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A special good day to Herald subscriber Darlene Rambo of Fruitland, Idaho.

BRIEFING

Concert series in the park wraps up Sunday

The Powder River Music Review concert series wraps up Sunday, Aug. 28, with Baker Folk, a self-described "geriatric garage band" featuring Marilyn Shollenberger (keyboard and vocals), Wayland Harman (guitar, vocals and unusual instruments), Rick Anderson (vocals, guitar, bass guitar) and Lindianne Sarno (vocals, fiddle and guitar).

The opening act features Harman and Ron Yarnell.

The music starts at 4 p.m. at the Powder River Pavilion in Geiser-Pollman Park. This concert is dedicated to Barbara Wilbur, a longtime supporter of the Powder River Music Review who passed away Aug. 23.

Attendance is free, and raffle tickets are sold to support the music series, which is organized by Baker City Events. A silent auction of various items will continue through September — make bids at the Aug. 28 concert, or send an email to bakercityevents1@gmail.com.

WEATHER

Today
 77/43
 Sunny

Sunday
 79/40
 Sunny

Monday
 86/47
 Sunny

Full forecast on the back of the B section.

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WAR to PEACE



Convoy of military vehicles rolls through Baker City

Photos by Clayton Franke/Baker City Herald

Above: Led by Dan McCluskey, convoy commander, and his wife, Janine, the 2022 Motor Vehicle Preservation Association Northwest Parks Motor Convoy drive down Baker City's Main Street on Wednesday, Aug. 24, 2022. **Top:** Kenny Adams fills his two-and-a-half-ton 1951 M35 Command Center vehicle with gas on Wednesday, Aug. 24, 2022, in Baker City.

BY CLAYTON FRANKE

Ann Adams recalled, while sitting in the driver's seat of her 1982 International military bus at the Baker County Fairgrounds, the photo of a Navy LST (Landing Ship, Tank) that hung on the living room of the Ohio farm house where she grew up.

"It was a beautiful LST," Adams said of the ships that carried armored vehicles to shore during amphibious invasions.

Her father was a radio man on a ship as it crept toward the beaches of Normandy on June 6, 1944, on its way to liberate France from Nazi Germany's control and turn the tides of World War II.

Ann's bus, in its heyday, served a slightly less glamorous purpose — to carry troops around bases.

It wasn't meant to travel hundreds of miles at a time, as she's doing now with the Military Vehicle Preservation Association's Northwest Parks Motor Convoy.



Ann Adams said she and her son worked on making this International military bus livable, putting in a kitchen, washer and dryer, and a bed. They also painted the front steps.

The convoy rolled through downtown Baker City at around 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 24, and then assembled and rested at the fairgrounds Wednesday night before rolling out to head to Enterprise the following morning.

Wednesday was day 11 of 15 for the convoy, which is in the midst of completing a 1,600-mile route through Oregon, Idaho and Washington that retraces portions of the original 1924 National Park-to-Park Highway and parts of the Lewis and Clark and Ore-

gon Trail Routes. Dan McCluskey, the convoy commander, said the convoy serves as a "moving museum," displaying the retired military vehicles in action. Adams bought the bus last year for \$1,200 in an

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Idaho Power to pay \$1.5M for 2 fires

Company denies that its local transmission line sparked blazes in 2014, 2015

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 Idaho Power Company will pay \$1.5 million to the federal government to settle allegations, which the company denies, that an equipment failure on one of its transmission lines sparked two wildfires in Baker City several years ago.

The U.S. Attorney's Office in Portland announced the settlement on Thursday, Aug. 25.

Federal officials alleged that a failure of structures on the 138-kilovolt transmission line between Ontario and near Baker City caused the Lime Hill fire, which burned about 12,000 acres in early August 2015, including 2,592 acres of public land, and the 5-acre Powerline fire in late May 2014, which was solely on public land.

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ANTHONY LAKE

Fish deaths are under investigation

A couple hundred hatchery-raised rainbow trout died in July soon after being released

BY JAYSON JACOBY

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 A state fish biologist is trying to figure out what killed about 200 of the 2,000 hatchery rainbow trout released in Anthony Lake in late July.

The incident was unfortunate because the alpine lake, at an elevation of 7,100 in the Elkhorn Mountains northwest of Baker City, "is one of those places where people really enjoy going to fish during the hot summer months," said Joe Lemanski, district fish biologist at the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's (ODFW) La Grande office.

The trout are considered "trophy" fish, as they average about a pound and a half, he said.

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School district's \$4M bond projects hit financial hurdle

Cafeteria at middle school, other projects more expensive than projected

BY JAYSON JACOBY

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 The Baker School District's plan to construct a cafeteria/multipurpose building at Baker Middle School, the biggest project under the \$4 million property tax bond measure that voters passed in May 2021, has hit a financial snag.

Rising construction costs have made the cafeteria project considerably more expensive than the district



Samantha O'Conner/Baker City Herald

The Baker School District hopes to use money from a \$4 million property tax bond that voters approved in May 2021 to build a cafeteria/multipurpose building on the west side of the Baker Middle School.

expected, and more than it had budgeted for the work. But Erin Lair, the district's new superintendent, said she remains optimistic that the

district will still be able to complete the middle school cafeteria, what she called the "visual beacon of the bond?"

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DEQ fines Baker County mine owner \$57,000

Agency contends mine diverted wastewater into Clarks Creek

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 The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality has fined the operator of a mine in south Baker County \$57,387 for several alleged violations, including discharging wastewater from a settling pond into Clarks Creek without a permit.

The DEQ issued the fine last week to K&E Excavating Inc. of Salem.

The company has 20 days from the date it received a notice of the fine to file an appeal. According to a DEQ no-



Oregon Department of Environmental Quality

A wastewater pond at the Buckland mine along Clarks Creek in southern Baker County.

tice, the company owns and operates the Buckland mine on Clarks Creek Road about 3 miles east of Bridgeport. The area is about 22 air miles southeast of Baker City.

The placer mining operation is seeking gold from deposits along Clarks Creek, a tributary of the Burnt River.

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