

Retired teacher draws on childhood in Baker City to inspire her books

■ Nancy Bond’s second book, featuring poems, was published in November 2018, and her third is set to come out this fall

By Lisa Britton
For the Baker City Herald

Nancy Bond drew on her 30 years of teaching when she penned the poems for “Lemon Pie and Dog Spit.”

The title comes from one of the poems.

“I thought it would catch a kid’s eye,” she said.

Bond grew up in Baker City (her maiden name is Kelly) and now lives in Western Oregon. She spent her career teaching elementary school, earned a certificate for teaching children with disabilities, and privately tutored students up to eighth grade.

Her first published book is a memoir titled “Lemonade Under the Lilacs.”

In “Lemon Pie and Dog Spit,” Bond used at least 10 types of poetry throughout the book.

“It’s a teaching tool,” she said, for those using poetry in the classroom.

The types include acrostic, haiku, cinquain, sonnet, ode, and straight rhyme. The poems cover topics such as

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fears, uncertainty, death, and bullying.

“This book is for teachers, parents and counselors as well as children,” she said. “I call them poems with a purpose. They are jumping off points to instigate discussions. Reading them out loud is like a counseling session.”

Bond retired from teaching in 1994.

“I wish I’d had this book then,” she said.

In additions to the life lessons, she said the book is also a fun read and introduction to poetry.

“I want children to know poetry doesn’t have to rhyme,” she said. “When you mention poetry, they immediately think they have to rhyme and that they can’t do it.”

The illustrations are a mixture — most are by Emily Lux, but about one-third are



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Nancy Bond, who grew up in Baker City, published her second book, “Lemon Pie and Dog Spit,” last November. Her third book is scheduled for release later this year.

by children “from all walks of life, ages from 5 to 15,” Bond said. Each child signed his or her artwork.

“Lemon Pie and Dog Spit” was published in November 2018. It is available at Betty’s

Books and on Amazon.

Her third book is scheduled to release in November 2019. It is based on a dog her parents had on a ranch on Pochontas Road near Baker City.

LOCAL BRIEFING

Learn about historic North Powder Ice Plant Sunday at E. Oregon Museum

HAINES — Jim Peters of Colorado will talk about the Pacific Fruit Express Company’s ice house, which operated in North Powder from 1910 to 1937, during a free event Sunday, Sept. 15, at 4 p.m. at the Eastern Oregon Museum, 610 Third St. in Haines.

Baker County Democrats have guest speaker for September 19 meeting

Eileen Kiely, secretary of the Democratic Party of Oregon and former candidate for the state legislature, will be the guest speaker at the Baker County Democrats’ monthly meeting on Thursday, Sept. 19 at Roger Fellowship Hall, 1995 Fourth St., between the Courthouse and Baker Middle School.

Pizza, coffee and tea will be served at 5:30 p.m., with the meeting starting at 6 p.m. All are welcome.

Free tours of Rock Creek Power Plant west of Haines through September 21

The owners of the historic Rock Creek Power Plant, in the Elkhorn Mountains west of Haines, will offer free tours Sept. 12-21, by appointment. To schedule a tour call Terry Daugherty at 208-412-9813 or Don Wagner at 208-412-9812. The power plant was built in 1903 and closed in 1995.

Cowboy action shoot set for Saturday at Virtue Flat range near Baker City

A cowboy action shoot event is set for Saturday, Sept. 14 from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Powder River Sportsman’s Club’s Virtue Flat Range about a mile east of the Interpretive Center north of Highway 86.

Entry fee is \$10 per person. The course of fire includes five or six stages of 25 to 30 rounds. Competitors are encouraged to dress in period western wear or B movie dress. Targets are steel and clay birds.

In cowboy action shooting competitors use single-action revolvers, lever-action rifles from before 1896, or replicas, as well as double-barrel or Winchester Model 97 shotguns

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BLM’s Vale District ending fire restrictions as of Saturday

VALE — Starting Saturday, Sept. 14, the BLM’s Vale District will cancel fire use restrictions on all Vale BLM-administered lands, including Bureau of Reclamation lands, in Eastern Oregon.

Fire managers have determined that cooler temperatures, shorter days, current weather projections

and decreased overall fire danger justify the lifting, which is about two weeks earlier than in past years. But they warn that fire season is not over.

“Once grasses dry out in early summer, they react quickly to changes in the weather the rest of the year,” said Al Crouch, fire

mitigation and education specialist for the Vale District. “Even though it has been cool and wet recently, a few days of warm, dry and windy conditions can dry out dead grass and brush quickly and elevate fire danger again.”

After lightning, equipment fires are the most common cause of

wildfires on the Vale District. As a precaution, keep vehicles off dry grass, including ATVs and UTVs. Check spark arrestors and keep hot exhaust away from dry grasses. “So far this year, we have experienced fewer human-caused fires than normal,” Crouch said. “This is largely due to the public’s fire safety

practices and compliance with fire restrictions, and we want to thank them for that.”

