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Nominees sought for Baker County 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 bakercity-friendsofthefair@gmail.com.

Volunteers needed to help Library book sale

Friends of the Baker County Library need volunteers to help sort books and to work as cashiers during the book sale July 14-17. Volunteers can sign up at the library, 2400 Resort St., or by calling Jen at 541-519-7828..

Kids Sidewalk Tribute Walk set for July 2

The annual Kids Sidewalk Tribute Walk, sponsored by Baker City Events, happens Saturday, July 2, in downtown Baker City. The theme is "Salute to Rural Country Life in America."

Entries can line up for judging at 1 p.m. at Court Plaza (Main and Court streets) followed by the walk to Geiser-Pollman Park. Adult chaperones are encouraged to join in the walk with their youngsters. Every child will receive a ribbon, and cash prizes will be awarded in the categories of: Groups and Clubs; Floats; Individuals; Wheels and Pets. At the park, treats will be provided by Gregg Hinrichsen State Farm Insurance and games organized by the Baker Elks Lodge.

Sponsors help support the parade — those who are interested in donating \$75 to help with prizes and awards can send a donation to Baker City Events, 2545 College St., Baker City, OR 97814. For more information, contact Lynette Perry at 541-519-5653 or bakercityevents1@gmail.com.

WEATHER

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City Council discusses police patrols

City will maintain 24-hour patrols; council sets work session for Sept. 13

BY SAMANTHA O'CONNOR
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Baker City Police Chief Ty Duby told city councilors on Tuesday, June 28 that the department will continue 24-hour patrols while city officials discuss the possibility of

dropping patrols during early morning periods when call volumes are relatively low.

Councilors decided to schedule a work session prior to their regular meeting on Sept. 13 to continue discussing the patrol schedule issue.

Although Duby said in an interview with the Herald on Monday, June 27 that maintaining 24-hour patrols has been a challenge since he joined the department about three years ago as a lieutenant, the topic wasn't listed on the agenda for the council's Tuesday meeting.

That changed after social

media posts last weekend stated that the department, starting Aug. 23, would no longer patrol from 3 a.m. to 7 a.m. daily.

Duby told councilors that he had asked a sergeant to draft a schedule with that change so City Manager Jonathan Cannon and councilors would have a document to review.

"I did just assume that we all just had a month and a half to have some further discussions to discuss with the city manager, command staff, council, because by (the police union) contract, we have to post the schedule ten days before we change things out," Duby said.

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THE RODEO LIFE

Bill and Colleen Taylor reflect on more than 30 years with the Haines Stampede Rodeo

BY LISA BRITTON
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HAINES — When Bill and Colleen Taylor look across the Haines Stampede Rodeo arena, their gazes see beyond the expanse of sand and bucking chutes and speakers.

They see children learning how to hammer nails.

They see a rodeo attendee asking to scatter ashes of the beloved dog which he won in this very place.

They see their granddaughters in a barrel racing contest — one of the few events that Colleen has actually seen in 30-plus years of volunteering with the rodeo.

"There are so many stories out here," Colleen said.

"Our kids and grandkids have grown up in this arena," Bill added.

The Haines Stampede arena, so quiet on Tuesday, June 28, will be full of action in a few



Lisa Britton/Baker City Herald

Colleen and Bill Taylor at one of their favorite places — the Haines Stampede Rodeo grounds — on June 28.

days for the annual rodeo on July 3 and 4.

The Taylors will be honored as grand marshal and queen at the Haines Fourth of July parade at 10 a.m. on Monday, July 4. They were also celebrated at

a potluck dinner on Wednesday, June 29.

