

WOLVES

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The breeding female from the Pine Creek pack is fitted with a tracking collar that allows ODFW biologists to follow her movements.

Brian Ratliff, district wildlife biologist at the agency's Baker City office, said earlier this month that the breeding female could move into a den to have pups in mid-April. The breeding female bore seven pups in April 2018. In addition to the Pine Creek pack,

there is a pair of wolves, one male and one female, that have been traveling together in eastern Baker County since about Valentine's Day. Ratliff said it's not clear whether those two wolves, both of which are fitted with tracking collars, will mate and produce a litter of pups this spring.

At the Library

• 2400 Resort St.

FICTION

- "Silver Sparrow," Tayari Jones
- "The Odd Angry Shot," William Nagle
- "Redemption," David Baldacci
- "The Department of Sensitive Crimes," Alexander McCall Smith
- "The 13 Minute Murder," James Patterson

NONFICTION

- "Scriptorium," Melissa Range
- "The Agenda Mover," Samuel Bacharach
- "The Nordic Theory of Everything," Anu Partanen
- "The 4 Disciples of Execution," Chris McChesney
- "Marrow: A Love Story," Elizabeth Lesser

DVDS

- "Burning" (drama)
- "Glass" (science fiction)
- "The Kid Who Would Be King" (family)
- "Replicas" (science fiction)
- "Steve McQueen: American Icon" (documentary)

- Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.
- Friday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Sunday, noon-4 p.m.

BURNING

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In some places where prescribed burns are slated this spring, there's still a couple feet of snow, Hawkins said.

In others the snow has only recently melted, and the persistent rain has prevented the ground from drying.

Hawkins said he doubts Wallowa-Whitman officials will ignite any prescribed fires for at least the next week, and quite possibly not until May.

As spring progresses another factor could also interfere with the forest's burning plans, Hawkins said.

In places where fire managers rely on dry pine needles and dead grass from last year to carry flames across the ground, the drying will coincide with a budding crop of green grass.

If that grass is thick enough there's no point in trying to burn, Hawkins said, because flames won't spread.

"It would be like trying to burn a green lawn," he said.

Wallowa-Whitman officials use prescribed fires to achieve multiple goals, among them reducing the amount of combustible fuel and thus curbing, though not eliminating, the risk of summer wildfires.

Prescribed fires, because their effects can usually be managed within certain parameters, also can improve habitat for elk, deer and other wildlife.

Over the past five years the Wallowa-Whitman has increased its yearly prescribed

burning by about 20%.

"By getting good fire back into the forest, we're protecting communities while restoring and sustaining the land," Hawkins said.

Each spring and fall, forest officials pick places where prescribed fires could be lit if conditions are right — the burning "window," as fire managers call it.

The decision on whether to ignite a fire depends not only on conditions on the ground, but also forecast winds and other factors that affect where smoke moves, and whether it's likely to settle in valleys.

Hawkins said it's likely that the first areas where the burning window will open this spring is the southern part of the Wallowa-Whitman, which is generally drier than the northern parts of the forest. Officials have proposed to burn up to 1,200 acres in the Mile 9/Sheep projects about 5 miles west of Unity, and up to 1,300 more acres in the Broman project about 8 miles northwest of Unity.

Maps of proposed prescribed burning areas are available at inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/maps/6289/

Here's the spring burning proposal, broken down by ranger district and fire zone:

Whitman Ranger District

Up to 5,000 acres of prescribed burning possible, including:

- Foothills (700 acres) — 4 miles west of Baker City
- Deer (1,500 acres) — 1 mile northeast of Sumpter

- Union Miners (2,000 acres) — 2 miles north of Phillips Lake
- Mile 9/Sheep (1,200 acres) — 5 miles west of Unity

- Goose (400 acres) — 17 miles northwest of Richland
- Barnard (450 acres) — 6 miles northwest of Halfway

- Little Dean (365 acres) — 1 mile south of Phillips Lake
- Broman (1,300 acres) — 8 miles northwest of Unity

- Pine Valley (200 acres) — 5.5 miles north of Halfway

Wallowa Fire Zone

Up to 3,000 acres of prescribed burning possible, including:

- Chesnimus Elk (1,000 acres) — 30 miles northeast of Enterprise
- B-Vine (1,000 acres) — 30 miles north/northeast of Enterprise

- Muddy Sled (1,000 acres) — 20 miles north of Enterprise

Grande Ronde Fire Zone

Up to 3,000 acres of prescribed burning possible, including:

- Horse Fly (500 acres) — 13 miles southwest of La Grande near Vey Meadows and Blue Springs
- Trail (600 acres) — 8 miles northwest of La Grande near Mount Emily

- Rooster (200 acres) — 21 miles southwest of La Grande near Vey Meadows
- Birdtrack (1,200 acres) — 9 miles west of La Grande in the Spring Creek Area

- Sandbox (500 acres) — 12 miles southeast of Union

LOCAL BRIEFING

Easter egg hunts set for Saturday

The annual Easter egg hunt at Geiser-Pollman Park in Baker City will start at 10 a.m. (line up at 9:45 a.m.) on Saturday. The park is divided into five age groups: a section for toddlers, both accompanied and not accompanied by parents, near the restrooms (also a section for children with disabilities in the Lions Club shelters); age 3 only, near the playground; ages 4-5, at the Campbell Street entrance; ages 6-8 south of the Powder River Pavilion; and ages 9-11 east of the gazebo.

