

# DAILY PLANNER

**TODAY**  
 Today is Wednesday, April 24, the 114th day of 2019. There are 251 days left in the year.



**TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT**  
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 3-11-13-23-33-40  
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 3-27-30-63-65-1-x3

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 3-27-30-63-65-PB 1-x3  
**Win for Life:** April 22  
 20-36-43-65

**Pick 4:** April 23  
 • 1 p.m.: 5-8-0-1  
 • 4 p.m.: 8-0-6-3  
 • 7 p.m.: 6-8-4-5  
 • 10 p.m.: 3-2-9-0  
**Pick 4:** April 22  
 • 1 p.m.: 2-3-7-8  
 • 4 p.m.: 7-1-9-7  
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# Wet conditions could mean more mosquitoes in 2019

**By Jayson Jacoby**  
 WesCom News Service  
 If there's anything mosquitoes need more than blood it's water, and Baker County is pretty soggy this spring. This has Matt Hutchinson worried. Hutchinson is starting his seventh season as the area's chief mosquito killer, and he's bracing for an active stretch. "I'm preparing for a busy season — busier than last year," Hutchinson said Tuesday afternoon. The 2018 season started

relatively fast but it ended slow, mainly due to the severe drought that dried some of the water sources where mosquitoes lay their eggs, said Hutchinson, who manages the 200,000-acre Baker Valley Vector Control District. He's responsible for dealing with mosquitoes in the property tax-funded district, which includes much of Baker Valley (including Baker City) as well as Bowen and Keating valleys. But 2019 much more resembles 2017, when the melted remnants of a heavy

snowpack gave mosquitoes an abundance of breeding areas. "2017 was a busy year start to finish," Hutchinson said. "This looks more like that." Hutchinson said he and a co-worker have been checking some notorious breeding sites for the past week or so, looking for larvae. They apply products, sometimes from the ground and occasionally from the air, that kill larvae before they hatch into adults that can fly and, in the case of female mosquitoes, bite

people and other mammals to procure the "blood meal" the insects need to nourish their eggs. This approach isn't always successful, so Hutchinson also has at his disposal insecticides that kill adult mosquitoes. The biggest pests around here by far are floodwater mosquitoes, Hutchinson said. They breed in both natural water sources — ponds and the like — and in flood-irrigated fields and pastures. ■



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## EOU

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 he was attending community college in Arkansas as a nontraditional student, having worked and served in the military after high school. He said he was struggling with math and was told he should try out SSS. The program set him up with a math tutor. "That tutor was really great, really kind and he kind of helped me through," he said. Williams excelled in school and transferred to the University of Arkansas, where he received an undergraduate degree and a master's degree in science education. He also received a degree in community college teaching. Williams said he quickly became a tutor himself through SSS in Arkansas in many subjects — including math. "Once I started out being a tutor with SSS, I never left," he said. Berenice Chavez Meraz is a senior at EOU studying art and anthropology. She said SSS has been instrumental

in her success in school. "Now that I've come to college and I'm in TRIO, I can't picture my college experience without it," she said. Chavez Meraz said the tutoring and seminars were extremely helpful, but the thing that helped her the most was having someone to talk to. "Yes, we have our professors who we can also go to for advice, but they can get really busy. So the fact that we have these people who we can go to for advice and mental support and to talk to almost like counselors is just really nice. They always have their door open," she said. Williams said he helps students through so many different kinds of problems that there is no such thing as a typical day for him. He said students come in sometimes and just need to cry, while others need someone to celebrate their successes with. He said sometimes students lack the emotional support they crave simply because their parents don't understand what their achievements mean, having never attended college themselves.

"(When they tell their parents) 'I made the dean's list,' it doesn't necessarily resonate with them, so we can celebrate that with them," Williams said. Chavez Meraz said she spends time in the SSS room on campus every single day, whether she has to study or not. She said she just enjoys being around other students in the program. "We all automatically connect. (We) can just talk and are friends because we all know we ... had some kind of challenge and now we're all here just trying to support each other," she said. EOU students interested in applying to the SSS program can call the EOU SSS office at 541-962-3063 or visit the website at eou.edu/trio. ■

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