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BAKER SCHOOL DISTRICT is currently accepting applications for an **Assistant Boys' Basketball Coach at BHS.** For a complete description of the position and the application process, go to www.Baker5J.org. For additional information, please call Cathy Martin at 541-524-2261, or email at cathy.martin@bakersd.org. 7.14

BAKER SCHOOL DISTRICT is currently accepting applications for two **Assistant Volleyball Coaches at BHS.** For a complete description of the position and the application process, go to www.Baker5J.org. For additional information, please call Cathy Martin at 541-524-2261, or email at cathy.martin@bakersd.org. 7.14

PUBLIC EVENTS

Baker City Events presents **Powder River Music Review.** Public invited, attendance by suggested \$5 per person donation. Weekly raffle winner! For complete list of events: www.facebook.com/powderrivermusicreview or www.baker-cityevents.net.

LAWN / GARDEN

LAWNMOWER. Craftsman lawnmower. Works great but owner has upgraded to an easier to start mower for herself. Retailed for around \$350. Asking \$100 OBO. 541.519.0572. Leave a voicemail.

RENTALS

Office Space for rent in Baker City. Prime downtown location. Handicap accessible. Off-street parking. Air conditioning. 541-523-5851.

Cycling event completes 16th year

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The Baker City Cycling Classic welcomed cyclists for its 16th year on June 23rd, 24th, and 25th. This year, the attendance had increased by 30% from last year.

According to the Technical Guide for this year's classic, Race Director Brian Vegter stated, "It's our 16th year of racing in Baker City and that's due to your enthusiasm for racing here and the commitment of the local community to this award winning event. We'd like to thank Nathan Hobson for creating this event back in 2002 and we are proud to continue the race he created. The 2012 edition was honored with the Ovation Award as Best Sporting event in Oregon, and that's thanks in large part to the bike racing community's love for Baker City."

A difference in this year's race is, up at the Interpretive Center, two riders that start at a time for the one mile uphill time trial.

According to Vegter, there were 97 in the Pro Men's field, an increase from their traditional numbers of 65-75 in that category. This year there were 250 people who registered for the races.

The classic has five stages: Stage One was the Keating Valley Road Race, Stage Two the Oregon Trail Uphill Time Trial, Stage Three the BCCC Time Trial, Stage Four the Tour d'Town Criterium, and Stage Five the d'Horn Road Race.

The races are separated into different categories and prizes are given to the first, second, and third place racers for the stage



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Peter Werner, the Chief Referee, instructs racers.

placements.

"One of the things that makes us unique," explained Vegter. "Is we're the only race in the country that pays equally to both men and women for our cash prizes and then also for our prize prizes."

Vegter explained that they usually have between 150 to 200 volunteers for this event. They work with groups such as the Medical Springs Rural Fire Department, the Northeast Oregon Compassion Center, Girls' Basketball, Young Life, and the Mock Trial. He explained that one of their sponsors, Life Flight, helps to cover the cost for medical and police support so they can make donations to them.

Through race registrations, they make donations to the other groups that they work with and about 10% of their overall budget goes to the different local groups.

They were at almost \$100,000 that has gone to the school and the other local groups they work with

for the 16 years.

For the Category 3 Men, Brandon Nied came in first, Joshua Nelson in second, and Sean Hollenbeck from Team Oregon presented by Laurelwood Brewing in third.

In Category 3 Women, Ryan M Levering from team Sunnyside Sports came in first, Anna Megale in second, and Alie Larsen in third.

Jason Whitley from Team Oregon presented by Laurelwood Brewing came in first for the Category 4/5 Men, Philippe Gauthier from team Mettle Cycling came in second, and Aaron Goodwin from team Fulcrum Properties/WebCyclery in third.

For Category 4/5 Women, Kristi Cutter from team Sunnyside Sports came in first, Kimberley Elder came in second, and Christy Hawkins from Team AF came in third.

Andrew Sargent from team Evolution Racing Team/River City Bicycles came in first in Masters Category 1/2/3 Men,

Eric Sheagley from team Griksen Brewing p/b West End Bikes came in second, and Mark Schaefer came in third.

Christine A Holland of team Portland Bicycle Studio came in first for Masters Category 1/2/3 Women.

Robert Tornai from team Audi came in first for Masters Category 4/5 Men, Scott Peterson of Team Monster Media Racing p/b Cyclesoles came in second, and Michael Moody of Team Cycle Sport came in third.

For the Pro/1/2 Men, Isaiah Newkirk came in first, Nigel Kinney in second, and Johnathan Crandall of Team Oregon presented by Laurelwood Brewing came in third.

For Pro/1/2 Women, Scott Peterson from Team Monster Media Racing p/b Cyclesoles came in first, Mallory Miller from team Portland Bicycle Studio came in second, and Anick Chaliar from team Fast Fun Nice Racing Team p/b Wattie Ink came in third.

ODFW discusses wolves, A&H

The Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission met for two days earlier this month in Salem.

They held a work session on Thursday afternoon and discussed a variety of policy issues related to the Draft Wolf Plan.

The Commission asked staff to explore adopting different standards for lethal control consideration when depredations are on public vs. private land. Commissioners did not set a date for final adoption of a Wolf Plan.

On Friday, the Commission took action on the following agenda items:

Marbled Murrelet Status: Granted 12-month extension to staff to complete the Marbled Murrelet status review and associated rulemaking process no later than June 21, 2018.

