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both claim 1A title



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A special good day to Herald subscriber Joseph Brooks of Baker City.

BRIEFING

Sen. Ron Wyden to host a live online town hall for Baker County residents March 12

U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., will have a live online town hall for Baker County residents on Saturday, March 12, at 3:30 p.m. To sign up, go to <https://m.facebook.com/PeoplesTH/>

Public Works Advisory Committee meets March 9

Baker City's Public Works Advisory Committee will meet Wednesday, March 9, at 5:30 p.m. in council chambers at City Hall, 1655 First St. Agenda items include the review of the 2022 pavement management plan and 2022 capital improvement plans.

Haines Fire Protection District board meeting March 14

HAINES — The Haines Fire Protection District will have its monthly board of directors meeting on Monday, March 14, at 7 p.m. at the main fire station, 816 Cole St. All residents of the district are welcome to attend.

WEATHER

Today
41/23
Rain or snow

Wednesday
33/6
Morning snow

Full forecast on the back of the B section.

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BULLDOGS HEAD FOR THE BAY

For the first time since 1998, both the Baker boys and girls basketball teams qualify for state



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Baker junior Zojie Ramos goes to the basket against Marshfield in a Class 4A playoff game on Saturday, March 5, 2022, at Baker High School. Ramos and her teammates will compete in the state tournament March 10-12 at Coos Bay.

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For the first time in almost a quarter century, both the Baker High School boys and girls basketball teams will compete in the state tournament.

And as was the case the last time the teams pulled off this feat, in 1998, the Bulldogs will all be traveling to the same city.

This year it's Coos Bay. In 1998 the destination was Portland, where both the girls and boys tournaments were played at the Chiles Center on the University of Portland campus (albeit in different weeks).

The situation for this week's tournaments in Coos Bay, which start Thursday, March 10, and continue through Saturday, March 12, is a bit different.

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Hudson Spike led Baker with 17 points in a 69-52 loss to La Grande in the GOL title game on Saturday, Feb. 19, 2022, in the Baker gym. Spike and his teammates will compete in the Class 4A state tournament March 10-12 at Coos Bay.

Lisa Britton/Baker City Herald

Jesse Brown wins \$100,000 at rodeo

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Jesse Brown hasn't had a chance to calculate what the hourly wage would be based on the \$100,000 he earned for his most recent 3.7 seconds of work.

Suffice it to say it would be an ample sum.

(About \$97.3 million, which most people could get by on.)

Brown, a steer wrestler from Baker City, had the biggest payday of his professional career on Sunday, March 6.

Brown won the steer wrestling event at The American, a rodeo in Arlington, Texas, earning a \$100,000 check.

The American is a unique competition with a total payout of \$3 million, including \$100,000 for the winners in several events.

"What a day," Brown said in phone interview on Monday, March 7, from Weatherford,



Rod Connor/PRCA/Contributed Photo

Jesse Brown of Baker City takes down his steer in 3.9 seconds in Round 9 of the National Finals Rodeo on Friday, Dec. 10, 2021, in Las Vegas. Brown tied for first in the round with three other steer wrestlers.

Texas, where he's taking a rest day before heading to Houston for another big rodeo March 10-11.

That one has a more modest purse, at \$50,000, but un-

like The American, the results will count toward the season standings leading up to the Super Bowl of rodeo, the National Finals Rodeo in December in Las Vegas.

Brown, a 2011 Baker High School graduate, has competed in the past two National Finals Rodeo events. He entered the 2021 competition as the world's second-ranked steer wrestler, and finished sixth for the season with winnings of \$165,061.

Brown, who competes for Resistol, a maker of cowboy hats, brought down his steer in 3.76 seconds at The American.

Brown said he's watched the event on TV since he started in rodeo several years ago.

He competed in the event for the first time in 2021.

"It's one of a handful of those rodeos that a guy wants to win in his career," Brown said.

The event began with 10 contestants in each event, and the top four times and scores advanced to the cham-

ionship round. In the sudden-death format, the top time and score earned the \$100,000 payday.

Brown said the atmosphere in AT&T Stadium, where the Dallas Cowboys play their home football games, was electric.

"The stands were packed," he said. "It's a huge stadium, and I was pretty juiced up. There was pressure, but it felt awesome."

Brown, who played football at Washington State University before transferring to Montana State University and taking up rodeo full time, spends much of the year traveling around the country to compete in rodeos.

One of his favorites is Oregon's most famous — the Pendleton Round Up.

In the 2019 Round Up Brown set an event record by bringing down his steer in 3.7 seconds.

Washington skier dies in accident on Gunsight Peak

BY DICK MASON
The (La Grande) Observer

A Washington college student died following a ski accident on the northwest slope of Gunsight Peak, southwest of the Anthony Lakes Mountain Resort, on Saturday, March 5.

Ella Carr, 20, was severely injured after losing control and crashing into trees, according

to a Union County Search and Rescue press release.

The accident was reported at 11:22 a.m. March 5 after a man Carr was skiing with called 911, according to Union County Search and Rescue Coordinator Nick Vora.

Search and rescue teams from the Union and Baker County sheriff's offices, plus

crews from the La Grande and North Powder Rural fire departments, U.S. Forest Service law enforcement and the Anthony Lakes Ski Patrol all responded to the accident.

In addition to the responding ground resources, a Life Flight medevac helicopter was ordered, along with a hoist-capable medevac heli-

copter from the Oregon Army National Guard due to the steep terrain and reported severity of Carr's injuries.

The helicopter's hoist equipment would have allowed Carr to have been pulled into the aircraft while it was hovering. Vora said it would have been impossible for a helicopter to land at the site.

About 80 minutes after the initial call, a ski patrol member and Anthony Lakes staff climbed the approximately 38-degree slope and reached Carr. They assessed the situation, and then brought her to the base of the peak where La Grande Fire Department

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