

# Local

## TURNING BACK THE PAGES

### 50 YEARS AGO

from the Democrat-Herald

April 21, 1972

Bob Barnette knows how to cut red tape. He sliced it four times to lead the Baker 8th graders to a 62-56 upset win over Pendleton Thursday as the junior high was victorious in two of three classes.

### 25 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald

April 21, 1997

The Internet is now available for public use at the Baker County Library, 2400 Resort St.

Aletha Bonebrake, librarian, said the Internet's arrival completes the second phase of the three-phase plan for upgrading library technology to access materials in machine-readable form.

### 10 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald

April 20, 2012

An Ontario man who has admitted to spraying black paint on 12 different Baker City properties, including mailboxes, walls and vehicles, and stealing from his foster mother, has been sentenced to 30 days in jail for the crimes.

Union County Judge Russell West sentenced 18-year-old Francisco Javier Guerrero on Friday in Baker County Circuit Court.

### ONE YEAR AGO

from the Baker City Herald

April 22, 2021

Friendship and a public art project are the reasons there's a colorful new bovine in front of the Baker Heritage Museum.

Molly Wilson, who serves on the Baker City Public Arts Commission, is heading a project to place cow sculptures around Baker City.

Her friends, Cammy Warner and Diana Brown, knew about the project. On a trip through Central Oregon last year, the trio discovered a large metal cow at an antique shop in Canyon City.

Wilson knew it was perfect.

All it took was a return trip with a horse trailer, and some helping, and the blank canvas of a cow came to Baker City.

And there it sat for several months, until moving to the garage of Warner, who volunteered to put the artistic touch on the creature.

"I knew what I wanted to do. I'd do a little here, a little there," she said.

Her husband Fred helped too — he handled the details while she focused on the abstract art aspect. She used bright, metal-specific spray paint to decorate the hide in blocks of color.

"He helped and we got it done," Cammy said. "It was fun."

The Public Arts Commission wanted the cow placed somewhere along Campbell Street.

Warner serves on the Baker County Museum Commission, and the Baker Heritage Museum is located at the corner of Campbell and Grove streets, just east of Geiser-Pollman Park.

She talked to other commission members to see if the museum could host the cow.

The answer was yes.

"I think it catches people's eyes and might draw them in," Warner said.

## OREGON LOTTERY

### MEGABUCKS, APRIL 18

10-14-15-33-37-47

Next jackpot: \$4.4 million

### POWERBALL, APRIL 18

8-33-55-59-62 PB 18

Next jackpot: \$370 million

### MEGA MILLIONS, APRIL 19

2-9-33-47-53 Mega 24

Next jackpot: \$22 million

### WIN FOR LIFE, APRIL 18

5-28-40-76

### PICK 4, APRIL 19

• 1 p.m.: 7-5-6-3

• 4 p.m.: 8-4-7-9

• 7 p.m.: 8-0-5-8

• 10 p.m.: 3-3-2-2

### LUCKY LINES, APRIL 19

1-8-12-14-18-21-26-29

Next jackpot: \$31,000

## SENIOR MENUS

**FRIDAY (April 22):** Pork roast, stuffing with gravy, mixed vegetables, rolls, applesauce, tapioca

**MONDAY (April 25):** Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, peas and carrots, biscuits, green salad, peach crisp

**TUESDAY (April 26):** Pork tips over fettuccine, peas, rolls, ambrosia, sherbet

**WEDNESDAY (April 27):** Spaghetti, mixed vegetables, garlic bread, green salad, birthday cake

**THURSDAY (April 28):** Staff in-service day; closed.

**FRIDAY (April 29):** Pot roast, red potatoes, carrots, rolls, green salad, ice cream

Public luncheon at the Senior Center, 2810 Cedar St., from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; \$5 donation (60 and older), \$7.50 for those under 60.

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# GO STEM Hub brings learning opportunities to local students

BY DAVIS CARBAUGH

The (La Grande) Observer

LA GRANDE — A locally based organization is spreading education opportunities in science, technology, engineering and mathematics across Eastern Oregon.

The Greater Oregon STEM Hub, a state-funded education center housed at Zabel Hall at Eastern Oregon University in La Grande, recently dispersed more than 2,000 STEM kits to fourth graders in the region. The initiative is one of the wide variety of ways the organization is providing learning opportunities for students and teachers in rural areas.

"We want our program to be equitable for all students in our region," GO STEM Hub Executive Director David Melville said. "We were trying to think of what we could do in the middle of a pandemic to support STEM education. We needed something that was versatile."

The staff of three at the GO STEM Hub, with help from the EOU football team and coaching staff, on Saturday, March 5, packaged and prepared 2,300 kits to be delivered across GO STEM Hub's seven-county service range — many of the kits have already been delivered to schools, with the remaining kits set to arrive in time for Oregon STEM Week in May.

The kits contain STEM projects, materials, instructions in both English and Spanish, snacks and giveaways. Students received catapult kits, engineering kits and gravity racer kits. The organization partnered with Sodexo food services to include two snack items per box.

The STEM kit event came about last year during the peak of the COVID-19 pandemic, when at-home learning was at the forefront for students. The GO STEM Hub upped the total number of kits from 2,000 to 2,300, making adjustments to this year's kit based on teacher feedback.

"We learned a lot from last year," Melville said. "We really



David Melville/Contributed Photo

Greater Oregon STEM Hub staff and volunteers from the Eastern Oregon University football team pack supplies into STEM kits at the university's shipping and receiving building on Saturday, March 5, 2022. The organization distributed 2,300 STEM kits with projects and supplies to fourth graders across seven counties in Eastern Oregon.



