



"Picking Up the Pieces" by Sophie Daffer



Burnt River High School's Anna Kim's acrylic painting, "Dark Purple Landscape"

ART

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Baker senior Koedi Birmingham was honored for her ceramic piece "Rueben Blorp." Sophie Daffer, a Baker ninth-grader, was honored for her glass sculpture "Picking Up the Pieces."

Anna Kim, a 10th-grader at Burnt River High School, was honored for her acrylic painting "Dark Purple Landscape."

Powder Valley students who received honorable mention certificates were:

- Freshman Dallan Ar-

vidson for his mixed media painting "Darwin."

- Junior Autumn Davis for her mixed media sculpture "Lion's Mane."

- Senior Rylee Richman for her untitled mixed media painting.

- Freshman Viri Rodriguez for her mixed sculpture "Gungi Tea-Cup."

- Senior Shelby Sieckman for her untitled mixed-media sculpture.

"On behalf of the EOU Art Department and the Nightingale Gallery I would like to congratulate the winners and all the students with

work on view," Cory Peeke, gallery director, stated in the press release.

"And I would also like to congratulate the art teachers who go above and beyond to help students create works of such a high caliber," he said.

Students at Baker High School are taught by Kristen Anderson and Jill Nelson. Laurie Hueckman is the art teacher at Burnt River High School in Unity and Jessie Street is the art teacher at Powder Valley High School in North Powder.



Morgan Stone won the outstanding Baker High School young artist honor for her ink drawing, "Meme Queen."



Nuria Pons of Burnt River High School won the Crossroads award for outstanding Baker County young artist for her graphite drawing, "Lady Bug"

United Way Fun Run set

LA GRANDE — United Way of Eastern Oregon's annual Shamrock Shuffle Fun Run is set for Saturday, March 16, at 8 a.m. at Eastern Oregon University's Quinn Coliseum.

The event, sponsored by Grande Ronde Road Runners, Pepsi-Cola Bottling Co. and Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative, helps raise money for the United Way and the charities it supports, including Shelter from the Storm, MayDay Inc., CASA of Eastern Oregon, food banks, youth programs and others.

Entry fees for the Fun Run are \$10 for adults, and \$5 for students ages 5 to 22. More information is available at www.uweo.org.

REVENUE

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The fee, which is \$3 per month per residence and \$6 per month per business, raises about \$180,000 per year for the general fund, which includes the police and fire departments.

The budget board likely will resume its discussion about the fee, and about the general fund's future, when it reconvenes in May to start working on the budget for the fiscal year that starts July 1.

Most of Tuesday's meeting was devoted to an overview of the budget process and the city's current financial situation.

"Several years ago I had an interim budget meeting where I had to give a bunch of bad news — this is not one of those years," Dexter said.

She said the general fund beginning working capital is about \$236,000 higher than the city had budgeted. That's more than Dexter would prefer. The amount is due largely to a change in how the city records ambulance revenue.

Kent Bailey, a CPA with Guyer and Associates, the city's auditing firm, said he expects to have the 2018 audit finished within three weeks.

Dexter plans to have the proposed budget done by May 10 at the latest. The budget board will start reviewing the budget on May 20.

PROTEST

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The City Council has approved the first two of three required readings of the ordinance. The final reading is slated to be on the agenda for the Council's March 12 meeting.

On Monday afternoon, Christie stood at the corner of Auburn Avenue and Main Street holding a two-sided sign.

One side read: "Decent people don't make the poor homeless because of property maintenance."

The other side read: "Ask City Council: What Would Jesus Do?"

Christie said he decided to display his sign Monday because he believes the proposed ordinance is too extreme

and will unnecessarily harm residents.

Although he stood alone on the sidewalk Monday, Christie said he has talked with other people who also oppose the ordinance.

"They don't go to council because they don't think council cares about them, and they are right," Christie said.

He attended the Feb. 26 council meeting as well as a recent work session during which councilors discussed the proposed ordinance.

Christie has submitted written comments outlining his concerns about the rules.

"There's going to be poor people, disabled people, troubled people that are going to get crushed by this," he said.

The main changes to the city's existing property main-

tenance ordinance are adding the term chronic neighborhood nuisance and allowing the city to ask the Baker Justice Court judge to deem properties that meet certain criteria as chronic nuisances. The ordinance would also authorize the judge to block access to such properties, including by the owner, until the property is cleaned up and any fines paid.

In written comments to the City Council, Christie has argued that the proposed ordinance could be unconstitutional, potentially violating the Sixth Amendment (due process), as well as the 14th Amendment (dealing with equal protection of the laws) and the Fifth Amendment (requiring the government to compensate residents for property "takings").

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