Campfires must never be left unattended or abandoned on federal lands. To extinguish a campfire, pour water on the coals, stir them with a shovel or other tool, and drown them again.

DRILL

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Another 10 people including the perpetrator died in a shooting that left 27 others injured Aug. 4 in an nightclub district of Dayton, Ohio,

Officers from the Oregon State Police, Baker City Police and Baker County Sheriff’s Office will be attending the local training along with those from any other interested agencies in the area, Klecker said.

Baker City Fire Department also is expected to send people for the training. And Undersherff Jef Van Arsdall said he plans to include Sheriff’s Department dispatchers, Parole and Probation officers and corrections staff from the jail.

“The big goal is to be able to provide as real a training as possible,” Klecker said. “When folks debrief afterward they will identify areas that need to be worked on or tweaked.”

Neighbors around Brooklyn Primary School at 1350 Washington Ave. will be notified about the day-long Friday and Saturday trainings the night before. Klecker said officials will go door-to-door on Thursday, Sept. 26, to let people know there will be an abundance of police vehicles around the school for a training exercise and that there is no need to be alarmed.

The same instruction will be offered on each day,

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allowing those attending to participate as their schedules allow, Klecker said.

“We’re running the trainings back-to-back in order to maximize the number of people able to attend,” he said.

Each day will begin at 8 a.m. with classroom instruction. The sessions, which will include a variety of scenarios, will end at 5 p.m.

Plastic silicone bullets will be used in scenarios that include gunfire, Klecker said.

Baker City Police Chief Ray Duman, 60, a retired Oregon State Police officer, says he believes the overtime cost involved in sending the 12-person police staff, including himself, through the training, is well worth the expense. There is no charge for the instruction through the DPSST.

“I will attempt to get every one of our people through this training scenario,” he said.

Duman believes the professional training his staff will receive is vital to a successful community response should an active threat occur.

“When an incident like this happens it’s total chaos,” he said. “You react how you’re trained.”

Duman acknowledges that most officers probably will never be faced with such a situation during their careers, or even during their lifetimes, but honing their skills as a team will help ensure a better outcome for the community should they be called to respond one day, he said.

“The training determines how the situation is going to play out,” he said.

This month’s training is the first of three that will be offered to help the community become better prepared, Duman said.

Others will focus on mass casualty response by emergency medical providers and law enforcement officers and the third will focus on helping community members understand their role in a large-scale incident.

The mass casualty response was offered in La Grande recently and some Baker City officers participated in that event, Duman said.

“It’s a good thing for our community for this to be happening,” he said.

OSP Lt. Daniel Conner, who was promoted to his new rank in March, is the station commander over OSP patrol

offices in Baker, La Grande and Enterprise. Conner, 40, comes to the new position after about 19 years in law enforcement, including 15 of those working drug enforcement first with the Baker County Sheriff’s Office and then with OSP.

Conner believes that teamwork building will be one of the most valuable by-products to come out of the training.

Getting to know community partners who will respond side-by-side with law enforcement during an active threat situation is vital, Conner says.

“This gives us an opportunity to work more cohesively together,” he said. “Any time we have the opportunity to work with the locals, that’s where the rubber meets the road — to know who’s got my back and who’s got my cover.”

Conner said the recent training in La Grande was the largest of its kind in Union County history.

“We’re excited to be able to have this kind of opportunity,” he said.

Van Arsdall, who will serve as an instructor for a portion of the training, said he, likewise, is looking forward to the experience.

“I’ll help facilitate the trainings, but I want to go through the training, too,” he said.

Van Ardall said he will be working to recruit officers from Union, Grant and Malheur counties in the coming

weeks.

“It’s always good to get everybody on the same page,” he said.

Van Arsdall, 47, who has worked in law enforcement since 1996, including time as a survival skills instructor in the Willamette Valley, moved to Baker City from Corvallis about four years ago with his family. When a position opened up with the Baker County Sheriff’s Office he applied for the job and has worked his way up to the role of undersheriff.

Van Arsdall and the other law enforcement leaders have high praise for Klecker in his first year as the regional training officer for Baker, Union, Wallowa, Grant, Umatilla, Morrow, Harney and Malheur counties.

“Ben in his new role with the academy is doing a really good job,” Van Arsdall said.

Klecker, 38, also is happy to be living and working in Eastern Oregon.

He moved to Baker City a year ago with his wife, Maria, and their four children, ages 10, 8, 7 and 3. He works from an office at 1100 K Ave. in La Grande, but he hopes to be moving his work site to Baker City in the future.

Klecker formerly had

worked for 2½ years as a defensive tactics instructor at the academy. Prior to that, he spent 6½ years as a patrol deputy with the Lincoln County Sheriff’s Office at Newport.

Klecker said he has wanted to live in Eastern Oregon since he was 5 years old and enjoys the outdoor activities the area has to offer.

“This has been a positive move for my family,” he said. “My wife loves the snow.”

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