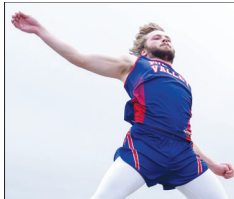




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Strawberry pie sweetens spring



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Baker boys, girls 2nd at La Grande meet

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A special good day to Herald subscriber Tim Rouse of Vancouver, Washington.

**BRIEFING**

**'Durkee Stories' event April 12 at Baker Heritage Museum**

Baker Heritage Museum will host "Durkee Stories," a conversation with Gary Bloomer, on Tuesday, April 12, at the museum, 2480 Grove St. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the presentation begins at 6 p.m. Attendance is free.

Bloomer, a long-time Durkee rancher, will share stories about the town's history and the Opal Mine.

**Walk for Awareness of child sex trafficking May 14**

The Baker County Soroptimists are planning the Walk for Awareness, a 5K run or walk to raise awareness about the issue of child sex trafficking and raise money to combat the problem, for Saturday, May 14. Pre-register at [walk-for-awareness.ticketleap.com/registernow](http://walk-for-awareness.ticketleap.com/registernow). Entry is \$30 with a shirt (register by April 14 to guarantee shirt size), or \$10 without a shirt. A family can register for \$25.

On May 14, registration starts at 9 a.m., and the event begins at 10 a.m. T-shirts will be sold at the walk for \$25.

All proceeds will be donated to Shared Hope International, which aims to end sex trafficking by raising awareness about the problem, provide services to survivors of sex trafficking, and help states improve laws for this crime.

**WEATHER**

**Today**  
36/17  
Mostly cloudy

**Wednesday**  
39/19  
Snow showers

Full forecast on the back of the B section.

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Shane Alderson, owner of Baboon Creek Outfitters in Baker City, gives a quick introduction to orienteering during a Friday Academy activity for grades 1-3 on Friday, April 8, 2022.

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## Finding Their Way

### Baker students learn to navigate with a compass

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Patrick Oberlander peers at the compass in his hand.

He looks up, then looks back at the dial. Then he spins in a circle, hoping to orient himself. "The black has to line up with black, and the red with the red," he says. Once that happens on the compass, he points across Geiser-Pollman Park.

"We're supposed to go this way," he says, side-stepping across the Powder River Pavilion to keep the compass pointing the right direction.

On Friday, April 8, youth from grades 1 to 3 explored the park by using a compass during a special orienteering program led by Shane Alderson of Baboon Creek Outfitters in Baker City.

This outing was part of the Baker School District's Friday Academy.

For the Friday Academy sessions each week, grades 1-3 gather at the Baker Heritage Museum, just across Grove Street from Geiser-Pollman Park, and students in grades 4-6 meet at the YMCA gymnasium on Church Street.

Sessions for all include one hour of academics, and two hours of a STEM activity (science, technology, engineering and math).

Community partners include the Baker Heritage Museum, OSU Extension Service, Bureau of Land Management, GO-STEM and the YMCA. Each group is also accompanied by a paraprofessional from the school district, and a high school student.

"We could not do it without community partners," said Heidi Stocks, coordinator for Friday Academy.

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Harley Ackerman, left, and Patrick Oberlander work to find their way with a compass around Geiser-Pollman Park on Friday, April 8, 2022.

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## Winter makes a fierce return

### April's second week looks chilly, damp

BY JAYSON JACOBY AND SAMANTHA O'CONNOR

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Forget flowers. The April showers that barged into Baker County this week brought one thing more immediate — high school sporting events cancellations.

The few flowers that have appeared so far were bending beneath their frozen burden.

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## Anthony Lakes wraps up successful ski season

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It wasn't the snowiest winter on record, but Anthony Lakes Mountain Resort had plenty on its slopes to keep skiers and snowboarders sliding all season.

"Overall we had a great season," said Chelsea Judy, marketing director for the ski area in the Elkhorn Mountains about 35 miles northwest of Baker City.

A dearth of early storms delayed the start of the season until Dec. 18.

But once the resort was open, the snow base was sufficient, despite a prolonged dry stretch that lasted for most of February, to keep Anthony Lakes on its usual

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## Baker students excel at FBLA conference

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Baker High School and Baker Middle School had five state champions at the Oregon State Business Leadership Conference April 7-9 at Portland.

Several other Baker students qualified for the national conference in Chicago June 29 to July 2.

The state conference was an in-person event for the first time since 2019. The 2020 and 2021 conferences were done virtually due to the pandemic.

"It was really nice to be back in person at the FBLA state conference this week," Baker FBLA advisor Toni Zikmund said. "Baker walked away with five state champions and a great deal of memories.

"While things were not totally back to normal at the state conference, we are very thankful it was in person again so that members could get a sense of what FBLA is really all about. Students were able to hear our inspirational keynote speaker, attend workshops and watch

other student presentations as well. This allowed them to become more familiar with other events that they may want to compete with in the future."

Baker had 16 high school and five middle school students compete at the state conference.

"We are small but mighty this year," Zikmund said.

In addition to Baker's results in various contests, Abbey Benson won the \$2,000 Foundation Scholarship for her involvement in FBLA over the past six years.

The top four finishers in each high school event, and the top two in middle level events, qualified for the national conference.

Zikmund thanked Bryan Tweit, of HatchLab in Baker City, for helping prepare Baker students for their speaking events. He also served as a judge for two days during the state conference.

**Baker's state champions**

- Harris Gaslin, exploring economics (middle level)
- Cadell Mills and Lilly

Wilson, business ethics (middle level)

- Cadell Mills, interpersonal communication (middle level)
- Te'yan Coley and Campbell Vanderwiele, hospitality and event management (high school level)

"I believe this is due to both their public speaking practice in the leadership class and their work experience in the field," Zikmund said of Coley and Vanderwiele. "They both work as baristas for Coffee Corral. Te'yan also works in marketing for HatchLab, and Campbell owns her own catering business. Their impromptu role-playing scenario was to introduce a new drink into stores — very fitting for them."

- Ashlyn Dalton, Introduction to public speaking (high school level)

"Ashlyn destroyed the competition with her incredible speech," Zikmund said. "In my opinion it was better than the junior/senior level winning speech."

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Te'yan Coley, left, and Campbell Vanderwiele were state champions in the hospitality and event management event at the Oregon FBLA State Leadership Conference April 7-9, 2022, in Portland.

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