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A special good day to Herald subscriber Bill Tipton of Baker City.

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OTEC scholarship applications available

Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative is accepting applications for academic, trade school and lineman college scholarships, as well as for the annual Washington, D.C., Youth Tour. These scholarships are available:

- Four academic scholarships will be allocated to the OTEC-EOU Rural Scholarship program, a partnership with Eastern Oregon University that includes tuition and all fees for four students who commit to attending and graduating from EOU.
- Academic scholarships of \$5,000 for graduating high school and homeschooled seniors, returning college students and adults planning to start college.
- A \$5,000 lineman school scholarship, along with \$2,500 trade school scholarships.

The deadline for all academic scholarships is Feb. 28, 2023. Lineman school and trade school scholarship applications are accepted year round. For details, visit otec.coop/scholarships.

OTEC also is accepting applications for the one-week, all-expenses paid trip to Washington, D.C., set for June 17-23, 2023. Current high school and homeschool juniors can apply. The deadline is Jan. 31, 2023. Applications and details are available at otec.coop/dc-youth-tour.

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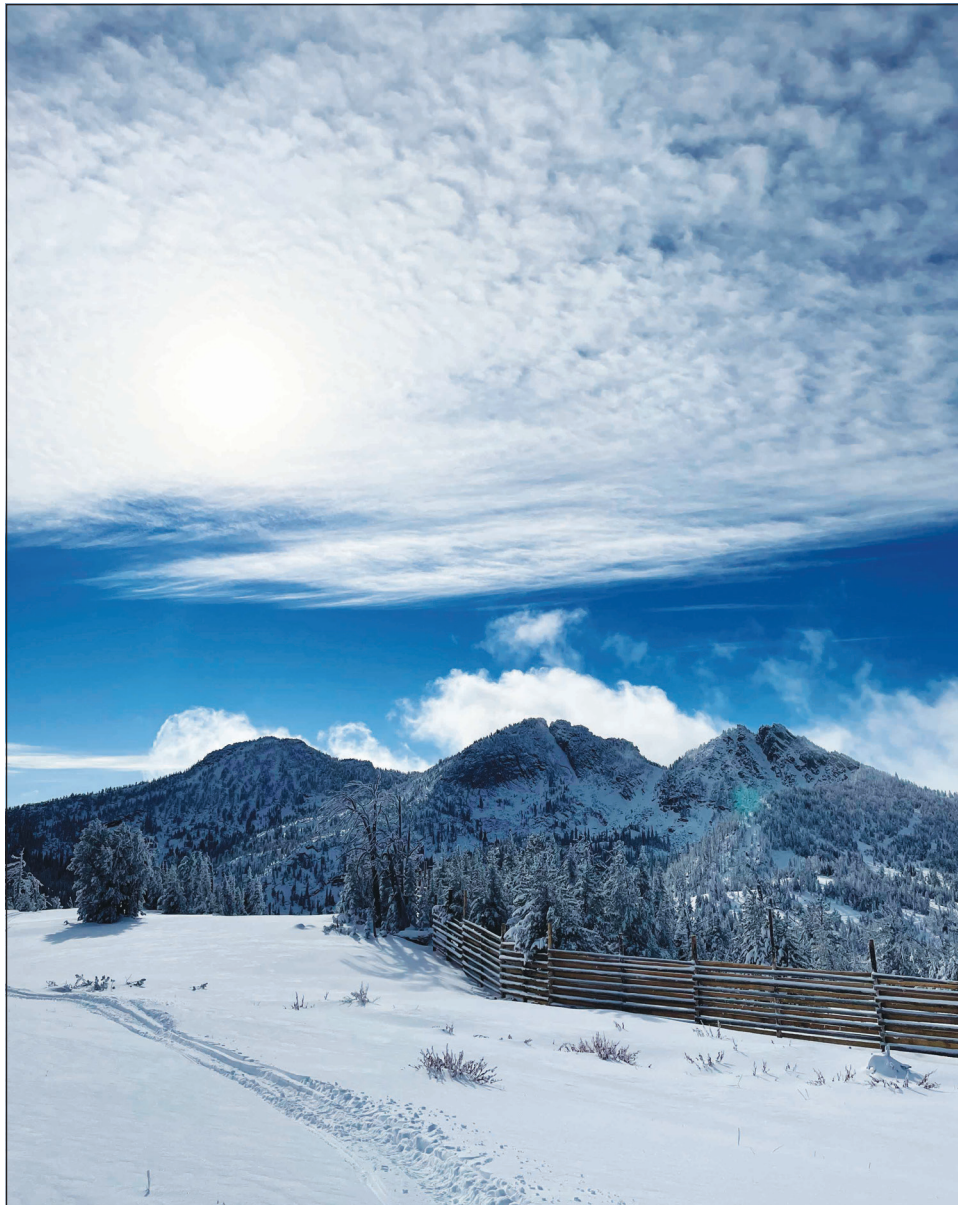
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ANTHONY LAKES MOUNTAIN RESORT



Matt Baldwin/Contributed Photo

Fresh snow at Anthony Lakes Mountain Resort in late October 2022.

