

Local

BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

TUESDAY, APRIL 13

■ **Baker County Economic Development Committee:** 3 p.m. at the Courthouse, 1995 Third St.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14

■ **Baker County Board of Commissioners:** 9 a.m. work session at the Courthouse, 1995 Third St. Agenda items include an update from OSU Extension Service and Baker Heritage Museum, and continued discussion on the county's travel policy.

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald April 10, 1971

Mike Bennett emerged from the wind and the rain and the dust yesterday afternoon to receive the trophy for top performer in the Carnival of Speed at Milton-Freewater.

Bennett won four blue ribbons in leading the Baker Bulldog track team to a second place finish behind the Blue Devils from Walla Walla, Wash., in a field of 24 Class A, AA and AAA high schools.

25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald April 10, 1996

Perhaps the most symbolic indication of what the majority of the audience at Tuesday's Baker City Council meeting thinks about the city's discarded vehicle ordinance was a dishevelled copy of a proposed revision fluttering to the council chambers floor.

Several loud, angry voices made the group's opinion obvious, as well.

10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald April 11, 2011

The Wallowa-Whitman National Forest is seeking public comments about its proposal to override, for a timber sale in eastern Baker County, the 17-year-old ban on cutting large, live trees. The forest has finished a draft environmental impact statement for the Snow Basin project.

The 26,500-acre project, which calls for commercial logging on about 12,400 acres in the Eagle Creek and Little Eagle Creek areas north of Richland, would be the biggest timber sale on the Wallowa-Whitman in more than a decade.

ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald April 11, 2020

Tim Schuette watches the laser zoom across a sheet of acrylic, moving so fast it's blurry, as it makes dozens of duplicates of an item that a few days ago he couldn't have picked out of a lineup.

When the laser stops, almost 24 minutes after it started, Schuette has 67 fresh copies of what is a modest tool in the arsenal fighting the coronavirus pandemic.

These clips, about the size of two adult fingers, attach to the straps of the protective masks that doctors, nurses and other health care professionals have been wearing almost constantly.

Wearers can adjust the clip to make the mask more comfortable during long shifts, said Schuette, who lives in Baker City.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, April 7

8-9-32-45-46-48
Next jackpot: \$1.2 million

POWERBALL, April 7

27-35-39-51-66 PB 16
Next jackpot: \$55 million

MEGA MILLIONS, April 6

1-19-20-32-42 Mega 17
Next jackpot: \$201 million

WIN FOR LIFE, April 7

1-30-70-73
PICK 4, April 8

• 1 p.m.: 2-8-6-1

• 4 p.m.: 2-4-7-5

• 7 p.m.: 6-0-0-0

• 10 p.m.: 5-3-7-3
LUCKY LINES, April 8
3-8-12-15-17-23-28-30
Next jackpot: \$13,000

SENIOR MENUS

- **MONDAY (April 12):** Hot beef sandwich, mashed potatoes with gravy, Capri vegetables, fruit cup, brownie
- **TUESDAY (April 13):** Meatloaf, mashed potatoes with gravy, roll, mixed vegetables, Jell-O with fruit, apple crisp
- **WEDNESDAY (April 14):** Chicken cordon bleu, baked potatoes, rolls, green beans, broccoli-bacon salad, lemon bars
- **THURSDAY (April 15):** Pork roast with gravy, red potatoes, rolls, capri vegetables, pea-and-onion salad, ice cream
- **FRIDAY (April 16):** Barbecue beef ribs, scalloped potatoes, rolls, corn, sauerkraut salad, pudding

Public luncheon at the Senior Center, 2810 Cedar St., from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; \$4.50 donation (60 and older), \$6.75 for those under 60. Meals must be picked up; no dining on site.

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LITTLE LEAGUE

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The biggest adjustment involves player and fan safety. Physical distancing will be encouraged, and players will be asked to wear masks when they are in the dugout. Players will answer questions about any potential symptoms they might have, and those who aren't feeling well will be asked to miss practices and games until they're better.

Given that baseball and softball are relatively physically distant sports, McClaughry is confident that the protocols will be effective.

"(In) sports there is always an opportunity for contact or close contact. This year is going to be educating volunteers, coaches, board members and players on how we are going to play, teach and coach within the physical distancing of the three to six feet we have all grown accustomed to," McClaughry said.

Little League officials will also be encouraging proper hygiene and sanitation.

"We are all washing our hands more, using hand sanitizer, cleaning and disinfecting equipment, so we've got procedures for how we're going to do that to make sure everything is clean as possible," McClaughry said.

Registration numbers increase

Perhaps not surprisingly, given the 2020 cancellation, interest in youth baseball and softball is high this spring.

McClaughry said the 10-year average ranges between 280 and 350 participants.

This year he anticipates 330 to 340 players.

McClaughry is also pleased with progress on scheduling games against other leagues in the area.

"We do have a few games scheduled against John Day, and La Grande, for our kids that are 12 years and younger," McClaughry said. "Currently on the schedule now we have some games for our 13-year-old boys to go over to Hermiston to play over there."

With opening day approaching, McClaughry expressed gratitude for the selfless work of members of the board and the core group of volunteers who have made the 2021 season possible, including vice president Kenny Keister.

"He has done a fabulous job of working with the Elks (Lodge 338 in Baker City), who own the Wade Williams baseball field and has been a long time cooperator of Baker Little League," McClaughry said. "He's really done a good job and really going in with the relationship Baker Little League has with the Elks."