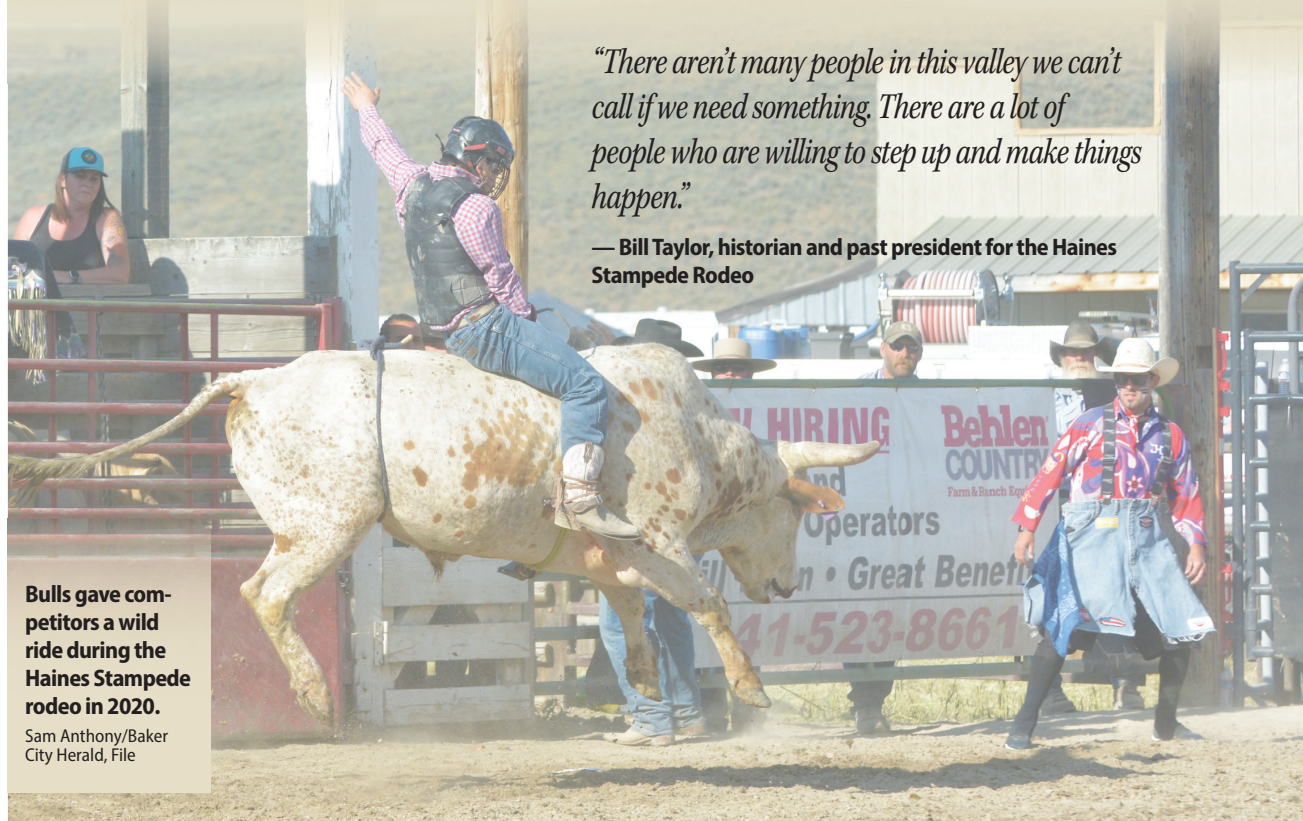
Rodeo lifestyle

The rodeo life is essential to the Taylors.

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"There aren't many people in this valley we can't call if we need something. There are a lot of people who are willing to step up and make things happen."

— Bill Taylor, historian and past president for the Haines Stampede Rodeo



Bulls gave competitors a wild ride during the Haines Stampede rodeo in 2020.

Sam Anthony/Baker City Herald, File

Winds fan wildfire to 36,000 acres of grassland near Vale

Cause of blaze under investigation

Baker City Herald

Gusty winds fanned the flames of a wildfire that burned about 36,000 acres of grass and sagebrush in northern Malheur County north of Vale on Tuesday, June 28.

Smoke from the Willowcreek fire drifted across sections of Interstate 84 south-east of Baker City, prompting a closure of the freeway between Baker City and Ontario for about two and a half hours Tuesday night.

The cause of the fire, which started on private property and spread to public land managed by the Bureau of



Oregon State Fire Marshal's Office

The Willow Creek fire burned a little more than 36,000 acres north of Vale on Tuesday, June 28, 2022.

Land Management, is under investigation by the Oregon State Fire Marshal's Office.

Lighter winds overnight

helped fire crews prepare to attack the blaze Wednesday, according to a press release from the BLM's Vale District.

"The winds calmed about 3 a.m. which gave us a good chance to get around the hot spots on the fire," Vale BLM Fire Duty Officer Justin Fenton said Wednesday morning.

At 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, the fire was 25% contained.

The fire hasn't threatened any structures and there have not been any evacuations. No injuries have been reported among firefighters.

The fire was reported around 3:15 p.m. on Tuesday, according to the BLM's Vale District.

Nine fire engines from the Vale District worked on the fire, along with two engines from the Payette National

Forest, two engines each from the Burns and Boise BLM districts, and crews from the Vale Rangeland Fire Protection Association, Burnt River Rangeland Fire Protection Association, Oregon State Fire Marshal and Vale Rural Fire Department. Multiple aircraft, including single- and multi-engine air tankers, also worked on the fire.

The freeway was closed from about 7:30 p.m. until 10 p.m.

The fire was pushed by strong winds from a passing cold front. An automated weather station near the fire recorded gusts as high as 35 mph on Tuesday evening. The temperature reached 100

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