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A special good day to Herald subscriber Jack Wilson of Baker City.

BRIEFING

Raffle, auction raising money for BHS Class of 2022 senior party

The Baker High School seniors are selling Bare Necessities raffle tickets and running an online auction to raise money for the Class of 2022 drug- and alcohol-free party. Tickets for the raffle, which includes more than 40 prizes, are available from any BHS senior, at Kicks Sportswear, 1801 Main St., Maurice's, 1090 Campbell St., or by calling 541-403-1480. The online auction runs through April 15. Items include 80 pounds of ground beef, a Bulldog hope chest package, a wine and cheese basket, Seattle Mariners basketball tickets, a date night package at Wildhorse Resort, and many more items. To access the auction, go to <https://www.32auctions.com/BHS2022>.

Local students on Blue Mountain CC honor roll

PENDLETON — Baker County students are among those named to the honor roll for the winter term at Blue Mountain Community College.
President's List: 3.75 to 4.0 GPA
Lexie Flanagan, Emma Lowe, Naomi Potter, Makayla Rabourne, Olivia Sappe, Maya Smith, Sara Waldrop, Chey Watkins

WEATHER

Today
45/20
Mostly sunny

Wednesday
54/27
Mostly sunny

Full forecast on the back of the B section.



Organizers of a free self defense training course April 2, 2022, in Baker City, left to right: Matt Rosin, Ben Klecker, Dakotah Keys, Leanna Gautney, Kyle Ebeling, Alesia Wilson and Angie Davis.

BUILDING CONFIDENCE

MayDay, police team up for self defense training

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Foam mats lined the floor of the Family Life Center at the Baker City Nazarene Church and laughter echoed through the building on Saturday morning, April 2.

But the purpose for this gathering was absolutely serious. MayDay, the Baker County nonprofit that helps victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, worked with two state police agencies to put on the inaugural survivor's self defense training. Ben Klecker, the Eastern Oregon regional training coordinator for the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training, and Oregon State Police Trooper Dakotah Keys covered fundamental concepts designed to give women confidence in a potentially dangerous situation. "Like if they found themselves in a bad position where they ended up on the ground and somebody was on top of them," Klecker said. "Trying to give them ways and concepts that they could potentially get away, disengage, and keep themselves safe."



Instructor Ben Klecker, right, discusses self defense tactics while Matt Rosin, top, and Kyle Ebeling demonstrate a technique during a class on Saturday, April 2, 2022, in Baker City.

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Baker City wastewater back in compliance

Bacteria levels exceeded permit limits during part of March

Baker City Herald
The treated wastewater that Baker City pipes into the Powder River north of town is no longer exceeding state limits for bacteria concentrations. The city issued a notice on March 17 urging people to avoid entering the Powder River or drinking untreated water from the river north of the city's sewer treatment lagoons, which are near Imnaha Road about a mile north of town. The warning did not affect the reach of the river through Baker City, which is upstream from the treatment lagoons. Wastewater from the four lagoons, which is released into the river, contained higher than usual levels of E. coli bacteria, some types of which can make people ill. The river runs through private property north of the lagoons, so there is little, if any, public access to or use of the river in that area.

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OTEC awards lineman, trade school scholarships

Baker City Herald
Three Baker City residents have received \$5,000 scholarships from Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative to pursue careers as linemen. OTEC and its Member Foundation announced the awards to Elijah Banister, Justin Eskew and Shawn Rasmussen. Ronald Borello of Baker City is one of five people who received a \$2,500 scholarship from OTEC to attend a trade school.

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Easter egg hunt, kids rodeo return



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It didn't take long for youngsters, including Makena Hawkins, center, to scoop up 10,000 Easter eggs and other gifts at the annual egg hunt at Geiser-Pollman Park in April 2019.

Both events set for Saturday, April 16 at Geiser-Pollman Park

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Geiser-Pollman Park will once again be filled with plastic eggs and a crowd of kids as the annual Easter egg hunt returns from a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic. And not only is it back, but the event will be joined by the Shriners All Kids Rodeo. It all happens on the morning of Saturday, April 16. The Baker City Rotary Club is in charge of the hunt, which officially starts at 10 a.m. with a siren provided by the Baker City Police Department. But participants should be there early — the eggs go fast as kids scramble in their designated zones arranged by age. Rotarian Anthony Bailey said The Dollar Tree is supporting the hunt with donations, and customers can

donate to the event at the store. Also, Bailey said monetary donations are welcome to help fund next year's event. Donations can be taken to Old West Federal Credit Union in Baker City, or mailed to Baker City Rotary Club, P.O. Box 1011, Baker City, OR 97814. Baker County Parole and Probation also assists with the Easter egg hunt. As an addition this year, the Baker City Christian Church will provide coffee and breakfast burritos in the park from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. **Kids Rodeo** The 21st All Kids Rodeo, presented by the Baker County Shrine Club, returns this year for children ages 4 to 14. Events will be at Geiser-Pollman Park, rather than the fairgrounds as in past years. "The Shrine Club would like to associate the kids rodeo more closely with the Easter egg hunt in the park," said Jeff Higgins, club president. There is no fee to participate, but

registration (including a signature by a parent or guardian) is required. Registration forms are available in advance at the Baker County Chamber, 490 Campbell St., and Guyer & Associates, 2790 Main St. Registration on April 16 starts at 9 a.m. at the park. Rodeo activities will immediately follow the Easter egg hunt, with organized events starting at 10:30 a.m. Events include a cow hide pull, dummy roping, stick horse races, balloon scramble, sack races, tractor pull, bouncy bull riding and an egg toss. Volunteers from the Haines Stampede Rodeo Association, and the Stampede's rodeo court, will join the Shriners in running the events. A lunch of hot dogs, chips and a drink is provided free for participating children, and costs \$5 for all others. Proceeds from the event support the Baker County Shrine Club. For information about the rodeo, call Guyer & Associates at 541-523-4471.



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