On Saturday, April 3, that relationship continued when Keister organized a large group of volunteers gathered at Wade Williams, in south Baker City near the Powder River, to clean up the facility in preparation for the season.

"They had over 100 people over there helping, we haven't seen that type of ac-



Jayson Jacoby/Baker City Herald

Wade Williams Field in south Baker City.

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— Jason McClaughry, president, Baker Little League

tivity in a long time," McClaughry said.

That's just one example of the ways people have helped Baker Little League grow, he said.

"A lot of people coming forward with ideas about fundraising and making Wade Williams better, and a lot of improvements we can do over there, it's been one of the fantastic bright things that have come out," McClaughry said.

A similar sense of excitement pervades the upcoming softball season, and improvements have been made at the 17th Street fields through the efforts of Tyler Culley, former vice president of softball, and current vice president Krisi Wilde.

"A lot of community involvement and a lot of people running the equipment, moving dirt, pulling weeds out of things," McClaughry said. "Those are really encouraging things for the future of community support of wanting to make better facilities for the kids."

After hearing from many parents and kids, McClaughry knows that the excitement is palpable for the return of play.

"If you think about it, the last time

most of them played baseball or softball was two calendar years ago, that would have been June of 2019 and now we are coming up on mid-April of 2021," McClaughry said. "I've heard that a lot of people are very excited, they've been really thankful for all the work that the board is doing to put this together to make it a success and to make it go. They're eager to get back on the field and play ball."

Though it's been a long time since the last pitch was thrown, McClaughry said Baker Little League's expectations remain the same.

"Kids having fun and learning how to play baseball and softball, those are the two big ones we stress all the time," McClaughry said. "They are also learning how to be good teammates and good citizens so our expectations aren't any different, we expect kids to come out there and have a blast."

Practices are set to begin April 15, with opening day Saturday, May 1, and a season that will last until mid-June. For more information, go to the Baker Little League's Facebook page.

OBITUARY

James Bond

Baker City, 1965-2021

James Ward Bond, 55, aka Bond, Jim-Bob, of Baker City, died on March 25, 2021, at Settler's Park Assisted Living in Baker City surrounded by his daughter, Moriah Bond, second daughter, Jessica Spivey, Jessica Shorts, and his sister, Norma Bond along with all the amazing, loving, caregivers at the facility.

A memorial will take place this summer. A page on Facebook — "RIP JAMES BOND AKA BOND" — will be updated with information. It is also a place you can share stories and memories and photos.

James was born on June 18, 1965, at Bay Shore, New York, to Norman Alfred Bond and Laura Katherine (Russo) Bond.



James Bond

He graduated high school in 1983 from Sagem High School. He served two years in the United States Army, ranked as a private.

He worked as a commercial driver and a welder for USA Concrete, Natural Structures, and Behlen.

In March of 1987, James married Jessica Shorts at a little church outside of Sumpter.

James loved spending time with his family and friends, fishing with his daughter and grandkids, watching NASCAR, teaching the youngins how to drive (professional driving coach), break dancing at the Truck Corral, and embarrassing his friends and family.

James accomplished many things in his life, but his greatest accomplishment was being a one-of-a-kind, amazing father, brother, grandpa, and friend. He was able to make people smile just

when they needed it the most.

He is survived by his daughter, Moriah Bond/Smith of Oregon; his grandchildren, Kody and Silas Roberts of Oregon; significant other, Jessica Shorts of Oregon; his sisters, Norma Bond of South Carolina, Kelly Brown of Texas, and Jessica Bond of Arizona; his sisters-in-law, Alicia Shorts of Oregon and Stephanie Hansen of Oregon; and his fur grandchild, Gizmo Smith and many others including many friends who have turned into family. He is the unsung hero of many people's lives. Your life is a blessing, your memory a treasure, they said. You are loved beyond words. And missed beyond measure.

Memorial contributions can be made to Moriah Bond by sending them to 1635 Cherry St., Baker City, OR 97814.

To leave an online condolence for the James's family, go to www.grayswestco.com.

NEWS OF RECORD

FUNERALS PENDING

Arlene Mae Schoorl: There will be a public celebration of Arlene's life, with a potluck, on Saturday, April 24, from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Unity Community Hall. To offer online condolences, go to www.grayswestco.com

POLICE LOG

Baker City Police Arrests, citations
FAILURE TO APPEAR (Baker County Circuit Court warrant): Shebb Robert Bassman, 33, Baker City, 2:47 p.m. Thursday, April 8 in the 2200 block of 10th Street; jailed.

SECOND-DEGREE CRIMINAL MISCHIEF (Baker County Circuit Court warrant): Michael Ray Long, 52, Baker City, 1:35 p.m. Thursday, April 8 in the 200 block of Bridge Street; cited and released.

SECOND-DEGREE THEFT: Michael Ray Long, 52, Baker City, 10:57 a.m. Thursday, April 8 in the 900 block of Elm Street; cited and released.

VIOLATION OF RESTRAINING ORDER, HARASSMENT, MENACING: David Samuel Cutshall, 38, Baker City, 2:59 p.m. Wednesday, April 7 at Dewey and Estes; jailed.

PROBATION VIOLATION (Baker County Circuit Court warrant): Christopher Allen Prince, 30, Baker City, 10:32 a.m. Wednesday, April 7 in the 500 block of Campbell Street; cited and released.

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