

Celebrate the salt lick at this Saturday's event

BAKER CITY — The Great Salt Lick, Baker County's unique fundraiser, is now in its 13th year. Founded by Whit Deschner, it has

raised \$140,000 for Parkinson's disease research.

The Great Salt Lick contest and auction happens Sept. 21 at

Churchill School, 3451 Broadway St., Baker City. Enter off the 16th street parking lot.

Judging and viewing starts at 5:30 p.m., and the auction begins at 7 p.m. Refreshments and beverages will be available throughout the evening.

The event works like this: People submit salt blocks licked into artistic sculptures by livestock or wildlife. Those blocks are displayed and entered into the running for cash prizes. After judging, the blocks are auctioned live by Mib Dailey. Proceeds are donated to the Parkinson's center at Oregon Health and Science University.

Deschner, 65, was diagnosed with Parkinson's 20 years ago.

Blocks can be entered up until Saturday, but Deschner encourages early entries. Those submitted at Oregon Trail Livestock Supply in Baker City or Richland Feed and



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Salt blocks sculpted by livestock and wildlife will be auctioned off in the 13th annual Great Salt Lick contest on Sept. 21. The unique fundraiser benefits Parkinson's disease research.

Seed will be exchanged for a new block. Licks can also be submitted at Churchill, but replacement blocks are not available there.

Blocks are on display this week at Churchill School.

For more information, call Deschner at 541-519-2736.

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'Everybody Loves Opal' continues

BAKER CITY — Bumbling junk collector Opal Kronkie is back on stage with Eastern Oregon Regional Theatre's production of "Everybody Loves Opal."

The show runs Friday through Sunday at 2101 Main St., Baker City. Performances start at 7 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and 3 p.m. Sundays.

Tickets are priced at \$12 adults, \$10 for EORT members and \$8 students, and are on sale at Betty's Books, Random Resales, www.bakerlivetheatre.com and the door.

The cast includes Leanne Hinkle, Joeline Murray, T.J. Miller, Bre Miller, Judy Head and John Murray. Lisa Ensworth directs, with Hinkle as co-director. Stage crew includes Sebastian Cole, Bob Hinkle, Jean Simpson, and Hunter Benavidez.