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A special good day to Herald subscriber Connie Brown of Haines.

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PENDLETON — For the second year in a row, Pendleton Bike Week is canceled. The organizers behind the motorcycle rally made the announcement on the event's website.

BRIEFING

Virtual book fair benefits Baker Early Learning Ctr.

Baker Early Learning Center is holding a virtual Scholastic Book Fair from April 8 through April 20. BELC earns 25% of the book sales. All proceeds will be added to the school's playground fund.

To purchase books, follow these steps:

Through Google, search for Scholastic Book Fairs. Click on: Find a Fair. Search for Baker Early Lrng Center.

Purchase books from the online store or the virtual fair. For quicker access, go to <https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bookfairs/cptoolkit/homepage.do?method=homepage&url=bakerearlylrngcenter>

Information is also posted on the Baker Early Learning Center's Facebook page.

WEATHER

Today
46 / 20
Mostly sunny

Sunday
53 / 21
Mostly sunny

Monday
56 / 26
Mostly sunny

Full forecast on the back of the B section.

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Wolf hit, killed by vehicle

■ Adult male wolf from Cornucopia pack was hit on Highway 86 near Richland, likely early Thursday

By Jayson Jacoby
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An adult wolf from the Cornucopia pack in eastern Baker County was hit and killed by a car on Highway 86 near Richland either late Wednesday night or early Thursday, April 8.

Several motorists reported the

dead wolf, starting around 6:30 a.m. Thursday, said Brian Ratliff, district wildlife biologist at the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) office in Baker City.

The wolf was hit near Milepost 36, about five miles west of Richland.

Ratliff said he doesn't know who hit the wolf. No one has reported doing so.

The dead wolf, a male weighing 95 pounds, was born in the spring of 2019 along with two other pups, Ratliff said. That litter elevated the group of wolves to pack status.

Although the wolf did not have a

tracking collar, Ratliff said a GPS signal from a collar fitted to a female wolf in the Cornucopia pack, also part of the pack's spring 2019 litter, showed that that wolf, early Thursday morning, was near the point on the highway where the male wolf was killed.

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Baker Little League Prepares To Start Season May 1



Jayson Jacoby/Baker City Herald

More than 100 volunteers gathered at Wade Williams Field on April 3 to prepare the park, owned by the Baker Elks Lodge, for the upcoming Baker Little League season.

Let's Play Ball!

By Corey Kirk, Baker City Herald

When the calendars flip from April to May, for the first time in two years Wade Williams Field and the softball complex on 17th Street will echo with the sounds of bats on balls and the sight of parents watching the games.

The Baker Little League, which canceled the 2020 season due to the COVID-19 pandemic, is set to return May 1.

Jason McLaughry, Baker Little League president, said preparation for the 2021 season started not long after the difficult decision to cancel the 2020 schedule.

"The first thing we do every year is to work on getting new board members or filling the board to help run league operations for the next year," McLaughry said.

One of the board's bigger challenges, not surprisingly, was working closely with the Oregon Health Authority and the Baker County Health Department to ensure this long-awaited season can be played safely.

"Putting a procedure and protocol together for how we are going to get kids back on the field, and doing it safely with all the expectations that we have these days," McLaughry said.



McLaughry

McLaughry recognized that this offseason, following the 2020 cancellation, was not going to be like previous ones.

"Before, we would be looking at putting teams together, registering players, looking at equipment purchases, and uniforms; we've been having to look at other things under the current COVID-19 pandemic restrictions and guidelines on how we would operate a season," he said.

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Fourth school employee tests positive

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A fourth employee at Brooklyn Primary School has tested positive for COVID-19, the Baker School District reported Thursday morning, April 8.

The District announced on April 2 that one Brooklyn employee, and two substitute teachers, had tested positive.

According to Thursday's press

release, any Brooklyn students who are quarantined because they were in close contact with the teacher — being with six feet for 15 minutes or more during a 24-hour period — will be able to use the District's distance learning platform while quarantining.

Students in the teacher's class started distance learning Thursday as a precaution, but no students have

tested positive, said Lindsey McDowell, the District's public information and communications coordinator.

As was the case with the three other workers, the teacher who most recently tested positive was infected outside the school, based on an investigation from the Baker County Health Department, McDowell said.

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Cycling Classic returns

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Brian Cimmityotti says bicyclists are ready to race again, and he's looking forward to putting on the Baker City Cycling Classic this summer.

"I think there's a pent-up demand," he said.

Cimmityotti took over as race director in 2020, but that event was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

This year's race is set for June 25-27.

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COVID related death reported

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A 75-year-old Baker City man who died on April 3 is the 13th county resident to die after testing positive for COVID-19, the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) reported Friday, April 9.

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Sumpter's three flea markets planned

By Samantha O'Conner
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One of Baker County's major summer events — three of them, actually — are slated to return in 2021 after being casualties of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020.

The trio of outdoor flea markets at Sumpter, the historic town about 28 miles west of Baker City, are scheduled for four-day runs around Memorial Day, the Fourth of July and Labor Day weekends.

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