David Melville/Contributed Photo

Volunteers from the Eastern Oregon University football team pack supplies into STEM kits for Eastern Oregon fourth graders on Saturday, March 5, 2022.

liked the idea of it and just wanted to keep doing it."

### 'Pivotal point'

The GO STEM Hub works with students as well as providing resources for teachers, taking their input and needs into high consideration.

"Working in this position, we see that it means a lot to teachers when their voices are heard," GO STEM Hub Program Director Stefanie Holloway said.

During last year's event, the organization targeted fourth grade students after their age range and older were sent

home for at-home learning due to the pandemic.

"It's a pretty pivotal point," Melville said of fourth grade. "It's a great point in time where students transition from learning to read to then having the opportunity to learn and find their own interests."

This year's kits included several upgrades and alterations, such as paper straws for the gravity racer kit. Another new element was a partnership with Amazon Web Services. Amazon's philanthropic branch covered the \$46,000 project in its efforts to reach young learners in rural counties.

The kits were funded by Oregon Community Foundation last year, through a grant specific to COVID-19 relief. Organizers at the GO STEM Hub were thrilled to partner with Amazon, utilizing their

### GO STEM events

The Greater Oregon STEM Hub, based at EOU, will be participating in the Earth Day event at Max Square from 4-5:30 p.m. on Friday, April 22. The organization is also gearing up for Oregon STEM Week, which begins on May 14.

resources to help spread STEM education in Eastern Oregon.

"The folks at Amazon Web Services are very passionate about investing in education in Eastern Oregon," Holloway said. "They're very innovative and forward thinking."

### Growing footprint

The partnership has spawned numerous future possibilities, including a mobile maker space that is in the works — the vehicle would serve as a STEM classroom on wheels, allowing the GO STEM Hub to bring resources to schools around the region.

"That's kind of our answer to the regional spread dilemma, because we can bring the STEM classroom all over the region," Holloway said. "We're hoping to identify our smallest communities that are lacking in resources to bring these opportunities to them."

The GO STEM Hub hopes to continue providing learning opportunities for rural students, some of whom may not have access to STEM education. Another big point of emphasis is providing teachers with resources necessary to provide STEM education, as well as offering professional development opportunities.

The organization houses a free lending library, which teachers from around the region can utilize to acquire supplies for experiments and activities. The library includes a catalog which teachers can order from and have the items shipped directly to their schools.

As the GO STEM Hub looks to further grow its footprint and encompass more students and teachers in Eastern Oregon, the to-go STEM kits served as a productive way to bring STEM opportunities to young learners.

"We serve seven counties, so we want to make sure everyone knows who we are and what we can offer," Holloway said. "We're able to visit the schools by sending them things like this."

## News of Record

### DEATHS

**Michael Eugene Slater:** 72, of Salem, and a former Baker City resident, died April 16, 2022, in Salem. He was born on April 24, 1949. The Virgil T. Golden Funeral Service is in charge of arrangements.

### FUNERALS PENDING

**Rusty and Donny Brodhead:** Memorial service will military honors will take place Friday, April 22 at 11 a.m. at the North Powder Cemetery. Online condolences can be shared at [www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com).

**Barbara Sherman:** Celebration of life service will take place Saturday, April 23, at 11 a.m. at Coles Tribute Center, 1950 Place St. Donations can be made to Best Friends of Baker, through Coles Tribute Center. To leave a condolence in memory of Barbara, go to [www.colestrIBUTEcenter.com](http://www.colestrIBUTEcenter.com).

**Agnes Bird:** A celebration of Agnes' life and graveside service will take place Saturday, May 21, at 1 p.m. at Pine Haven Cemetery in Halfway. A reception will follow immediately at the Halfway Lions Hall. Those who would like to make a donation in memory of Agnes can do so at the Hells Canyon Junior Rodeo through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services, P.O. Box 543, Halfway, OR 97834. Online condolences can be made at [www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com).

**Ivan Harry Bork:** A celebration of his life and potluck will take place Saturday, May 28, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the ballroom at the Baker Heritage Museum, 2480 Grove St. For those who would like to make a donation in honor of Ivan, the family suggests Hunt of a Lifetime through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services, P.O. Box 543, Halfway, OR 97834. Online condolences can be shared at [www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com).

### POLICE LOG

#### Baker City Police

##### Arrests, citations

FAILURE TO APPEAR (Union County warrant): Sunnie Jean Moore, 24, Baker City, 3:37 p.m. Tuesday, April 19, at First and Madison streets; jailed.

PROBATION VIOLATION: Brent Allan Bailey, 44, Baker City, 12:01 p.m. Tuesday, April 19, in the 2200 block of 10th Street; jailed.

PROBATION VIOLATION: Tamara Kay Fine, 48, Baker City, Adrianna Dione Morris, 24, Baker City, 2:10 p.m. Monday, April 18, on Elm Street near Old Highway 30; both were jailed.

THEFT BY RECEIVING: Crystal Gayle Canapo, 38, Jimmy Dean Smith Jr., 57, Baker City, 7:05 a.m. Monday, April 18, in the 3700 block of Birch Street; cited and released.

#### Baker County Sheriff's Office

##### Arrests, citations

PROBATION VIOLATION: Chuck Wayne Briney, 29, Baker City, 8:39 p.m. Monday, April 18, in the 1200 block of Campbell Street; cited and released.

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Sat & Sun 1:00, 4:00, 7:00  
Mon-Thurs 7:00

**SONIC**  
**THE HEDGEHOG 2** (PG)  
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Sat & Sun 1:10, 4:10, 7:10  
Mon-Thurs 7:10

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