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equipment operators and has been running them herself for as long as she can remember. Three years ago she became the first female trained instructor in the nation on CAT simulators.

For more information about the heavy equipment operator school at BTI or to enroll in one of the various other programs, visit www.bakerti.org or call 541-524-2651.

How does dominant culture and exclusion show up in our organizations?

LA GRANDE — Northeast Oregon Economic Development District, based in Enterprise, continues its public programs and roundtable discussions in Union County for volunteers, boards and staff members to learn, share and discuss diversity, equity, and inclusion methods and strategies. On Feb. 5-6, Alexis James will lead two events in La Grande focusing on what it means to be a “white ally,” both held at Cook Memorial Library, 2006 Fourth St., La Grande.

A roundtable and training will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Feb. 5. In this session participants will unpack the concepts of whiteness and white fragility, while building practical skills to effectively interrupt exclusionary practices when they show up in work and workplaces. The cost of the roundtable is \$25, which includes lunch.



James

Register at <https://bit.ly/37LLJ5X> or contact NEOEDD at 541-426-3598 or kristyathens@neoedd.org.

The community is welcome at an Oregon Humanities Conversation Project gathering entitled “White Allyship in Close-Knit Communities” at 6 p.m. Feb. 6. The Conversation Project is free and open to the public. In this conversation led by James, participants will have the chance to explore their identities, learn how to acknowledge different lived experiences without alienating friends and neighbors, and move toward action in their own communities.

James is a longtime educator and innovator. She supports organizations and individuals in activating contemporary responses to leadership development and employee needs through training, coaching and team building.

Baker City native named partner at Boise law firm

BOISE, Idaho — Baker City native Nick Taylor has been named a partner at Stoel Rives LLP, a Boise law firm.

“I am pleased to welcome Nick to partnership at Stoel Rives,” said Melissa A. Jones, the firm’s managing partner. “He is an up-and-coming leader in our key practice areas of corporate law and emerging companies.”

Taylor is a business transactional attorney focusing on mergers and acquisitions, capital raising and other financing transactions, fund formation and securities regulation, start-ups and

emerging growth companies, new technologies, and the restaurant, wine, brew and spirits industries. He regularly represents corporations, LLCs, venture capital and private equity firms, investment funds, serial entrepreneurs, and serial investors at every stage of business from formation to growth to exit. “I help my clients by understanding their business strategies and use my legal experience and business expertise to help them achieve their objectives,” Taylor said. “I was proud recently to help a local brewery navigate financing and help them get started and grow effectively. Boise, which recently was named one of the fastest growing cities in the United States, is booming and I look forward to supporting new, exciting businesses as they continue to relocate to and grow in the area.”

Taylor is active with Boise Startup Week, Idaho’s largest community-driven, entrepreneur-focused event. Stoel Rives sponsored the 2019 event’s “start track,” including the startup track pitch competition in which Taylor served as a judge. The competition awarded \$20,000 to winner Washie, which created a “smart” toilet seat that provides a cleaner restroom experience. The product originated from an Idaho Global Entrepreneurial Mission grant awarded to Idaho State University, which highlights how important the entire startup ecosystem is to the success of a new business.

Taylor earned a bachelor’s degree from Western Oregon University and a law degree from the University of Oregon Law School.



Taylor

TIMBER

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pro-life. Some are hell-bent on electing Trump, and others would never vote for him.”

She laughed. “It makes managing the dialog interesting sometimes. But we’re trying to focus on common ground — economic issues.”

Timber Unity’s financial muscle comes from its donors, both through direct giving and in-kind donations.

The group filed as a 501(c)6 membership-based nonprofit, and also runs the Timber Unity Political Action Committee, or TUPAC. Since its genesis June 6, 2019, TUPAC has brought in over \$177,000.

TUPAC has been criticized for its partisan and special-interest donors, such as Andrew Miller, a prominent timber executive.

Timber Unity’s leaders, however, say they’re undaunted by criticisms.

Parrish said the organization will extend its reach by helping plant local chapters across Oregon, California and Washington.

Timber Unity, said Parrish, also plans to host training sessions and teach civic engagement workshops.

On Jan. 15 at 11 a.m.,

board member Angelita Sanchez will discuss upcoming carbon regulations at the Northwest Ag Show at the Oregon State Fairgrounds in Salem.

“You can only tax people so much,” said Lardy. “It all started with a rally, and we’re doing it again.”

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MONDAYS
Primary Purpose Group
12 - 1:00pm
2620 Bearco Loop

TUESDAYS
Into Action Group
12 - 1:00 pm
Presbyterian Church
1308 Washington Ave.
(entry 6th & Spring St.)

Surrender Group
7 - 8:00 pm
2620 Bearco Loop

City of Elgin Greater Elgin Group
7- 8:00 pm
St. Mary's Catholic Church
93 S 12 St., Elgin

WEDNESDAYS
Primary Purpose Group
12 - 1:00 pm
2620 Bearco Loop

Surrender Group
7 - 8:00 pm
2620 Bearco Loop

Island City Soul Sister's
5:30 p.m.
10801 Walton Rd.
Blue Springs Apartments
Community Room

Turning Point Group
7 - 8:15 pm
63161 Gekeler Lane
Fort Union Grange Hall
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THURSDAYS
Surrender Group
7 - 8:00 pm
2620 Bearco Loop

City of Cove Cove Group
7 - 8:00 pm
Baptist Church
707 Main St.

FRIDAYS
Primary Purpose Group
12 - 1:00 pm
2620 Bearco Loop

City of Elgin Elgin Group
(Winter only)
6:00 PM
70564 Valley View Rd
(in shop)

SATURDAYS
Surrender Group
10 - 11:00 am
2620 Bearco Loop

Grande Ronde Valley Group
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