

Comic book giveaway Saturday

Baker County Public Library will host its 3rd-annual Free Comic Book Day on Saturday, May 4, a celebration of the graphic novel/comic book genre. From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., comics for various ages will be available at the Library, 2400 Resort St., and at the Crossroads Carnegie Art Center, 2020 Auburn Ave., for its Spring Fling event.

This is a free “all-you-can-read” event. The list of titles is available at www.freecomicbookday.com/catalog. Dozens of prizes will also be given away for those who attend in costume. New to the event this year will be buy-sell-trade vendor tables set up in the Riverside Meeting Room at the Library.

Besides Saturday’s book giveaway, thousands of graphic novel titles are available for checkout through the public library. The collections are organized by intended audience: children’s, young adult and adult. The event is sponsored by the Friends of Baker County Library in partnership with the comic book store Captain Comics in Boise.

AWARDS

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The local Soroptimist Grant and Scholarship Committee includes Tanzey, Barbara Stiff, Windy Hansen, Lisa Davis, Tina Regina, Joyce Watterson and Diane Bloomer. Thomas applied after she saw a poster about the award. She is attending Eastern Oregon University and pursuing a psychology degree.

Her life has not been easy for the past few years.

In 2016, a divorce sent her reeling and worried about supporting her two children — and adjusting to co-parenting with her now ex-husband.

“I went from a housewife to ‘how do I support my kids?’” Thomas said.

A year later, her world changed again.

Her son, Dylan, died in an accident during the Miners Jubilee parade on July 17, 2017 — his seventh birthday.

“The first year (after) I was a mess,” she said. “I was there when he died. I buried my son. Losing him was life-altering.”

At the time she worked as a medical assistant at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Baker City — the place where Dylan died.

“Every day that I went to work at the hospital my chest physically hurt and I was filled with anxiety,” she

wrote in her application for the scholarship.

Thomas said her mom helped her gain perspective, reminding her that her daughter, Kaydence, needed her.

“She said ‘Kaydence can’t lose you too.’ That was my turning point,” Thomas said.

She took a different job. Now she’s working full-time while taking a full credit load of classes at EOU.

“This is what I need to do to make a better life for me and Kaydence,” Thomas said.

With a degree in psychology, she hopes to help others faced with tragedy.

“I have had some wonderful counselors help me but they were hard to find,” she said. “I would love for counseling and grief counseling to be more readily available in my community.”

Lyson works as a paraprofessional at South Baker Intermediate School.

She’s always wanted to be a teacher. However, as she recounts in her application, bullying from a teacher and classmates caused her to drop out of school in eighth grade while living in Idaho.

She started working, and soon began caring for her sister’s two children.

“I got a volunteer job with a recreation district teaching preschool and afterschool programs so that my niece and nephew could

attend swimming and art programs free of charge,” she said.

Soon the manager offered her a paid position. Lyson worked there for seven years and, with her manager’s encouragement, earned her GED.

Fast forward two years to marriage and a 14-year-old stepdaughter.

Then they adopted two boys.

When they were 6 and 4, Lyson’s husband had a heart attack and quadruple bypass.

“He was never the same after surgery,” she said. “He developed severe social anxiety and kidney disease. I became the sole provider.”

For the next six years she worked in daycares and raised her sons.

“When they were school-aged I realized if I wanted them to value education, I needed to show them that I did as well,” she said.

Lyson earned an associate’s degree in human services. Around the same time she and her husband adopted a 2-year-old with special needs — a biological brother of her older adopted son.

“I decided to put my education on hold until he was older,” she said.

“Life was busy — our daughter blessed us with two amazing grandchildren, my boys were doing great and even though there wasn’t much money we were happy.”

Then came a string of tragedies.

Her 2-year-old grandson drowned in September 2013. Six months later, her 2-year-old nephew was murdered. Her dad passed away several months later while she was living in Seaside.

“When my dad passed away in June we decided we should move with my mom to help her adjust and give our family time to heal from the rough year we had experienced,” Lyson said. “I found work at the elementary school and enrolled my boys in the same school I attended. I thought all was going well until my sons started being bullied.”

