

RELATED TO \$48 MILLION BOND MEASURE ON NOV. 6 BALLOT

Public tours of schools planned

A series of public tours are planned at Baker schools in September and October to allow patrons to learn more about some of the concerns that would be addressed if voters approve a \$48 million school bond in the Nov. 6 election, according to a District press release.

The first tour was Tuesday at Brooklyn Primary.

Each tour and presentation is expected to last about 45 minutes. Advance registration would be helpful but is not required, the press release stated.

To sign up, email Sandy Mitchell at Sandy.Mitchell@bakersd.org. Those attending should check in at the school office.

Here is the schedule of future tours:

- Brooklyn Primary: Sept. 25 at 2 p.m. and Oct. 16 at 11 a.m.
 - Baker Middle School: Sept. 13 at 9 a.m., Sept. 24 at 2 p.m. and Oct. 23 at 11 a.m.
 - Baker High School: Sept. 17 at 2 p.m., Oct. 8 at 2 p.m. and Oct. 22 at 2 p.m.
 - South Baker Intermediate: Sept. 19 at 9 a.m., Oct. 3 at 2 p.m. and Oct. 17 at 11 a.m.
 - Haines Elementary: Oct. 10 at 10 a.m.
- The School Board voted in July to seek a \$48 million bond to address aging

facilities and a list of concerns identified by the district's Long Range Facilities Planning Committee. The proposed bond would:

- Address safety and security issues at all schools
- Address energy efficiency and high maintenance costs at all schools
- Build a new elementary school
- Move seventh- and eighth-graders to Baker High School where they could access vocational and advanced classes

If approved, the bond would cost homeowners an estimated \$1.97 per \$1,000 of the assessed value of their home. That's about \$197 per year, or \$16.42 per month, for a home assessed at \$100,000.

FIRST RECORDED FATAL ATTACK BY WILD COUGAR ON HUMAN IN OREGON

Officials say cougar killed Portland hiker on forest trail near Mt. Hood

By Gillian Flaccus
Associated Press

PORTLAND — Authorities say a dead hiker whose body was recovered this week was likely killed by a cougar, marking the first fatal attack by a wild cougar in Oregon and the second in the Pacific Northwest this year.

Search and rescue teams found the body of Diana Bober, 55, on Monday off a trail in the Mount Hood National Forest in Welches, about 40 miles southeast of Portland. Her body was several miles from where searchers found her car last week near a ranger station.

Bober, an avid hiker who often trekked in the Mount

Hood and Columbia River Gorge area, was last heard from by family and friends on Aug. 29. She was reported missing on Friday and it's still unclear when she started her hike, said Sgt. Brian Jensen of the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office.

Her body had injuries consistent with a cougar attack and a medical examiner ruled out the possibility that she was mauled after she died of another cause, Jensen said. DNA samples collected at the scene were being flown by the Oregon State Police to a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service laboratory for further analysis, he said.

Authorities warned a local school district of the attack

and advised other hikers to stay out of the area.

Oregon wildlife officials are attempting to find and kill the animal, he said.

"This is an unprecedented event in Oregon," said Brian Wolfer, watershed manager for the Department of Fish and Wildlife. "We don't know what risk it poses to the public."

Cougar sightings are relatively common in Oregon, particularly in more rural areas, but Bober's death appears to be the first fatal attack.

There are about 6,600 cougars — also commonly called mountain lions or pumas — throughout Oregon. State wildlife officials get about

400 complaints about the animals each year, according to authorities.

Cougars can be killed by landowners or law enforcement officials when they pose a threat to human safety or cause damage to livestock or agricultural crops. They also can be hunted.

Over the past decade, about 20 cougars have been killed each year in the wildlife management area where Bober's body was found.

In May, a mountain biker in Washington state was killed by a cougar on a trail east of Seattle, the first fatal attack in that state in 94 years.

POACHING

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In addition to the jail and probation terms, Andersen was ordered to pay \$7,500 in restitution to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW).

Three other men, all from Astoria, pleaded guilty this spring in connection with poaching of trophy mule deer (defined in Oregon law as bucks with four or more antler points) in November 2015 and November 2016 in the Lookout Mountain unit of eastern Baker County.

The other defendants:

- Austin Barter, 21, pleaded guilty on April 9, 2018, to one count of unlawful taking of wildlife, one count of unlawful waste of wildlife and one count of aiding in a wildlife violation.

Barter was sentenced to eight days in jail, two years of bench probation, his hunting privileges were suspended for three years and he was ordered to pay \$7,500 in restitution to ODFW.

- Chase Rusinovich, 21, pleaded guilty on May 14, 2018, of two counts of unlawful taking of wildlife.

Rusinovich was sentenced to 15 days in jail and two years of bench probation. His hunting privileges were suspended for three years and he was ordered to pay \$7,500 in restitution to ODFW.

- Jake Marinovich, 22, pleaded guilty on April 5, 2018, to one count of harassing wildlife. He was sentenced to two years of bench probation and his hunting privileges were suspended for two years.

Marinovich, who did not kill any deer, would have been required to testify against the three other defendants had their cases gone to trial.

