

Local & State

New At the Baker Library

• 2400 Resort St.

FICTION

- “The Woman Who Wouldn’t Die,” Colin Cotterill
- “Home to You,” Robyn Carr
- “The Gilded Hour,” Sara Donati
- “Into the Beautiful North,” Luis Urrea
- “Defy the Night,” Heather Munn

NONFICTION

- “The Path Made Clear,” Oprah Winfrey
- “The End of Ice,” Dahr Jamail
- “The Last Cowboys,” John Branch
- “Lone Survivor,” Marcus Luttrell
- “Star Wars Visual Dictionary,” Simon Beecroft

DVDS

- “Boy Erased” (drama)
- “Donkeys and Elephants” (documentary)
- “The Handmaid’s Tale” seasons 1 and 2 (TV)
- “A Private War” (drama)
- “Sorry to Bother You” (comedy)

• 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.

Lawmakers consider bills designed to reduce plastic

By Gary A. Wamer
WesCom News Service

SALEM — Three anti-plastic bills are moving through the House and Senate, hoping to avoid the Capitol’s growing midsession legislative trash pit.

Sen. Michael Dembrow, D-Eugene, the chairman of the Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee, pointed recently to the impact of plastic on nature.

“We all know that single-use plastics are easy, they’re convenient and they’re relatively inexpensive — but only in the short run,” Dembrow said. “Over the long run, they bring high cost for all of us.”

Each bill has taken a sometimes confusing path through the Legislature.

House Bill 2883 targets polystyrene. House Bill 2509 goes after plastic bags. Senate Bill 90 wants to curb use of plastic straws.

The polystyrene bill would bar vendors from packaging prepared foods in containers made of the material. Exempted are reusable polystyrene coolers encased in a solid plastic shell, storage containers for unprepared foods or ingredients, or material used for packing, storage or shipping.

Legislative leaders rarely bring a bill up for a vote without knowing the outcome ahead of time. So, on April 22, Earth Day — a coincidence,

LOCAL BRIEFING

Barbecue, fellowship at Ruda Ranch

Everyone is invited to share fellowship, worship and fun Saturday with Larry and Cherrie Simpson of New Freedom Ministries Saturday, April 27 at 5 p.m. at the Ruda Ranch, 18070 West Campbell Loop. There will be a barbecue and potluck, and participants are asked to bring a side dish. More information is available by calling 541-519-6261.

Baker Community Choir concerts May 3-5

Baker Community Choir will perform its spring concerts May 3, 4 and 5 at the Baker Heritage Museum,, 2480 Grove St.

Performances are scheduled for 7 p.m. on Friday, May 3, and Sunday, May 4, and at 3 p.m. on Sunday May 5. The Baker Valley Children’s Choir will join the Community Choir for the Friday and Saturday performances. Donations will be accepted at the door. Proceeds support the Children’s Choir.

The Community Choir is directed by Hannah Violette. Marci Gerratt directs the Children’s Choir.

The song selection celebrates home and country, including a medley from “The Music Man,” a collection of John Denver hits, and patriotic songs such as “Pledge Allegiance” and “God Bless America.”

FILM

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Newman landed an interview with LAIKA costume designer Deborah Cook, who sent Newman home with a sample fabric to replicate.

“I thought it’d be so cool to weave for them,” she said. She got the job — but didn’t really know the end result for her woven fabric.

“I just knew I was weaving fabric to be made into costumes for a puppet,” she said. “I really enjoyed working with Deborah.”

Newman worked on the project through 2015, 2016 and 2017.

“I basically mailed them a miniature bolt of fabric,” she said.

Now her work has hit the big screen in the movie “Missing Link,” the story of a lonely Sasquatch named Mr. Link who recruits a fearless explorer to help find him and his long-lost relatives.

The film opened April 12.

Newman’s woven fabric was reference for a three-piece suit for the character Sir Lionel Frost (voiced by actor Hugh Jackman) and was fashioned into his waist-

Parent meeting to review health materials

The Baker School District will host a Parent Advisory Meeting on Tuesday, April 30 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. to review health instructional materials currently being used for Grades 4-8. The meeting will be at the Baker School District office, 2090 Fourth St.

