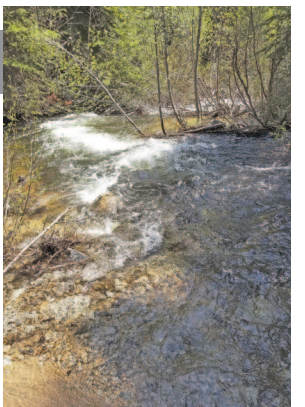


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BRIEFING

City Council to tour Marble Creek area Monday evening

The Baker City Council will take a field trip to Marble Creek on Monday, meeting at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall, 1655 First St., and then traveling to the site in the city's watershed, where city officials hope to reduce the wildfire danger. Councilors also will have a work session Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. in the training room at the Fire Department, 1616 Second St.

Cornhole tourney supports CASA

CASA of Eastern Oregon will hold a cornhole tournament on Friday, June 14, at 6 p.m. at the Baker Elks Lodge, 1896 Second St. Entry is \$50 per two-person team. Play is double elimination. Spots are limited. To sign up, email info@casaeo.org. The evening also includes music, food, silent auction items and kid activities. Proceeds from the evening support CASA — Court-Appointed Special Advocates, who help advocate for children in court and other settings.

WEATHER

Today

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Mostly sunny

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Fundraiser For Baker City Police Department

Artistic Donation

■ Painting will be auctioned during Hells Canyon Motorcycle Rally



Samantha O'Conner / Baker City Herald

This painting by David Uhl is on display at Legacy Ford in Baker City and will be auctioned July 13 during the Hells Canyon Motorcycle Rally to benefit the Baker City Police Department.

By Samantha O'Conner
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A painting by a renowned artist featuring a Harley-Davidson motorcycle has been donated to the Hells Canyon Motorcycle Rally and will be auctioned to raise money for the Baker City Police Department.

The 2010 painting by David Uhl is called "Wild Mustangs." It features both a Harley-Davidson and, in the background, P-51 Mustang fighter planes from World War II.

Uhl's painting was presented to Shelly Cutler, executive

director of the Baker County Chamber of Commerce, on Thursday at Legacy Ford on Main Street.

Todd Godfrey, organizer of the Hells Canyon Motorcycle Rally, scheduled for July 11-14, said Uhl specializes in depicting motorcycles and vintage aircraft. Godfrey said Uhl has been a painter for more than 25 years, and Harley-Davidson has commissioned his work before.

"He's a phenomenal artist," Godfrey said.

According to his website, Uhl was born into a family of engi-

neers and artists which "made him particularly suited for capturing the lifestyle inherent in motorcycling culture."

In 1993, he began painting "best selling artworks for Harley-Davidson Apparel."

Uhl became the first ever licensed oil painter for Harley-Davidson in 1998 when he created his first oil painting.

Those who are interested in bidding on the painting can see it, and submit a bid, at Legacy Ford, 1917 Main St. The painting will be auctioned off Saturday, July 13 at the Fairgrounds.

Addison settles lawsuit for \$155K

■ Former Baker City journalist sued the city and police chief Wyn Lohner in 2015 alleging retaliation for an editorial he wrote in 2008

By Chris Collins
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Baker City's insurance company will pay former local journalist Brian Addison \$155,000 to settle a lawsuit he filed against the city and its former police chief in 2015.

The settlement was finalized Wednesday in U.S. District Court in Pendleton. The lawsuit, which had been scheduled to go to trial in August, was dismissed with prejudice, which means the matter cannot be brought before the court again.

The city and Addison will be responsible for their own costs and attorney fees, the stipulated agreement states.



Lohner

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Film examines alcohol's role in local culture

By Chris Collins
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Almost unwittingly, adults in Baker County have promoted the image of a good time in a small town to include a case of beer or a bottle of booze whether or not those consuming the alcohol are of legal age to drink it.

"It's a cultural issue. We're rural, we're frontier, we're bootstraps and dirt and farming and ranching and typically alcohol has always played a role in that," Shad Thomas says in a new video titled "The Shift — Join the Conversation."

Thomas is the residential program director for New Directions Northwest, which produced the video.

"We celebrate everything with alcohol. Alcohol has permeated every aspect of what it means to really be an American," Thomas tells video viewers.

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County could have 2 litters of wolves this spring

■ State biologists also saw three wolves traveling together last week near Lookout Mountain

By Jayson Jacoby
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Baker County's wolf population likely has added one litter of pups this spring, and possibly two litters, a state wildlife biologist said Wednesday.

Officials don't know how many young wolves have been born, however.

Justin Primus, assistant district biologist at the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's (ODFW) Baker City office, said data from tracking collars on wolves suggest that two wolves gave birth to pups this spring

in the eastern part of the county.

Brian Ratliff, district biologist at the office, said earlier this spring that it appeared the breeding female for the Pine Creek pack had entered a den north of Halfway preparatory to giving birth.

She had seven pups in mid-April of 2018.

Roblyn Brown, ODFW's wolf coordinator, said Thursday she's fairly certain that the Pine Creek pack's breeding female had pups. The agency has an extensive record of the movements of that female and another wolf from the pack, she said.

There's less data about the other female wolf, Brown said, although it's possible that that wolf also moved into a den.

Primus said that female wolf has been traveling with a male wolf since mid-February. Both of the animals are fitted with tracking collars, and Primus said their movements — the female staying in one area and the male moving but frequently returning to the female's location — are indicative of wolf behavior when a breeding female is in a den.

Brown said that earlier in the spring she believed the female had

not denned because the pair of wolves was traveling more widely than would be typical if the female was in a den.

But more recently the pair has been more "localized," Brown said. "We're just not sure," whether that female had pups, she said.

Primus said ODFW has not confirmed that either female wolf had pups. The agency uses trail cameras to try to get photographs of pups when they leave the den, to help gauge the number of animals.

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