. 13 asking the state to kill the entire Lookout Mountain pack.

Three days later ODFW announced that it would try to kill up to four wolves, citing the ongoing threat to livestock and the evidence that the Lookout Mountain pack has been targeting cattle despite significant populations of elk and deer in the area.

## The art of flowers

By LISA BRITTON

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Mollie Collings and Shelley Terrill wanted a slower pace of life, and that's what they found in Baker City.

"Smaller town, to slow down a little," Collings said.

And now they're drawing on years of experience in the floral industry to open a shop called Baker Floral & Botanicals.

"We've both been in the floral industry all of our working lives," Terrill said.

They relocated from Vancouver, Washington, in June 2021. The floral shop is located at 2300 Broadway St., at the corner of Broadway and Fourth streets.

Their official grand open-

ing was Thursday, Sept. 16.

In addition to flower arrangements — Terrill prefers creating large displays, such as for weddings and other events — the shop features smaller creations they call "botanical art" that include succulents and ferns.

Collings has an associate's degree in art.

"I have a love for plants, so I put the two together," she said. "I'm probably the biggest plant nerd you'll meet."

Their floral supplies come from several wholesale dealers, including one that provides flowers from a Hillsboro business.

"We like to use local," Collings said.



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Shelley Terrill, left, and Mollie Collings opened Baker Floral & Botanicals in September.

She said some plants, such as maidenhair fern, are not made for a long transport.

"It does not ship well — it's super delicate," she said.

The shop offers premade flower arrangements as well as special orders. They feature local artwork as well, and will be open late for the

First Friday art walk on Oct. 1.

Baker Floral & Botanicals is open Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information, call the shop at 541-519-6059 or follow updates on Facebook.

## Nonprofit aims to reduce child abuse

By SAMANTHA O'CONNOR

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A new nonprofit with a mission to help rural children and families and reduce child abuse rates is operating in Baker City.

The Baker Relief Nursery was certified in April 2021. It is the 39th certified Relief Nursery program in Oregon.

The Baker Relief Nursery is at 1925 16th St. The staff encourages people with questions to call 541-239-

5054 to set up an appointment. The email address is bakerreliefnursery1927@gmail.com.

"The Relief Nursery model provides comprehensive family services in safe and nurturing environments to children ages 6 and under whose families are enduring situations such as social isolation, children with special needs, mental or physical health challenges, or recovery from domestic

violence or addiction, among others," said RaeAnn Butler, the Nursery's program coordinator. "Our entire model is based on strengthening these families in Baker County and North Powder, helping reduce the number and severity of significant stresses while building their little ones' social-emotional skills in our therapeutic classroom."

Katherine Molder Collins, the interim executive

director for the Baker Relief Nursery, said the Relief Nursery concept dates to 1976 in Eugene, when a group of woman, some with a background in social services, sought a new approach to dealing with child abuse.

The founders researched statistics and found that more than half of abused children were six or younger, Collins said.

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