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A special good day to Herald subscriber Michele Cantrell of Baker City.

BRIEFING

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.

Chastain receives \$2,500 scholarship

Connor Chastain, a 2022 Baker High School graduate, has received a \$2,500 scholarship to attend trade school.

The scholarship is from the Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative Member Foundation. The money is from unclaimed capital credits. Applications for trade and lineman school scholarships are open year-round. To apply, go to www.otec.coop/scholarships.

Volunteers needed to help with library book sale July 14-17

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.

Baker County Garden Club to meet July 6

The Baker County Garden Club will meet July 6 at 10:30 a.m. at the Eastern Oregon Museum, 610 Third St. in Haines. Please bring a sack lunch. Water and chairs will be provided. New members are always welcome.

WEATHER

Today
81/50
Partly sunny

Wednesday
83/53
Partly sunny

Full forecast on the back of the B section.

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A yearling male black bear in a birch tree on the east side of Foothill Drive in Baker City on Sunday morning, July 3, 2022.

Bearly hanging on

Crowd applauds as young black bear safely extricated from a tree along Foothill Drive

BY JAYSON JACOBY
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It was a perfectly ordinary summer Sunday morning on Foothill Drive, until the bear arrived.

The yearling male black bear's appearance a little before 8 a.m. on July 3 gave residents in the south Baker City neighborhood an unusual bit of excitement on the holiday weekend.

This show didn't involve fireworks, although there was a tranquilizer dart gun.

Lasted longer, too — more than two and a half hours elapsed while a state wildlife biologist, police from three agencies and other officials worked to bring the bear down from its perch about 25 feet up in a birch tree, place the animal in a cage and drive it out of town to be released in the wild.

A crowd of about 20 people who had watched the incident, many of them Foothill Drive residents, clapped and cheered, with yells of "good job" and "thank you" resounding as the episode concluded with no injuries, either human or ursine.



Brian Ratliff, center, with white hat, wildlife biologist for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, loads a black bear into a cage on Sunday morning, July 3, 2022.

Brian Ratliff, district wildlife biologist at the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's (ODFW) Baker City office, who shot the bear with a tranquilizer dart, said with a chuckle that it was his first standing ovation.

Ratliff helped load the bear into the cage on a trailer connected to his ODFW pickup truck.

He estimated the bear weighed about 150 pounds.

Bruin runs from golf course

The episode started when the bear was seen at Quail Ridge Golf Course, on the hill directly west of Foothill Drive.

The Baker County Dispatch Center received a call about the bear at 7:51 a.m.

Julie Bouchard, who lives at 235 Foothill, on the west side of the street, said she had just let out three dogs, one of her own and two belonging to her daughter-in-law, Megan Cloyd, when she heard someone yelling, from the golf course, about a bear.

Bouchard, fearing an ursine-canine tussle, quickly brought the dogs inside — Louie, her boxer-bulldog mix, and Cloyd's black Labradors, Lola, and Lola's daughter, Sammy.

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Creative campers

First camp at Eastern Oregon Museum combined art, history, even gold panning

BY LISA BRITTON
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HAINES — Cayden Sandberg is a bundle of impatient energy.

When he finally gets the nod from Jessie Street, Sandberg gently extracts his paper from beneath the glass and takes it to a pan of water.

He rinses. ...and rinses and rinses some more.

The paper turns a brilliant blue with white designs created by objects placed on the light-sensitive paper.

Satisfied with his work of art, Sandberg lays it in the sun to dry, then quickly offers to help someone else create their own creative piece.

This art lesson was part of the Haines Museum Camp held June 27-30 at the Eastern Oregon Museum.

This is the first such camp offered at the museum, and it was directed by Logan Nedrow and Chris Aldrich.

"It's to pique their interest," Aldrich said as she helped youngsters thread string through a button to create a whirligig toy.

Aldrich is a board member for the museum and youth outreach volunteer.

Nedrow, a 2019 graduate of North Powder

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"I just want the kids to have fun and have something to take away from it."

— Logan Nedrow, co-director of the Haines Museum Camp



Emma Bain, 9, tried out the whirligig toy she made at the Eastern Oregon Museum camp on Tuesday, June 28, 2022.

Lisa Britton/Baker City Herald

Weiser, Idaho, woman dies in crash in Hells Canyon

Baker City Herald
A Weiser, Idaho, woman died on Friday, July 1 after the car she was driving crashed and went into Hells Canyon Reservoir north of Oxbow.

Jewel Kay Salley, 77, died in the accident. She was alone in the vehicle.

The incident was reported to Baker County Dispatch at about 9:31 p.m. on Friday. Several people reported a vehicle rolling on the Oregon side of the reservoir along Homestead Road, and traveling down an embankment into the water.

Baker County Sheriff's Office deputies responded along with the Halfway/Oxbow ambulance.

Deputies searched the area but didn't find anyone. Witnesses told deputies they didn't see anyone get out of the vehicle, which was submerged in about 20 feet of water.

Divers from the Baker County Search and Rescue team arrived early on Saturday, July 2. The car was removed from the water, and deputies found Salley's body.

She was driving south on Homestead Road, toward Oxbow, when, for an unknown reason, the car went off the road, according to a press release from the Sheriff's Office.

The Sheriff's Office thanked the Halfway/Oxbow ambulance, Baker County Search and Rescue and Halfway Towing and Repair for assisting in the incident.

'Doc' Bryant reflects on life at 97

His story includes a stint chasing German submarines during World War II

BY IAN CRAWFORD
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H. Hiram "Doc" Bryant lights up when he speaks of life. He swings his hands animatedly, and spends a fair deal of his energy smiling in conversation.

From the outside, it might appear he lives an almost spartan life, but within Doc's story is a sea of experience, vast as the blue Atlantic.

When Doc was born in September 1924, the Soviet Union was turning two.

Hitler was in prison drafting "Mein Kampf," and Calvin Coolidge was about to become president.

The twenties roared then as they roar now.



H. Hiram 'Doc' Bryant of Baker City will turn 98 in September 2022.

Ian Crawford/Baker City Herald

The world was bracing for fierce change, but for Doc it was to come even sooner.

"In 1937 my dad and I, and a neighbor man and his son, went fishing," he said. "We had never taken a round bottom boat, like a canoe, we had a bigger boat, but it

was getting crowded. Dad insisted on taking the little boat (alone). He was a stock man for Studebaker. Loved hunting and fishing, he was a good Dad."

"We went on ahead around (the lake island) with the big boat and were fishing, and I heard a holler. I told my buddy, Kaiser, and I said, 'that's Dad.'"

His friend disagreed.

"No, that sounded like a cow." But Doc insisted they go back, and they found his father had indeed rolled out of the canoe, and the current carried it away from his reach as he attempted to swim.

His straw hat and cane pole were left floating in the lake. He drowned at age 39.

"It left Mom with five kids, and I've carried that burden all my life," Doc said, his voice wavering. "Mom never remarried, but she raised us."

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