

New Arrivals At The Baker County Library

• 2400 Resort St.

FICTION

- "Labyrinth," Catherine Coulter
- "Red, White and Royal Blue," Casey McQuiston
- "Smokescreen," Iris Johansen
- "Luke Jensen, Bounty Hunter series," William Johnston
- "Alita, Battle Angel," Pat Cadigan

NONFICTION

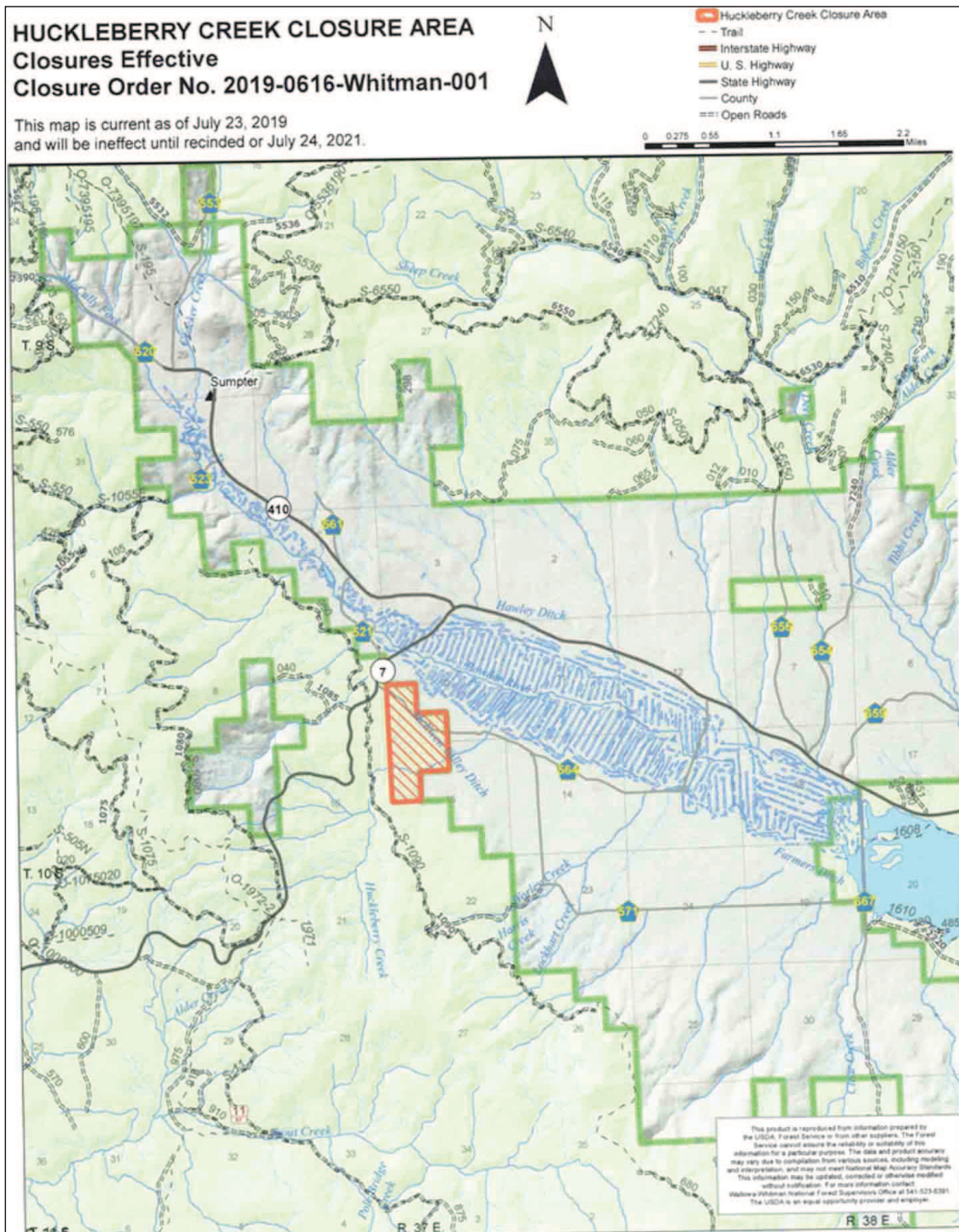
- "Fear City," Kim Phillips-Fein
- "In Search of Ancient Oregon," Ellen Morris Bishop
- "U.S. Submarines Since 1945," Norman Friedman
- "Hiking Waterfalls in Oregon," Adam Sawyer
- "8 Seconds of Courage," Flo Groberg

DVDS

- "Breakthrough" (Drama)
- "Chasing the Moon" (Documentary)
- "High Life" (Sci-fi)
- "London Road" (Drama)
- "Shazam" (Sci-fi)

HOURS

- 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.



