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A special good day to Herald subscriber Pattie Burlew of Baker City.

BRIEFING

Nominees sought for Fair Family

Baker County Friends of the Fairgrounds are seeking nominees for the 2022 Fair Family of the Year. Nominations are due by July 10. Nomination letters can be emailed to bakercityfriendsofthefair@gmail.com.

'Trunks of Junk' sale aids scholarship program

"Trunks of Junk," a parking lot rummage sale at the Baker Christian Church on July 8, will benefit scholarships for local women. P.E.O. Chapter CJ members will host this event at the church, 675 Highway 7, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. or until the car trunks are empty of items.

Bailey earns award from Edward Jones

Katherine A. Bailey, an Edward Jones financial advisor in Baker City, recently earned the firm's Frank Finnegan Award for exceptional achievement in building client relationships.

Bailey was one of only 2,089 Edward Jones financial advisors to receive the Frank Finnegan award, named for Finnegan, who joined Edward Jones in 1953 in St. Louis after playing pro baseball.

Bailey was presented with the award at the Edward Jones regional meeting in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. Her office is at 2017 First St. in Baker City.

WEATHER

Today
 80/44
 Sunny

Sunday
 88/53
 Sunny

Monday
 94/54
 Sunny



Snow continued to block the Elkhorn Drive Scenic Byway near Anthony Lakes on June 23, 2022. Crews from Anthony Lakes Mountain Resort opened one lane of the byway on Friday, June 24.

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SNOW STICKS AROUND

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Dan Story didn't figure a Harley-Davidson motorcycle was a fitting substitute for a snowmobile.

But as the rumble of the distant engine materialized into a visible vehicle, Story had to concede that it was indeed a Harley rolling through a slushy snowdrift on the highest paved road in Northeastern Oregon.

That incongruous sight, along the Elkhorn Drive Scenic Byway on Wednesday, June 22, was perhaps appropriate in what's been an abnormal season for the byway and for other forest roads, said Story, road manager for the Whitman District on the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest.

The hottest weather in nine months blistered the region Wednesday — the high at the Baker City Airport was 87 — but winter refused to relinquish its reign in the Elkhorn Mountains.

It wasn't the temperature. Sunshine on the day after the summer solstice warmed even the peaks well into the 60s.

Yes despite the heat, deep snow continued to block a four-mile section of the byway near An-

thony Lakes Mountain Resort.

A worker from Anthony Lakes plowed through drifts on Thursday, June 23 and managed to open one car width of the byway by Friday morning, June 24, said Peter Johnson, the resort's general manager.

He said the snow should melt relatively rapidly with even warmer temperatures forecast early next week, and more of the black asphalt exposed, which absorbs heat and facilitates melting.

The drifts aren't solely the remnants of winter blizzards that delighted skiers and snowboarders, though.

Starting in early April and continuing into the middle of June, a persistent weather pattern brought a series of unseasonably chilly storms into the region. Snow, in some cases many inches of snow, has accumulated at higher elevations, including sections of the byway.

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Dan Story/Contributed Photo

On June 13, 2022, fresh snow covered the Elkhorn Drive Scenic Byway. Warmer weather has melted the new snow, but lingering drifts continue to block about four miles of the paved route near Anthony Lakes.

"It's been a crazy spring with the late snow and these really cool temperatures."

— Dan Story, road manager, Whitman District, Wallowa-Whitman National Forest

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Woman gets 73 months for burglary, other crimes

Pearl Adair recently spent 14 months in a state prison on two local convictions

BY JAYSON JACOBY

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A Baker City woman who has been convicted of multiple crimes in different areas of Baker County since 2019, including Baker City, Durkee and Halfway, and spent 14 months in prison in 2019 and 2020, has been sentenced to 73 months in prison for three other offenses.

Pearl Naomi Adair, 41, who is described as homeless in court records, was sentenced on Wednesday, June 22, by Judge Matt Shirtcliff in Baker County Circuit Court on two convictions in Baker County. She had previously been sentenced on a Union County theft conviction.

Adair will be incarcerated at the Coffee Creek Correctional Facility, the women's state prison in Wilsonville.

She had been sent to Coffee Creek on April 21, 2022, to serve a 17-month sentence in the Union County case. Adair pleaded guilty in April 2021 to first-degree theft for stealing an antique sewing machine from a La Grande business in December 2020. She was sentenced to 24 months of probation on that conviction, but her probation was revoked in March 2022 because she failed to report to her probation officer or complete substance abuse treatment as required, according to Union County court records.

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Baker County Library District

A new public phone has been installed outside the Baker County Library, 2400 Resort St.

Baker County Library adds public phone

Baker City Herald

The Baker County Public Library has installed a new public phone at the Baker City branch, 2400 Resort St., where users can make local calls, and outbound-only long-distance calls up to 20 minutes, for free.

"It's like a no-pay payphone," Perry Stokes, director of the Baker County Library District, said in a press release. "But instead of dropping in coins or entering prepaid call plan numbers, you only have to pick up the handset and dial a number."

The long-distance calls are free because the phone makes calls through the library's internet connection rather than a landline.

"Previously, due to cost, we had to block long-distance calls on our courtesy phone," Stokes added. "These days, that is a huge barrier to just making a simple call to a mobile phone with an out-of-area number, even though that phone owner is a local resident. But with VoIP over the internet, long-distance becomes a non-issue."

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Blockbusters a boon for Eltrym Theater

Moviehouse having its busiest June since 2004

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Fighter planes, dinosaurs and a space ranger have helped bring the Eltrym Theater out of the pandemic doldrums.

A trio of recently released blockbusters — "Top Gun: Maverick," "Jurassic World: Dominion," and "Lightyear" — have attracted big audiences to Baker City's historic moviehouse over the past month.

"We've been having our busiest June since 2004," said Terry McQuisten, who with her husband, Dan, owns the Eltrym. "We were hoping to get to 80% of our sales projections, but we're far over that for the month of June. It's been really uplifting for everybody."

"Top Gun: Maverick," the sequel to the 1986 Tom Cruise film, has been a boon for the theater industry nationwide, bringing in more than \$900 million worldwide.

The movie, which opened May 27,



Jayson Jacoby/Baker City Herald

The Eltrym Theater's marquee on June 24, 2022, showed the three blockbusters that have made this the busiest June for the historic theater since 2004.

remains in the rotation at the Eltrym almost a month later.

"We've been so busy with 'Top Gun,' which we knew was going to be big but at the same time got pushed off three or four years," McQuisten

said. "'Top Gun' is kind of different because it's a throwback, it brought a lot of varied and different people to the same space together, it brought back that escapism."

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