

Little League Still Accepting Registrations

Baker Little League is still accepting registrations through March 11. You can register online at our website www.bakerlittleleague.org. For questions call Hayley at 541-519-1388. Tryouts will be held this Saturday, March 12 at the Baker Sports Complex. Check www.bakerlittleleague.org or the Baker Little League Facebook page for times.

Local Special Olympic Athletes Place Well

Submitted by Paula Moe

Special Olympic Coach Paula Moe is proud of local athletes who competed and placed well at the 2016 Special Olympics Oregon Winter State Games held at Mt. Bachelor outside of Bend this weekend.

Jamie McClaughry placed first in the 1K cross country ski relay with Union County and was second in the 3K cross country ski race. Jennifer Glerup was first in the 50 meter cross country, and third in the 100 cross country race. Emily Moe earned fifth place in the 50 meter snowshoe contest and second in the 100 meter snowshoe. Congratulations!



From left: Emily Moe, Jamie McClaughry and Jennifer Glerup competed at Mt. Bachelor in Special Olympics this weekend.

Lady Bulldogs Impress

Story / photo by Eden Taylor



Seniors Summer Phillips, Kylie Severson and Hope Collard playing tough defense against Marshfield.

The Lady Bulldogs earned the right to face third ranked Mazama in Klamath Falls on Friday, March 4, after beating Marshfield at home. Though the #3 ranked Vikings had taken first in the Skyline league with mostly blow-out games, the Baker girls would not give up.

The Lady Bulldogs played tough throughout the game. Mazama won 66-47, but the game was much closer than that. Baker hung in and wouldn't go away, playing incredibly on defense. The Vikings weren't expecting what Baker brought and all were very impressed with the Lady Bulldogs' tenacity.

Baker Girls varsity basketball team has been fun to watch and we are proud of them and their efforts. Baker will miss watching Brie Sand, Summer Phillips, Hope Collard and Kylie Severson play for the Bulldogs.

Gracie Huggins scored 14 points, Jaymie Ramos had 9 and Brie Sand added 7. Good luck in the future.

BTI Student Wins Welding Competition

By Gina Perkins

Dusty Gyllenberg traveled with instructors and two other students to a skills contest held at Linn Benton Community College and competed against 21 other Oregon schools. Gyllenberg won first place in the Shielded Metal Arc Welding competition. Casey Poe won second place in the Auto CAD 2D Drafting competition and fellow student, Mason Tomac placed third. Approximately 220 students participated in the competition.

Instructors Dave Frazey and Griffin Judy accompanied the students.



Proud of those Dawgs

Story / photo by Eden Taylor



Teancum Taylor shooting a lay-in after he stole the ball.

Baker High boys basketball team traveled to Cottage Grove this weekend for a game that would determine who made it into the 4A State Tournament. Baker made the eight and a half hour drive to Cottage Grove on Friday, March 5 to face the Lions on Saturday.

Though Baker had won the GOL undefeated, state rankings made the Bulldogs travel to the #5 ranked, Sky-Em league champion.

The Bulldogs played tough throughout the game, and never gave up. In fact, after the initial eight-point lead for the Lions, Baker came back to tie the game at 20 by the end of the first quarter. The Bulldogs had to come back several times in the game, but did so with tenacity. With 3.2 seconds left, Logan Sand made a lay-in to tie the game at 69. Cottage Grove called time out, and when play started again, there were four seconds on the clock. The Lions got the ball in, dribbled down the court, and put a lay-in up from the left. The ball went in, the game was over, and Cottage Grove won 71-69.

That was it, it was over for the Dawgs. The Baker Bulldogs cannot hang their heads in the least. They played hard, despite obstacles all along the way, and had a chance to win at the end. Baker's defense was as tough as any team's. In fact, the Lions were not prepared for such a tenacious defense. They could not shake the Bulldogs, and the rankings made no difference except where the game was played. The Dawgs represented Baker well, had a great season, and hung in there to the end.

Good luck to Bryson Smith, Teancum Taylor, and Logan Sand, who played their last game for Baker High.

Logan Sand scored 29 points, Grant Berry scored 11, Brad Zemmer and Teancum Taylor each scored 9. Thanks for the memories.

Thanks, Coaches



Hats off to the Baker head basketball coaches. Matt Sand, girls varsity coach, finished second in the GOL and Brent Gyllenberg, boys varsity coach, finished first and undefeated in the league. The coaches made a great run with their teams this year including playing impressively in the post season. Thanks for all you do for our kids!

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ODFW Hunter Education Courses Offered

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife announces two hunter education courses are scheduled in April in Baker City. These courses provide the opportunity to complete certification and obtain a hunting license.

The first is a traditional class starting April 8 from 5-8 p.m. at the Baker County Public Library. The class runs seven additional evenings with a range date of Friday, April 22.

The second class is an independent study range day to be held on Saturday, April 23, at the

Powder River Sportsmen's Club, Highway 86, east of Baker City. This class is intended to meet the range requirements part of certification for students who completed the hunter education course online or by means of home study and successfully completed a written exam.

Students may sign up online at www.odfw.state.or.us or by contacting a license vendor locally. Advanced registration is recommended to reserve a place in a class. Cost is \$10 per student. For further information call 541-523-3554.

Bill to Delist Wolves Passes

Submitted photo
At right, Sen. Hansell, Jerome Rosa, Rep. Barreto



After months of hard work, long conversations and countless meetings, HB 4040 passed the senate on a 17-11 vote Wednesday evening. This bill, sponsored by Representative Barreto, gives support to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and their decision to delist the wolf. All that remains is for Governor Kate Brown to give final approval.

The Oregon Cattlemen's Association have been huge supporters of the bill and are satisfied with its outcome.

Rocky Dallum, political advocate for the association, said, "Legislators on both sides of the aisle put significant effort into ensuring that the Legislature weighed in on an issue that may not affect a wide majority of Oregonians." He commended Oregon ranchers for their input on the bill saying, "OCA members drove thousands of miles this month to speak with legislators about this bill and put in countless calls and emails."

Todd Nash, a rancher from Wallowa County and Wolf Committee Chair for the OCA, is one of many ranchers who has dedicated significant time and resources to telling the story of wolves' effect on the Oregon rancher. "This is a win for all of Oregon that believe in the public process," he said. "I'm proud of everyone involved, moving away from court decisions and into public forum is a positive step forward."

The outcome of this bill gives additional support for the Oregon Wolf Plan that was previously agreed on by multiple stakeholders. "The Legislature's support for ODFW's delisting decision reduces the risk that special interest groups can use the threat of expensive court cases to force ODFW into changing the wolf plan without involving all stakeholders," Dallum said.

Jerome Rosa, executive director for the Oregon Cattlemen's Association, feels the passing of the bill was made possible by multiple parties. "We would like to thank Rocky Dallum for his outstanding endeavors regarding HB 4040. We would also like to thank Rep. Barreto, Sen. Hansell and Sen. Ferrioli for their dedication to this bill and also thank our OCA members for their contributions that helped this bill pass," he said.

HB 4040 does not change the Oregon Wolf Plan, but it does help clear the path for it to play out as it was intended. Evidence of the plan working can be seen in the recent ODFW report that states Oregon's wolf population increased 36 percent in 2015. Nash sees the passing of HB 4040 as positive progress. "This was a small step forward toward getting us to a place where all of Oregon can live with wolves."

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