An Easter egg hunt is also planned Saturday at 1 p.m. at Hewitt Park, on Brownlee Reservoir about 3 miles east of Richland.

Youth play auditions Monday, Tuesday

Auditions for "The Three Prince Charmings," a youth production by Eastern Oregon Regional Theatre, are scheduled for 6 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, April 22 and 23, at the theater, 2101 Main St.

Director Lisa Ensworth is looking for three boys and three girls, plus four extras, for the cast. Actors need to be age 11 or older. The play runs May 30 to June 2.

OBITUARIES

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Laurene Chapman

Baker City, 1933-2019

In 1977, after the kids moved out of the house, Ed and Laurene settled in Baker County where Ed built a log house while Laurene ran their business, Elkhorn Title Insurance Company in Baker City. She was widowed in 1996 when Ed passed away from cancer.

Laurene spent all of her adult life working in the field of title insurance until she retired and sold the company. She was an active member of the community including Oregon Woodlands Association, Soroptimists, Republican Central Committee, and the Threadbenders Weavers Guild.

Her favorite creative endeavor was weaving, and she won awards for her beautiful rugs. She was a passionate reader, enjoyed making and refinishing furniture, loved cooking on her woodstove and being in the woods at the log home.

Laurene is survived by her three children, Jim Chapman, Cathy Chapman-Perkins and Linda Chapman; eight grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren; her brother, Don Butler of Albany; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Edward Chapman; her infant son, Gary Lynn Chapman; her father, Milton Butler; her mother, Hazel Leith Butler; and her sister, Dorothy Butler Valet.

Memorial contributions may be made to Heart 'N Home Hospice or to the charity of one's choice through Gray's West & Co., 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814.

To light a candle in memory of Laurene, or to leave a condolence for her family, go to www.grayswestco.com

DEATHS

Laurel Josephine 'Jo' Dickison: 98, of Baker City, died April 17, 2019, at her residence at Meadowbrook Place. A memorial service is being planned and will be announced soon. Memorial contributions may be made to the McEwen Church or Camp Elkanah through Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814. To light a candle for Laurel, go to www.grayswestco.com

Gary Parker Baldwin: 68, of La Grande, died April 16, 2019, at his home. A celebration of his life will take place at Loveland Funeral Chapel, 1508 Fourth St. in La Grande, on Saturday, April 27, at 2 p.m. A full obituary will be published later.

FUNERALS PENDING

Esther Bork Evans: There will be a graveside service and interment at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 20, at the Enterprise Cemetery in Enterprise. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home, P.O. Box 543, Halfway, OR 97834. Online condolences may be made at

www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

Dorothy Miles Carter: Her graveside memorial service will be Saturday, May 4, at 11 a.m. at the Eagle Valley Cemetery in Richland. Following the service, friends are invited to the Eagle Valley Grange for a potluck luncheon; those attending are asked to bring a dish. Memorial contributions may be made to the Eagle Valley Grange through ColesTribute Center, 1950 Place St., Baker City, OR 97814. To light a candle in Dorothy's memory, go to www.colestributecenter.com

Chary Mires: A memorial service and celebration of Chary's life will take place Saturday, May 4, at 2 p.m. at the Baker City Christian Church, 675 Highway 7. The family suggests memorial contributions to the Baker Heritage Museum or the Leo Adler Foundation through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services, P.O. Box 543, Halfway, OR 97834. Online condolences may be made at

www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com

Mark Halley: Memorial service with military honors, Friday, May 17, at 11 a.m. at the Eagle Valley Cemetery in Richland. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services, P.O. Box 543, Halfway, OR 97834. Online condolences may be made at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com

POLICE LOG

Baker City Police Arrests, citations
FIRST-DEGREE THEFT (Baker County Circuit Court warrant): Kathleen Denise Moore, 60, 2000 Well St., 8:47 p.m. Thursday at her home; cited and released.
VIOLATION OF RESTRAINING ORDER, UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF METHAMPHETAMINE: Jason Richard Harris, 46, 1151 Elm St., 9:16 p.m. Thursday in the 2900 block of Walnut St.; jailed.

Baker County Sheriff's Office

Arrests, citations
DRIVING WHILE OPERATOR'S LICENSE SUSPENDED: Andrew Jay Culley, 30, 2115 Second St., 1:51 p.m. Thursday at the sheriff's office; cited and released.
PROBATION VIOLATION: Dylan Michael Richmond, 21, 880 Elm St. No. 1, 4:57 p.m. Thursday at his home; jailed.
UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF METHAMPHETAMINE, POSSESSION OF A RESTRICTED WEAPON: Edward Allen Braswell, 43, transient, 8:58 p.m. Thursday at the Baker County Jail, where he was in custody on earlier charges.
PAROLE VIOLATION: Joseph William Dial, 28, Baker City, 10:19 a.m. Wednesday at the Baker County Jail, where he was in custody on earlier charges.
FAILURE TO APPEAR (out of county warrants): Lacey Dawn Kolb, 37, 390 E. Jefferson St., Huntington, 2:56 p.m. Wednesday at the sheriff's office; jailed.

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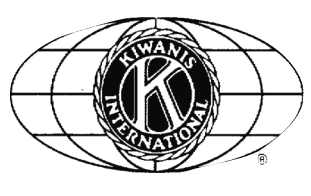
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