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Labyrinth!

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Last Thursday, the Baker City Lion's Club, working in conjunction with the City of Baker City, and master brick mason Dave Gagnon and crew, broke ground on Baker City's first labyrinth.

Located just off Valley Street on the edge of Central Park by the Powder River, the section of land from the small park was donated by the City for the project. The circular stone maze will measure about 30 feet across.

According to Lion's

Club Board member Jeff Nelson, "It's a wonderful project. People keep coming to us with their great ideas and so we can keep making our parks better."

He gives credit to Kathleen Kiefer and Aletha Bonebrake for putting the bulk of the work into the fundraising efforts.

The Lion's, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, managed through those efforts to collect approximately \$40,000, which will go toward things such as purchasing the large number of pavers—manufactured in Connecticut—that will be used to make the



Submitted Photo.

The approximate design of the labyrinth.

design. The materials will arrive by train next week.

Bonebrake said, "The design being installed in the Central City Park along the pathway is a replica in size and design of the world's most famous labyrinth, which was laid in the early 13th century as the floor of Chartres Cathedral in France. This same design

can be seen on the hospital grounds in The Dalles and in a courtyard at Grace Episcopal Cathedral in San Francisco."

Gagnon donated all of his own personal time and labor; his equipment and employees are paid for with private funds.

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L-R: Dave Gagnon, Kathleen Kiefer and Jeff Nelson on site at the future labyrinth.

When football and art come together



Submitted Photo.

Craig Millman (left) meets National Football League draft Malik McDowell, now of the Seattle Seahawks, to present one of his custom-painted helmets.

• BHS GRADUATE COMBINES SPORTS INTEREST WITH ARTISTIC TALENT

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Craig Millman's classmates from the Baker High School Class of 1990 remember Millman as a quiet but mischievous sort—and a student with all kinds of interests ranging from sports to drawing.

"I've somehow always had the ability to draw, sketch, use charcoal and paint—watercolor, acrylic, and oil—from either photos or images in my mind since a young age," he said.

During school, Millman's art was all over canvases, folders and just about everything else around him. After graduation, he even wound up trying his hand at assisting in painting details on a couple of race cars, as life carried him up to the Seattle area.

Now, still in Seattle, Millman is venturing into his own small but growing business.

"I got the idea of using helmets as a different type of canvas in the summer of 2014," he recalled.

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Submitted Photo.

In New York, White Plains Police Commissioner David Chong's NYPD helmet sits on display in his office.

Pondosa celebrates



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Pondosa had a park dedication in memory of Betty Jean Bennett who co-owned Pondosa with her husband Robert Bennett (pictured above) since 1980. Jean passed away two years ago and Robert just turned 94. He still runs the Pondosa Store and even constructed a display for his 1800s wagon. Several neighbors and family joined Robert in the celebration on Sunday, July 2. He and his family held a BBQ for all who attended. Gerry Meyer gave the invocation. There were RV spaces available for all who wished to linger.

Sheriff to supervise call center

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Last Wednesday Baker County Commission Chair Bill Harvey and Commissioners Bruce Nichols and Mark Bennett came together with Baker City Mayor Mike Downing and Councilors Loran Joseph, Jim Thomas and Rosemary Abell to discuss the jointly funded 911 Dispatch Center.

City Councilors Arvid Andersen, Adam Nilsson and Dan McQuisten were not present.

Sheriff Travis Ash, who has been proposing to take control of the 911 Center, was also on hand at the meeting.

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Friday Sunny and mild, highs in the low 80s. Friday Night: Clear and cool, lows near 50.

Saturday Sunny and mild, highs in the low 80s. Saturday Night: Clear and cool, lows near 50.

Sunday Sunny and warmer. Highs in the upper 80s. Sunday Night: Clear and not as cool, lows in the mid 50s.

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