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BRIEFING

Richard Chaves named interim co-president at EOU

LA GRANDE — The Eastern Oregon University Board of Trustees voted on Friday, Aug. 19 to appoint Richard Chaves of Baker City, and Lara Moore, vice president of finance and administration, as interim co-presidents.

Chaves was board president. He resigned that position and will join Moore as co-president starting Sept. 1.

EOU president Tom Insko announced his resignation in early August.

"We don't make this choice lightly," Cheryl Martin, board vice chair, said in a press release. "We want to provide the university, and most importantly, our students, with stability, continuity and momentum as they come into the new year."

Climate Vigil plans two events Aug. 26

Climate Vigil, a local organization, is hosting two events on Friday, Aug. 26 at Crossroads Carnegie Art Center, 2020 Auburn Ave.

- Lunch and learn (bring your lunch), noon to 1 p.m.
- Live music and sidewalk art, 6:30 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

More information about Climate Vigil is available by emailing peter@climatevigil.org

WEATHER

Today
93/51 Sunny

Sunday
96/54 Mostly sunny

Monday
88/49 Partly sunny

Full forecast on the back of the B section.

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Clayton Franke/Baker City Herald

Aaron Kellar shows his ewe, which sold for \$8 a pound, to potential buyers during the 4-H auction on Friday, Aug. 12, 2022.

4-H auction brings in second-highest total on record

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The 2022 Baker County 4-H livestock auction had a tough act to follow.

The 2021 auction set the all-time record, and by a wide margin, with \$517,000 in sales.

This year's event, which took place on Aug. 12, didn't match its immediate predecessor.

But it came in as a solid runner-up, with \$421,784 in sales.

That easily eclipsed the \$327,069 from the 2020 sale, which was the record-setter until it was overtaken two years in a row.

Jake Collier, a member of the sales committee, said he was thrilled with the results.

"It was packed," Collier said of the

large crowd that filled the Cockram Arena on Aug. 12, including 182 buyers. "I'm looking at these numbers going, 'It was a fantastic sale.'"

Collier said 152 members of 4-H clubs sold livestock, including sheep, rabbits, goats, steers, pigs and one turkey.

The turkey sold for \$27 a pound. Collier said the biggest difference between the 2021 and 2022 auctions is that there were fewer steers up for grabs this year.

Although steers generally sell for the lowest price per pound of any livestock — an average of \$4.14 this year — they're also the heaviest by a substantial margin.

Steers garnered close to \$300,000 in sales this year, compared with \$362,350 in 2021 (and an average of

\$4.57 per pound). Pigs brought in the second-highest figure in this year's auction, at just over \$67,000.

As with steers, the average price per pound for swine was down a bit from last year — \$6.73 compared with \$7.34.

But the steer and swine prices were offset somewhat by higher bids for goats and sheep.

Goats averaged \$10.85 per pound, up from \$9.07 in 2021, for a total of \$17,500 this year.

Rabbits sold for the highest price of any animal at \$41.69 per pound.

Collier said more add-ons are coming in daily.

The fair will release an upcoming "thank you" to auction buyers shortly, he said.

Girl Scout hoping to make a splash

Penelope Simmons, 17, is raising money for a splash pad at Baker City's Central Park

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Penelope Simmons is going for the gold as she raises money with a goal of helping bring a splash pad to Baker City's Central Park.

Penelope, 17, is raising toward her Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest award a Girl Scout can earn.

"It's like the Eagle Scout for Boy Scouts and it has to be sustainable, it has to involve the community, and it has to cost nothing (for the community)," Penelope said.

She's been a Girl Scout for 10 years, but this is her last year to participate.

To use the splash pad project for her Gold Award, she has to finish it by September 2023, said her mom, Charline Simmons.

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Janine McCluskey/Contributed Photo

A convoy of military vehicles takes a break on Aug. 19, 2022, while en route to a visit in Baker City on Aug. 24.

Movable Museum

Convoy of military vehicles to stop in Baker City on Aug. 24

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Dan McCluskey is heading for Baker City in his three-quarter ton Vietnam-era M37 cargo truck.

But his rig — along with the 32 other military vehicles he's traveling with — won't be delivering any cargo.

Instead, McCluskey describes the convoy as a moving museum.

"Our goal is to show everybody how the military used their vehicles," McCluskey said. "They see

military vehicles in museums on static display, but we're out there to show them how they used them in motion."

"We're putting hundreds of miles on them, day in, day out. This is how they moved them in convoy order."

McCluskey, a member of the Military Vehicle Preservation Association (MVPA), is the convoy commander for the 2022 MVPA Northwest Parks Motor Convoy, which is scheduled to arrive in Baker City on Wednesday afternoon, Aug. 24, and spend the night at the Baker County Fairgrounds north of Campbell Street between Grove and East

streets.

McCluskey said the convoy is "fully on track for all of the scheduled stops."

After spending the night of Aug. 23 at the Grant County Fairgrounds in John Day, the convoy will stop in Sumpter for lunch on Aug. 24 and arrive in Baker City via Highway 7. He guessed the line of vehicles would roll north on Main Street through downtown Baker City at around 3 o'clock to 4 o'clock that afternoon.

Then, the convoy will arrange in close order at the fairgrounds.

"We encourage the public to come out and visit," McCluskey said.

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CITY COUNCIL

Race could draw 10 candidates

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The roster of potential candidates for Baker City Council is growing.

As of Friday morning, Aug. 19, 10 people had at least expressed an interest in running in the Nov. 8 election, City Recorder Dallas Brockett said.

The deadline to file as a candidate, including submitting at least 46 signatures from registered voters who live within the city limits, was 5 p.m. on Friday.

As of 9:30 a.m. on Friday, the county clerk's office had verified signatures for two candidates — incumbent Dean Guyer, and Katie LaFavor, Brockett said.

Another incumbent, Kenyon Damschen, had submitted his signatures.

The other potential candidates are incumbent Johnny Waggoner Sr., along with Ed Traverso, Joe Johnson, Donald Cody, Bev Calder and Ray Duman.

Brockett said one other possible candidate had expressed an interest but had not returned her packet as of Friday morning. He didn't have that person's name.

Although the deadline to submit signatures was 5 p.m. on Friday, the signatures don't have to be verified by that deadline, Brockett said. But prospective candidates won't have a chance to gather additional signatures if the petitions they turned in Friday fall short.

Brockett said the city council in 2020 passed a resolution that allowed candidates that year to pay a filing fee in lieu of gathering signatures — a change intended to reduce close contacts during the pandemic.

That resolution has since expired, though, so candidates this year must meet the signature requirement, Brockett said.

The city council is working on a resolution that would reinstate the filing fee option for future elections, he said.

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A glorious move

Rick Gloria, county's veterans service officer, has a new office

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The Baker County Veterans Service Office recently moved a few blocks north to the Baker County Health Department building, 2200 Fourth St.

Rick Gloria, the county's veteran service officer, officially moved into the new office on Aug. 1.

His previous location was in the lower level of the Baker County Courthouse, 1995 Third St.

He said county commissioners decided to move the veterans office into the health department because around half of the services he provides are related to medical issues.

Gloria said the new location, since it's on the ground level, is more wheelchair accessible than the old courthouse office, where visitors had to use a steep ramp to reach the door.

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