

SIXTH-GRADERS

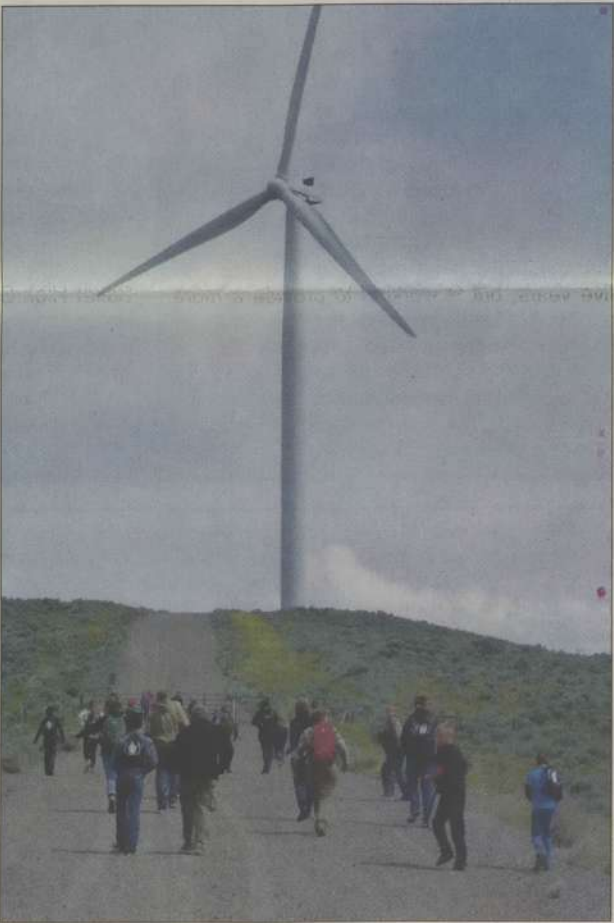
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The bus turned into one of many entrances to Ladd Marsh and we disembarked to be met with our field guides for the wildlife area. They handed out booklets and binoculars to the students told us the rules before we headed out onto the trail. It was not long before we were seeing and hearing a variety of hawks, swallows, song sparrows, Red-wing and yellow-headed blackbirds, killdeers, herons, ducks, geese and the notorious Brown-Headed Cowbird, (Known for kicking the eggs and young of other birds out of the nest and replacing them with their own eggs for the unsuspecting parents to hatch and raise.) We were even lucky enough to have a rare American Bittern fly right past us. But, the highlight of that hike had to be the stunning juvenile Great-Horned Owl who sat so calmly in a willow and regarding the enthusiastic children with large yellow eyes. Its "creepy" stare had the children reboarding the bus and headed for lunch at Union Park.

After an active lunch and playtime at the park, we were back on the bus headed for Elkhorn Valley Wind Farm. In the shop, the students had the opportunity to try on the heavy harnesses and wield the equally weighty tools that the wind generator workers had to use three-hundred feet above the ground. They were told the purpose of each tool and shown a massive bearing assembly from one of the generators.

Inside the main building, which we were told had been built as a luxurious house; we were shown more scientific wonders related to wind generation and the students did experiments with miniaturized versions of the wind generators. After Learning about the computer system that kept track of not only this wind farm, but many others and receiving nifty backpacks filled with a fun assortment of goodies, the students were ushered back outside for photo opportunities by the fluttering flag and the gate leading up to the wind generators. The children then engaged in a wild gallop back down the steep graveled hill to the bus.

Only one boy fell asleep during the ride home.



Thanks for the Memories



Eden, Teancum and Tim at State Track Meet Submitted photo

This is Eden Taylor, I have been writing the track and field articles as well as other sports, music and a variety of things for the *Record Courier* for the past several years. I have loved rubbing shoulders with the kids and being right where the action is - even if it meant taking a hit.

I have also been a mother of athletes and musicians at Baker High for a long time. Recently my son, Nick Taylor, posted a message that explains it best:

"September 9, 1993, Tina Taylor played her first volleyball game for Baker High School. This Saturday, May 21, 2016, Teancum Taylor will complete his high school athletics as a Dawg as he triple jumps at the state tournament. That is 8,291 days from the Start of Taylor kids competing for Baker High School to the end - 22 years, 8 months, and 13 days. There was one year when none of us kids were in high school, but we were always close by. I am very thankful my parents have been a consistent support for us all. Whether it was volleyball, basketball, choir, band, football, baseball or track and field, they were there yelling. Thank you mom and dad, Baker High School, and the Baker community for all your cheers, boos, and support. We will always bleed a little purple and gold."

I would like to think that in those nearly 23 years, I matured as a fan. My yelling is much more cheering now than it used to be.

It has been a great ride. I have definitely felt both the agony of defeat and the thrill of victory, time and time again. I have also experienced beautiful music and other magnificent things as I enjoyed my children's high school careers.

I would like to thank the *Record Courier* for giving me the chance to write about Baker High School and letting me get right in there to take pictures. (It really helped with the yelling part). I have also thrilled with some of the pictures I was able to get.

My seventh, and last child graduates on June 5 and we start another phase of our lives - the end of an era.

Thank you Baker community, Baker School District 5J and Baker High School for the long and great ride. Thanks for the memories!



Taylor Baker High Graduates: Tina, Nick, Tiffany, Trevor, Taralynn, Trent and Teancum Submitted photo

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The Baker County YMCA will be hosting the Y's Kids Races on Saturday, June 25 from 12 - 1 p.m. It's free and open to ages 4 thru 15. For more info visit <http://www.bakercitycycling.org/BCCC/Stages.html>

Sunday, June 26 the event will begin at 7 a.m. from Baker High School heading North on Highway 30 to Highway 203 where it will follow a rolling course through Medical Springs, Union and North Powder. From that point it will follow Anthony Lakes Highway to the finish line just past Anthony Lakes Mountain Resort. The public can expect delays on 203 and Anthony Lakes Highway so please plan accordingly. For those wanting to spectate from the finish, we ask that they be at Anthony Lakes Mountain Resort before Noon.

Baker Loves Bikes would like to thank the community in advance for their support and patience. The event is entering it's fifteenth year here in Baker County and is proud to support our local Baker High School sports and education programs. Each year we donate over \$5,000 to Baker High School and local volunteer groups like the Lions Club and the Northeast Oregon Companion Center.

Baker Loves Bikes and all the riders that take part in this great race truly appreciate your support and encouragement and look forward to seeing you out at the races cheering and ringing your cow bells.

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