

## New at the Library

### FICTION

- "The Cornwalls Are Gone," James Patterson
  - "Blood Oath," Linda Fairstein
  - "The American Agent," Jacqueline Winspear
  - "DarkTribute," Iris Johansen
  - "The Last Second," Catherine Coulter
- ### NONFICTION
- "Uninvited," Lysa TerKeurst
  - "What is Populism?," Jan-Werner Müller
  - "Prepper's Long-Term Survival Guide," Jim Cobb
  - "Good Vibrations," Mike Love
  - "Our Savage Neighbors," Peter Silver

### DVDS

- "Aquaman" (Sci-fi/Fantasy)
- "If Beal Street could talk" (Drama)
- "Second act" (Comedy)
- "Stan & Ollie"

## PAPERS

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They are the Baker City Herald, The Observer in La Grande, the Curry Coastal Pilot in Brookings, plus two newspapers in California, the Del Norte Triplicate in Crescent City and The Union Democrat in Sonora.

The company also has engaged brokers in the sale of its real estate holdings, company President John Costa said.

"All the real estate is for sale," Costa said. "We have valuable property."

The Union Democrat distribution facility on Camage Avenue in Sonora sold recently for about \$1 million, and the proceeds were used to pay property taxes and lower the company's outstanding debt.

The bankruptcy filing, which was initiated on Jan. 22, lists creditors both secured and unsecured. Among those owed are shareholders, officers of the company and the Internal Revenue Service.

In an effort to balance expenses with revenues earlier this year, the company laid off 33 employees company-wide and required 13 employees to work reduced work weeks.

The company has furloughed workers and does not offer a qualified health insurance plan. During part of 2018, employee paychecks were delayed.

The Bulletin recently went through a redesign to reduce newsprint use while emphasizing local news coverage.

This is the second time Western Communications has filed for Chapter 11 protection. The first was in August 2011 to relieve financial pressure from a three-year dispute with Bank of America, the company's largest creditor at the time. Chapter 11 allows companies the time to reorganize while remaining in business.



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Riley says she's upcycling all kinds of items in a creative way to sell and to help generate extra money for the business. She'll eventually paint the whole box creation one color when it's completed.



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Danean Riley's gallery displays imaginative creations.

## RILEY

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She says for addicts some of those things aren't simple because coming out of drug addiction is like coming out of a fog.

"The end result needs to be that we need to be productive members of society and some of us don't have the skills to do that," said Riley of addicts in recovery.

For years Riley has been the sponsor for Teresa Freeman who is helping Riley set up the business. While Freeman has relapsed in the past, she says as long as she stays busy and involved with Riley's program for clean and sober people she can stay clean. A sponsor is an addict in recovery who has made progress in his or her recovery and uses that experience to help another addict progress in recovery.

"Helping others is a key to helping me," said Freeman.

Freeman says after taking from the community as an addict for years she

is excited to give back.

Though Riley has been clean for over 20 years, she says she can't do it by herself and that is why she wants to help others with similar issues.

"I'm still an alcoholic and a drug addict and I still think about doing them, even now," said Riley.

When she first decided to get clean, Riley didn't know how, but she contacted members of the recovery community in Portland, where she was living at the time, and started the 12-step recovery program.

"I'd been in jail, been in prison, been through lots of treatment centers and nothing happened for me," Riley said. "The thought dawned on me, it was true, I am an alcoholic and a drug addict and I can't drink or use anymore."

Riley first started using drugs at the age of 11 and

for the next 20 years she was in and out of jail and drug treatment facilities.

She has been teaching life skills at local treatment centers for the last four years. She says that teaching life skills to those in recovery not only teaches them a specific skill, it also teaches them how to follow directions.

"When I got out of prison, I didn't have any skills. I knew how to do drugs and do crime," Riley said.

Any money made from the sale of art through the nonprofit business will go into funding the life skills program and sober home. The building that will house the business and sober home has undergone extensive remodels since Riley took ownership, including replacing much of the roof and walls. Though Riley did some of the work herself, she also had help from community volunteers.

Riley had tried to open the business three times before but was shut down because of violations of city codes and rules.