Snowy Celebration

Anthony Lakes could get an early start on its 60th birthday celebration

BY JAYSON JACOBY

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Anthony Lakes Mountain Resort is preparing to celebrate a milestone this winter, and the weather might deliver an early gift.

After a first month of autumn that more resembled summer, a powerful storm dropped about 14 inches of snow recently on the ski area in the Elkhorn Mountains about 34 miles northwest of Baker City.

And unlike some years, when an early snowfall is a mere tease that quickly melts, the current weather pattern looks more promising.

"This is definitely the best start we've seen in a very long time," said Chelsea Judy, Anthony Lakes marketing director.



Anthony Lakes Mountain Resort

Anthony Lakes Mountain Resort is celebrating its 60th birthday this winter.

"I think it's here to stay." After a stretch of warmer, drier weather that continued through Halloween, a parade

of potent Pacific storms is forecast to persist for at least the next several days.

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Pedestrian hit, killed by freight train

Baker City Herald

A man was hit and killed by a freight train near the railroad bridge over the Powder River in southeast Baker City about 1:30 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 30, according to Union Pacific Railroad.

The train was traveling east, according to Mike Jaixen, senior manager of communications for Union Pacific.

The bridge is southeast of Wade Williams Field. Baker City Police are investigating the case.

Police Chief Ty Duby said officers are trying to determine whether or not the man was on the railroad tracks intentionally.

Police don't believe foul play was involved, Duby said.

Duby said the man, whom he didn't name, was involved in a reported disturbance in the area that police responded to a couple hours earlier, late on Saturday. He said officers were searching for the man when they found his body.

Duby said it appears as though the train crew wasn't aware the man was on the tracks, as Union Pacific didn't notify the policy department about a possible incident, which happens when the train crew knows that a pedestrian might have been struck.

The federal regulation that requires locomotive horns be sounded for 15 to 20 seconds before entering a crossing where streets and tracks intersect does not apply to a bridge on railroad property, Jaixen said.

Locomotive engineers retain the authority to sound the horn in emergency situations.

Driver arrested after trying to elude police

Baker City Herald

A Caldwell, Idaho, woman was arrested Saturday night, Oct. 29, for driving under the influence of intoxicants and attempting to elude police after she twice drove away from attempted traffic stops on the Dooley Mountain Highway south of Baker City.

Julene Chirinos Heughins, 37, was arrested about 10:25 p.m.

The incident started about 8:36 p.m. when Baker County Sheriff Travis Ash received a report of an SUV, with front end damage, in the ditch along Highway 7. The person who called police believed the driver was intoxicated.

Sheriff's deputies found the vehicle about 8:56 p.m., according to a press release from the sheriff's office. The driver, who showed signs of impairment, didn't cooperate with deputies or with Oregon State Police officers who responded.

The driver then pulled away, heading south on Highway 245 toward Dooley Mountain.

Police followed the vehicle, which went a short distance at low speeds and pulled into a turnout.

The lone passenger in the car then began yelling at police while videoing them, according to the press release.

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Sheriff's Office vies for grant for tracking dog

BY SAMANTHA O'CONNOR

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The Baker County Sheriff's office is competing for a \$1,500 grant that would help the agency buy a tracking dog that would be used in the patrol division and for search and rescue operations.

The competition was done by online voting, Oct. 24-31. People could vote once per day, and the sheriff's office, through posts on its Facebook page, encouraged residents to vote daily.

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Rain could be a boon for deer

A flush of green grass could help deer put on weight prior to winter

BY JAYSON JACOBY

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Deer have plenty to eat this fall in Baker County.

But the food isn't especially nutritious.

That deficiency might yet be corrected, though, at least partially, thanks to the recent dramatic shift in the weather pattern, said Brian Ratliff, district wildlife biologist at the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's (ODFW) Baker City office.

Rain, which was conspicuous by its absence from the middle of September through the first three weeks of October, returned with the first in a series of Pa-

cific storms arriving Oct. 21.

That moisture could spur a late, but beneficial, flush of fresh green grass on deer winter range, Ratliff said.

Some of the range, anyway.

Ratliff said the lower temperatures that arrived with the rain could keep the soil temperature, at higher elevations and on north-facing slopes, from reaching the 50-degree level that is generally required for grasses to grow.

For that reason, rain tends to be more beneficial if it arrives in early October rather than late in the month, when temperatures begin to drop, he said.

Ratliff is more optimistic, though, about the lower, south-facing winter range where a significant percentage of the county's deer herds spend the colder months.



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New grass growth greens a slope near Brownlee Reservoir in eastern Baker County on Nov. 7, 2021. Wildlife biologists say a fall green up can help deer survive the winter.

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