Several conservation groups petitioned the Commission in June 2016 to

"uplist" the seabird from threatened to endangered under the Oregon Endangered Species Act.

The Commission accepted the petition in September 2016, which initiated the rulemaking process.

The rulemaking process includes consultation with affected agencies, local governments, tribes, other organizations, and the public; a review of the biological status of the species to determine if circumstances meet legal criteria for reclassification; and peer review of the Department's status report.

Staff needs more time to compile and evaluate additional data, prepare a comprehensive status review report, and fulfill other obligations under the process.

Auction and Raffle Tag Allocations: Authorized big game auction and raffle tags for 2018. Each year,

sportsmen organizations auction several special big game hunting tags with part of proceeds benefiting their organization and the rest supporting ODFW's big game research, management and hunter access projects.

The bighorn sheep tags alone have raised nearly \$2.5 million for research and management of that species over the past 31 years.

Access and Habitat projects: Approved funding for several projects that provide hunting access and/or improve wildlife habitat on private land, including the Mackenzie Access Project (Owyhee Unit), Troy Ranches (Lookout Mtn and Sumpter Units), New River Aleutian Goose Project (Sixes Unit), Otley Access Area (Steens Mt Unit), Kueny Ranch (Steens Mt

Unit) and Bentz Access Area (Malheur River).

The Alvord Ranch Access Project (Steens Mt) was approved for just one year (not three).

Coquille Tribe Clam Harvest: Adopted an MOU between ODFW and the Coquille Tribe to provide opportunity for ceremonial and subsistence tribal harvest of clams through establishment of a special gathering permit.

Commercial Pacific Sardine and Anchovy Fisheries: Set commercial fishery regulations based on federal recommendations for sardine and minor Coastal Pelagic Species fisheries, and adopt additional state restrictions on commercial anchovy fishing in the Columbia River.

The Commission is the policy-making body for fish and wildlife issues. Its next meeting is Aug. 4 in Salem.

Learn to big game hunt

Each fall, thousands of Oregonians head to the woods to hunt deer and elk for the chance to spend time with family and friends, enjoy the outdoors and for the game meat. If you've ever wanted to join them, ODFW can help. ODFW's new free online course, How to Hunt for Deer and Elk in Oregon, makes it easy to learn some of the basics.

The course was developed by ODFW and Oregon State University's Professional and Continuing Education Department. It's ideal for beginning adult big game hunters looking to learn at their own pace and covers all the topics they need to know, including:

Regulations, Licenses and tags, Choosing a rifle or bow, Other necessary gear and equipment, Firearm safety, Scouting, Hunting techniques, Shot placement

Field care/meat preparation, Glossary of hunting terms

Viewers can go at their own pace, stop and start as needed, or skip ahead and just review the topics that interest them.

"This course is comprehensive, taking new hunters from what they need in terms of tags, gear, equipment all the way through to scouting, hunting techniques, taking a shot and butchering," explains Chris Willard, ODFW recruitment and retention coordinator. "Unlike much how-to-hunt material available for adults, it's also written with the total beginner in mind, and doesn't assume the learner has experience hunting."

Summer is also the right time to learn about firearm safety, practice shooting and shot placement, and scout for deer and elk before the season begins," Willard added. "This course can help you do all these things and be ready for fall hunting season this year."

The course complements other ODFW efforts to help adults learn how to hunt or fish, including workshops throughout the year, species specific how-to-hunt material and an online-only certified hunter education class for adults. Also this year, ODFW is hosting the Take a Friend Hunting Contest where mentors who agree to take new and returning hunters out can enter to win prizes.

"Historically, most hunters learned how to hunt from their parents and relatives when they were kids, but that's changing," Willard added. "Interest in hunting as a way to fully experience the outdoors and as a source for healthy, natural meat is increasing among adults who didn't grow up hunting."

The course is narrated by Cody Herman, a fishing and hunting guide who is also the host of Day One Outdoors show which airs on Comcast Sportsnet. Outdoor TV show host Scott Haugen also plays a role in the course.

Last year, about 160,000 people went deer hunting and 104,000 people went elk hunting in Oregon. Most seasons occur in fall, with Western Oregon general rifle deer season kicking off on Sept. 30, 2017.

Learn more at <https://pace.oregonstate.edu>.

Interpretive Center to have July programs

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is hosting several special interpretive programs throughout July for visitors at the National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center.

July 1, 2 and 3 - Folk Musician Hank Cramer performs music and tells stories from the old west at 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 2 p.m. daily.

July 14 and 15 - Michael "Bad Hand" Terry presents his program "People of the Plains" discussing history and traditions of Plains Indians, and his research and work in producing authentic replicas of tools, dress, and equipment of the Plains tribes. He will be in the Leo Adler Theater, from 10:30 a.m. to noon and 1:30 to 4 p.m.

July 15 and 16 - Blacksmith Gary Lewis demonstrates historic metal working techniques of the frontier era from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day.

July 28 and 29 - Western singer Mary Kaye performs her "Spirit of the West" program with songs about the people, history, culture and landscapes that define this region on Saturday, July 29th at 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 2 p.m. in the Leo Adler Theater. Evening concert at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, July 28th (outside, weather permitting).

July 6, 13, and 20 - The Thursday Outdoor Club offers learning activities for youngsters to hone outdoor skills from 1 to 2 p.m.

Throughout the month, staff interpreters will offer a variety of living history programs, outdoor cooking demonstrations, history hikes, and gold panning along with demonstrations to help visitors learn about regional geology, frontier life ways, and outdoor skills.