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Local students on dean's list at EOU

LA GRANDE — More than a dozen Baker County students were named to the dean's list for the spring 2022 term at Eastern Oregon University. To qualify, students must earn a GPA of at least 3.5 and have at least 12 graded credit hours.

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Kara Bennett, Kodie Birmingham, Renee Blincoe, Melody Castello, Isabella Evans, Abigail Hunt, Julia Krohn, Elijah Lien, Makayla Ogg, Hayden Paulsen, Taylor Price, Jayme Ramos, Matthew Wirth.

Haines

Ashley Dyke, Samuel Pointer.

Halfway

Wyatt Page

Huntington

Rachel Berry

Mastrude makes dean's list at Pacific

FOREST GROVE — Dylan Mastrude of Baker City was among the students named to the dean's list for the spring 2022 term at Pacific University. To be eligible, students must earn a GPA of at least 3.7 and have at least 12 graded credit hours.

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
89/50
Sunny

Wednesday
89/52
Sunny

Full forecast on B8

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Above: Rows of classic cars, lift-kit trucks, jeeps, service vehicles, sports cars and more lined up at Geiser-Pollman Park for the 30th Baker City Memory Cruise on Aug. 20, 2022.

Cruise crazy

Car show returns after 2-year stall

BY IAN CRAWFORD
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Classic cars filled nearly every available space in Geiser-Pollman Park Saturday, Aug. 20, as the Baker City Memory Cruise made a resounding return after a two-year hiatus.

Throng of young and old were in attendance, though several parents had to be especially watchful of their kids amid the oh-so-very expensive exhibits, brought in from all around the state (and, from some manufacturers, the world).

"It turned out great, we had close to 160 cars," said organizer Jeron Simmons. "Everyone enjoyed it."

The event featured live music, food and drink, poker runs, raffles and prizes throughout the day,

and concluded with some car owners driving to Quail Ridge Golf Course to join the Durkee Steak Feed.

The Memory Cruise puts in context Baker City's age.

From the time the city was founded in 1864 until the first Ford Model T's rolled out of Henry Ford's factories in 1908, was a window of only about 40 years, an era nobody living today was witness to. During that period automobiles were exceedingly rare.

Yet within a couple short decades they were everywhere, and before standardization and regulation that came in the second half of the 20th century, cars were as varied as trilobites in the ancient sea.

Those antiques, some more than a century old, were represented in the Memory Cruise, including Model T's and the later Ford Model A's.

One of the latter Fords was driven by Joan Sherman of Baker City.

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Some cars have kept their iconic charm for decades, including this Nash Metropolitan on display during the Baker City Memory Cruise on Aug. 20, 2022.

Ian Crawford/Baker City Herald photos

Fires keep crews busy over weekend

BY JAYSON JACOBY
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Wildland firefighters had a hectic weekend in Northeastern Oregon as a human-caused blaze burned near Halfway on Friday afternoon, Aug. 19, followed by a rash of lightning-sparked fires Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

Fire crews doused all of the blazes relatively quickly. Most of the lightning fires burned less than 1 acre.

Fortunately, most of the thunderstorms have spawned at least light rain as well as lightning bolts, said Steve Meyer, wildland fire supervisor at the Oregon Department of Forestry's Baker City office.

Although the weekend rain wasn't enough to extinguish the fires, Meyer said the showers have caused blazes to smolder for an hour or two, giving firefighters time to respond before the flames can gain momentum.

"Generally that's enough time for us to get on scene," he said.

Meyer said fire crews have also benefited from the absence of sustained strong winds to propel the flames.

Although storms bring brief periods of gusty winds, once the cell passes the winds have subsided, eliminating one of the biggest challenges that fire crews face, Meyer said.

He said the generally benign weather is welcome because forests and rangelands are dry after several weeks of hotter-than-average temperatures.

"Fuels are ready to burn," Meyer said.

According to an index that measures the potential for fires to spread, conditions are near to slightly above normal in the six regions that comprise Northeastern Oregon.

Charts are available online at bmidc.org/erc.shtml.

Joel McCraw, deputy fire staff officer for the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest, said on Monday morning that many of the weekend fires, on the Wallowa-Whitman and the adjacent Umatilla National Forest, involved single trees struck by lightning.

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8 turn in signatures for City Council election

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As many as eight candidates, including three incumbents, will vie for the four Baker City Council slots that will be on the Nov. 8 ballot.

City Recorder Dallas Brockett said eight people turned in petitions with signatures before the deadline of 5 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 19.

The county clerk's office has already verified signatures for two candidates — Katie LaFavor and incumbent Dean Guyer.

Brockett is waiting for verification for six others who could join those two on the ballot — incumbents Johnny Waggoner Sr. and Kenyon Damschen, along with Matt Diaz, Bev Calder, Donald Cody and Joe Johnson.

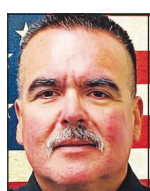
Four of the seven positions on the city council will be filled in the Nov. 8 election.

To qualify, candidates had to submit at least 46 signatures from registered voters who live within the city limits.

The four positions up for election are those held by Joanna Dixon, Waggoner, Guyer and Damschen.

The three other Baker City councilors — Kerry McQuisten, Shane Alderson and Jason Spriet — are serving terms that continue through the end of 2024. All three were elected to four-year terms in November 2020.

Baker County's community services deputy gives update about new job



Maldonado

BY SAMANTHA O'CONNOR
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Gabe Maldonado, the Baker County Sheriff's Office's community service deputy, gave county commissioners an overview of his myriad duties during their Aug. 17 meeting.

Maldonado, a longtime deputy with the sheriff's office, started the newly created posi-

tion in January of this year.

"There's many different hats to this position but the goals are pretty simple — it's to promote positive community relationships," Maldonado said.

"I'm to be a liaison for the sheriff's office, especially for our rural and remote communities in Baker County."

He said his role is to also

provide aid to individuals by educating the public about social services that are available from various community partners.

"I personally contacted and became familiar with about 18 community service partners and civic groups in our area," Maldonado told commissioners.

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