"The greatest barrier I had was thinking I knew how to do some stuff that I didn't know how to do," said Riley.

She doesn't expect there to be any issues when they open on Monday.

A grand opening and barbecue is scheduled from noon to 6 p.m. Monday. Riley recently held a thank-you luncheon for those who donated items, money or time to help open the shop. Amy Meece donated money to help purchase the property.

Business hours will be from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

## LOCAL BRIEFING

### Eagles Past Presidents Club to meet

The Eagles Past Presidents Club has scheduled a dinner tonight.

Beef Stroganoff will be served from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Eagles Lodge, 2935 H St. Dinner also will include salad, rolls and dessert for \$7.

Eagles members and their guests are welcome.

### Garden Club speaker to talk pruning

The Baker County Garden Club will host guest speaker Anna Stafford on Wednesday, April 3, at 10:30 a.m.

Stafford, an arborist and applicator, will present a program about pruning bushes and shrubs at the Sunridge Inn.

Both new and current members are welcome.

### Ladies Golf and Bridge luncheon April 3

The Baker Ladies Golf and Bridge association will have its season-opening luncheon on Wednesday, April 3 at Quail Ridge Golf Course. Weather permitting, golf will start at 8:30 a.m., with lunch at 12:30 p.m. followed by bridge. Cost is \$9 for lunch, a one-time charge of \$5 for the membership fee and \$1 for the social club fee.

To reserve a place for lunch, call Dianne Ellingson at 541-523-4553 or 541-519-4703 by Tuesday, April 2.

### Mothers of preschoolers plan yard sale

The annual yard sale for MOPS — Mothers of Pre Schoolers — is set for April 13 from 8 a.m. to noon at the Nazarene Family Life Center, 1250 Hughes Lane. Spots are available for tables at \$10 per space. MOPS asks that people who have a table donate 10 percent of their proceeds to the organization.

More information is available by calling Kimberley Godes at 541-403-3174.

### BMS soliciting donations for spring carnival

The Baker Middle School Leadership class is soliciting donated items and cash contributions for its annual Spring Carnival on April 19. The event is the primary fundraiser for BMS students.

Donations can be brought to BMS, 2320 Washington Ave., or students will be collecting donations the week of April 15. More information is available by calling Jebron Jones, Leadership teacher, at 541-524-2500.

### Driver safety course to be offered April 11

A "Smart Driver" Driver Safety course will be offered in Baker City in April.

The class is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, April 11, at the Baker City Senior Center, 2810 Cedar St. There will be an hour-long break for lunch.

The cost is \$15 for AARP members or \$20 for nonmembers. Completers are eligible for a discount on their auto insurance, Fred Moore, coordinator of the Oregon District 10 Driver Safety Program, stated in an email to the Herald.

To register call the Senior Center at 541-523-6591.

### Red Cross Bloodmobile in Baker Monday

The American Red Cross will bring its Bloodmobile to Baker City on April 1.

Blood will be drawn from noon to 6 p.m. Monday at the Calvary Baptist Church, 3910 Broadway St.

To make an appointment, cancel or reschedule, call Myrna Evans at 541-523-5368.

### Telekinesis to perform Sunday at Churchill

The Seattle-based band Telekinesis will play at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, March 31, at Churchill School, 3451 Broadway. Tickets are \$8.

Michael Benjamin Lerner is the songwriter. He also plays drums and sings. Telekinesis includes Lerner, Rebecca Cole (keyboards), Lance Umble (guitars), Jay Clancy (bass).

Lerner said he grew up in a musical household where his dad was a DJ in Seattle for 30 years. He was raised on music by the Beatles, which he says influences his own music.

"Oh definitely! It's maybe cliché to say they do, but I don't mind clichés," he said "They are the gold standard — end of story."

## COSTA

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"All I can say now is that it has been a distinct honor and rare privilege to serve this great company."

Costa previously was The Bulletin's editor-in-chief until 2014 when he was named publisher. Prior to

joining The Bulletin, Costa was the executive editor of the Idaho Statesman and deputy managing editor of the St. Petersburg Times.



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