These materials were adopted by the Baker School Board in June 2018, and have been in use during the current school year. Parents of students entering Grades 4-8 are invited to come review the materials as well as curriculum maps. Assistant superintendent Betty Palmer and other staff members will be available to answer questions.

OTEC offers bus rides to annual meeting

Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative is offering free bus rides to its members who want to attend OTEC’s annual meeting May 4 in John Day.

Sign-up sheets are available at the Baker County Senior Center, 2810 Cedar St. The bus will leave the Senior Center on May 4 at 8:15 a.m. Following the meeting, the buses will return, arriving at the Senior Center by 3:15 p.m.

The chartered bus can hold 47 passengers and has onboard restrooms as well as storage for wheelchairs and walkers. However, riders will need to be able to climb the steps to reach their seat.

The annual meeting will be at the Grant County Fairgrounds, 411 N.W. Bridge St. in John Day. Doors open at 10 a.m. for members to register and browse informational booths. The business meeting will begin at 11 a.m. with an update from OTEC CEO Les Penning and Board President Austin Bingaman, followed by prize drawings and giveaways. There will also be live music provided by Generations and a catered lunch.

PARKS

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Discussion on the project began in March and the project itself began in April as the weather improved enough for concrete work.

The new sidewalks at South Baker and River Parks will cost about \$1,500 each. At Cedar Acres, in the northeast corner of town between Park and Idlewood streets, the city had already put in the curb work and ramping when doing the playground improvement in 2017, so the work there will cost around \$750.

River Park is just east of College Street and south of Riverpark Drive near Baker High School. South Baker Park is north of Colorado Street and east of Highway 7.

Bornstedt said the sidewalk construction “goes along with the heightened awareness in



Submitted photo

Brian of the Baker City PublicWorks Department smooths a section of concrete sidewalk at Cedar Acres Park.

our community right now” about accessibility, and that the city is striving to make parks available to everyone “regardless of what their disability might be.”

The campaign received a major boost last month when

the city won the Portland Trail Blazers Moda Assist Program grant of \$37,740.

The city will use the money to buy equipment for an all-accessible playground area at Geiser-Pollman Park. The city is looking to raise more money

for surfacing and other parts of that project.

“I think that it’s a great project and that it’s very worthwhile and we sure hope that we see folks out there utilizing those improvements,” Bornstedt said.

NEWS OF RECORD

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FUNERALS PENDING

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.tamipinevalleyfuneralhome.com

POLICE LOG

Baker City Police

PROBATION VIOLATION: Joseph Jeffrey Eckstein, 26, unknown address, 5:02 p.m. Thursday at Fourth and Baker streets; jailed.

THIRD-DEGREE THEFT: Travis James Darnell, 27, unknown address, 9:35 a.m. Thursday in the 2100 block of Fifth Street.

TELEPHONIC HARASSMENT: Chaela Lynn Brougham, 28, of 1835 17th St., 5:51 p.m. Wednesday, at her home; cited and released.

VIOLATION OF RELEASE AGREEMENT (three counts), **ESCAPE III** and **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF III:** Jonathon Dale Fields, 32, of 1788½ Valley Ave., 7:22 p.m. Wednesday, in the 1700 block of Valley Avenue; jailed.

Baker County Sheriff’s Office

FAILURE TO APPEAR (out of county warrant): Ryan Lee Poffenberger, 32, transient, 2:26 a.m. Friday at the Baker County Jail, where he was in custody on other charges.

PROBATION VIOLATION: Alexander Prentice Griffin, 27, 1270 11th St., 6:19 p.m. Thursday at the Sheriff’s Office; jailed.

OFFENSIVE LITTERING and **DISORDERLY CONDUCT:** Andrew Levi Myers, 41, of Baker City, 2:01 p.m. Wednesday, at the Baker County Jail where he is being held on other charges.

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