"These sentences conclude a lengthy investigation by the Oregon State Police," Shirliff said. "Brad Duncan, Oregon State Police game officer, did a very thorough and exhaustive investigation into the case. Citizen involvement led to the charges in this case and was instrumental in securing convictions. We felt that jail time and significant consequences including restitution under the trophy statute, as well as hunting license suspensions, were important."

CRASH

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Stefan Alan Jones, 49, was taken by ambulance to St. Alphonsus Medical Center in Baker City where he was treated for minor injuries, according to Oregon State Police.

Jones was driving east

on Highway 86 when he lost control at about 8:25 a.m., an OSP report stated. Speed was "a major factor" in the crash, police said.

After the truck rolled onto the driver's side, it slid about 60 to 70 feet uphill and into the highway guardrail.

BEND REPUBLICAN KNUTE BUEHLER HOPES TO BECOME FIRST MEMBER OF HIS PARTY ELECTED AS OREGON GOVERNOR SINCE 1982

From Roseburg to Rhodes Scholar to ... governor?

By Gary A. Warner
WesCom News Service

Editor's note: Knute Buehler of Bend is the Republican nominee for governor. This is the first of a two-part profile of Buehler. Part two, which will be published later this month, will look at Buehler's political career.

Just northeast of Roseburg is Colliding Rivers Park, where the Little River flowing north slams head-on into the North Umpqua River flowing south. The spot churns and pops with water and air before merging into the main branch of the North Umpqua, now heading tranquilly west.

Knute Buehler still visits the place where he spent childhood summers in the 1960s and '70s. But over time, he says he's found new meaning in the forces that come in from the left and the right to form a main stream.

"Sometimes, conflict can create incredible beauty at the end of the day," said Buehler, the Republican state lawmaker from Bend who is the GOP's nominee for governor.

"Unfortunately, we aren't seeing that right now in politics, because things are not mixing. They just hit head-on and try to go over the top of each other. The strength is in the mixing, be it rivers or politics. Ideally, you get the best of what is coming in from both sides."

Buehler, 54, is hoping his political version of colliding rivers will unseat incumbent Gov. Kate Brown and end Republicans' nearly 32-year drought in winning the governor's mansion.

Whether the idea sinks or swims will be decided by voters in November.

The poor kid from an under-educated family in Roseburg is a world-traveled orthopedic surgeon and artificial joint designer in Bend with a prestigious Rhodes Scholarship on his resume.



Ryan Brenneke / WesCom News Service

Republican gubernatorial candidate Knute Buehler sits in his home office in Bend.

Talking earlier this summer at McMenamin's Old Church & Pub in Wilsonville, not far from his suburban Portland campaign headquarters, Buehler looked much like the young student in photos at Oregon State — coolly confident, composed and physically trim three decades later. He has traded in the dungarees and striped polo shirt for a dark blue blazer, light-blue collared dress shirt and

dark slacks with a crisp crease. The shaggy bowl-cut hairdo and Tom Selleck-style mustache have given way to a businessman's orderly, short haircut with a close-cropped, gray-flecked goatee.

Buehler says he has the time and personal resources to fulfill one of the promises he made as a Rhodes scholar in Oxford — to return home, be a leader and engage in civic affairs.

Roseburg: The butcher's son

When Knute Carl Buehler was born on Aug. 1, 1964, the third and last of three sons for Werner and Dollie Buehler, a life that would take him around the world and reap great personal rewards and wealth would have seemed far-fetched.

Buehler's paternal grandparents immigrated from Germany after World War I, settling in Drain, about

halfway between Roseburg and Eugene.

"They ran a small grocery store," Buehler said. "My grandfather never spoke English, and my grandmother spoke broken English."

His maternal grandparents were from Oklahoma.

"Both of them were of Native American heritage, but not registered in a tribe," Buehler said. His grandfather grew up on a reservation and spoke Choctaw.

"They and my mother were not very forthcoming about this family history," Buehler said.

Neither Buehler's father nor mother graduated from high school. His father was a butcher, his mother a housewife. Buehler said they instilled in him and two older brothers the message that the things that may have held them back were not preordained to be the burden of their children.

"My parents stressed that if you worked hard and played by the rules — rules are important — you could succeed in life," Buehler said.

"But they also knew how important education was because of how it limited them in their quality of life."

Though the Buehler household was nominally Republican, the roiling electoral landscape of the 1960s and 1970s didn't intrude very often into family discussions.

"Politics was not a big subject around the dinner table," Buehler recalled.

Religion has also been a background presence in Buehler's life.

"I attended a wide variety of churches growing up," Buehler said. "My parents were not very religious, but I attended church with friends. I most frequently went to Catholic church." Asked if he currently goes to church, Buehler said, "No."

Don Crossfield met Buehler while teaching a freshman honors math class at Roseburg High School.

"He was quiet, determined, and resolutely detailed," Crossfield recalled.

Buehler was best known on campus as a top pitcher on the high school baseball team. He was also the second-string quarterback and punter on a Roseburg High team that went 14-0 his senior year, winning a state championship.

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