She moved her family back to Idaho and started working in special education at the high school level. This is when she found her passion.

“Seeing how some of these kids were treated by teachers who did not understand anxiety, autism, and other issues I decided that was it.”

She enrolled in Western Governors University. She’s slated to graduate in December 2020.

“I hope to be the champion for all kids, but especially those that have endured bullying at the hands of a teacher,” she said. “I am now in Baker City where I hope to stay and teach when I complete my degree.”



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Newtown Dry Cider and Dry Cherry are two of the many ciders Crowder will create at his Rain Barrel Ciderworks.

CIDER

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Crowder, who moved to Baker City in October 2017 with his wife, Veronica, said he will buy juice from outside sources to start — either Ryan’s Juice in Hood River or a plant in Wenatchee, Washington — but he would like to use local apples eventually.

He said there are several orchards he can work with once he has his business established.

Crowder said he will bottle some cider but most will be stored in kegs and sold to restaurants, bars and for special events.

Crowder said he and his wife, who works in orthopedics at Saint Alphonsus Medical Center in Baker City, moved from Portland because they had long wanted to live in a rural area.

Crowder, who started brewing beer when he was in college in 1991 and made his first batch of hard cider in 2009, said Baker City also seemed to him a logical place to start a cidery.

“It seemed like it was a good area to open one because it was kind of under served by the cider community,” he said.

Crowder said his interest in cider started in 2009 when he and several neighbors bought an apple press to make fresh, but unfermented, juice.

But Crowder started to experiment with fermenting the juice, creating hard cider, and it “kind of ballooned from there,” he said.

He progressed from producing 5 gallons of hard cider one year to 15, then 50, then 500 gallons.

“It’s grown quite a bit,” he said.

Crowder said he first considered starting his own cidery around 2011.

“It was around the time there was a big ‘cider renaissance’ in the US and a lot of cideries were opening in Portland,” he said.

He had several friends who opened cideries and said “it seemed like something I wanted to try.”

He finally had the opportunity this year.

REAL ESTATE AUCTION FRI. MAY 10TH AT 2PM



3140 N 2nd, Baker City OR

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AUCTION HIGHLIGHTS: Beautiful 1970's Brambach walnut case baby grand serial 21357 ~ Buddy "L" 24" truck ~ International Silver Co Royal Danish flatware set 91 pieces

STERLING: Sterling shaker sets ~ Sterling 10" and 12" serving trays ...

ANTIQUES: Early 1900's Victorian ladies chair with hand carved rose wood ~ Early 1900's needle-point picture ~ Early 1800's-early 1900's Journal and memorabilia book ~ malard tv lamp ~ 1920's The Sessions Clock Co. Mantle clock ...

COLLECTIBLES: 1888 Elisabeth Gefangbud German book ~ Early 1800's pocket Bible ~ Nevada tin mini slot machine ~ Nevada plastic mini slot machine ~ Olympia beer animal advertisements ~ Heidelberg beer sign ~ Olympia Schooner beer sign ~ Blitz Weinhard neon sign ~ Shlitz neon sign ~ 1910 Mills bell fruit gum nickle slot machine ...

VINTAGE TOYS AND COLLECTOR CARS *buddy L*

FURNITURE: Walnut 7' China buffet ~ 1960's ladies cane back chairs ~ 1960's Willet wildwood open shelf side board ~ Cherry coffee table ~ 1960's black checkered couch with matching side chair and ottoman...

TOOLS/SHOP: Craftsman band saw with Dayton 1/3hp motor ~ Power Kraft Scroll saw ~ Craftsman scroll saw ~ Delta Homecraft bench top drill press ~ Lectro-saw 8" top handle saw

HOUSEHOLD: Whirlpool upright freezer ~ Whirlpool side by side fridge ~ Samsung 20" flatscreen tv ~ Pride electric lift chair/recliner ~ Hanson 24lb countertop scale...

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