CAMPING

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The affected area is near Huckleberry Creek, along Forest Road 1090 just east of Highway 7, about 5 miles southeast of Sumpter.

In his memo, Montoya wrote: "The visitors to the area appear to have established a pattern of being disruptive to the local residents. There have been reports of

forest visitors digging septic holes, leaving litter behind, and damaging wetlands with off-highway vehicle play activities."

Montoya wrote that Wallowa-Whitman employees have documented some of this damage, including with photographs.

"To prevent this damage from continuing, the area needs time to be closed to let the area rehabilitate," Mon-

toya wrote.

Forest employees have received reports that people have stayed in the area for as long as 3 to 4 months, according to Montoya's memo.

He also wrote that employees have "received multiple complaints and requests for the Forest Service to do something."

Forest Service law enforcement officers will monitor the area during the camping ban.

Police chief expects arrests in Monday robbery, assault

Baker City Police Chief Ray Duman said he expects arrest warrants to be issued for two suspects in a robbery and assault that happened early Monday. "We're making headway," he said. Duman said the two suspects,

whom he did not name, are suspected of confronting a pair of teenage boys about 1:30 a.m. Monday at Cedar and H streets.

Duman said the suspects demanded the boys' wallets, and they punched one

of the boys.

Duman said police have turned over information to the district attorney's office. Duman said he expects the case will go to the grand jury for possible indictments.

FOOD

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State officials are trying to come up with an estimate, said Heather Miles, an operations and policy analyst for the Department of Human Service's Self-Sufficiency Program.

"We're trying to work on county-level data as much as we can, because we know how important that's going to be for local areas," Miles said on Thursday.

Trump administration officials estimate 3.1 million people nationwide could lose benefits under SNAP — Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

According to Oregon statistics, in June of this year about 3,400 Baker County residents

received SNAP benefits — that's about 20% of county residents.

That's the ninth-highest rate among Oregon's 36 counties.

SNAP benefits to Baker County residents totaled about \$375,000 during June 2019, according to state records.

Miles said the federal proposal would change the income eligibility threshold for Oregon residents from the current 185% of the federal poverty level, to 130%.

An Oregon family of three currently qualifies for SNAP benefits if its monthly income is less than \$3,288, Miles said.

The proposed change would drop that limit, for a family of three, to \$2,252 per month.

The maximum monthly

SNAP benefit is \$505 for a family of three, Miles said.

Although state officials are still analyzing data to derive an estimate for how many Oregonians might lose SNAP benefits, Miles said it's likely that counties with higher percentages of older residents would be more affected, proportionally.

Baker County's population is the ninth-oldest among Oregon counties, with an average age of 48.2. Oregon's statewide average age is 39.2.

That's in part because the federal proposal would mean some SNAP recipients, including elderly residents, would no longer be automatically eligible as they are now, Miles said.

Oregon is one of 43 states that qualifies some residents

for SNAP benefits, without requiring them to verify their income and expenses, for certain reasons, including if they also qualify for another federal program — Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).

That's known as a "categorical eligibility," Miles said.

If the federal government stops allowing Oregon to use the categorical eligibility process, residents would have to go through a longer process, which would be more expensive to the state, to apply for SNAP benefits, she said.

According to state records, of the 3,400 or so Baker County residents who received SNAP benefits in June, 525 are older than 60 (15%) and 337 are younger than 5 (almost 10%).

BELUSHI

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Belushi, 65, visited Huntington two years ago and ate at the Streamliner, which was in one of the buildings lost

in the fire. He will bring his band for the concert, and play blues, jazz and alternative.

Belushi's roles on TV include working as a cast member of "Saturday Night Live" from 1983-85, and "According

to Jim" from 2001-9.

Belushi has also starred in several movies, including "K" (1989); "Mr. Destiny" (1990); and "Last Action Hero" (1993).

He is the younger brother

of the late John Belushi, who also was a "Saturday Night Live" cast member and actor who starred in such movies as "Animal House," "The Blues Brothers" and "Neighbors."

NEWS OF RECORD

DEATHS

Ronald S. 'Ron' Blincoc: 50, of Baker City, died July 20, 2019, at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise. His memorial service will take place Saturday, Aug. 3 at 2 p.m. at the Church of the Nazarene, 1250 Hughes Lane. Coles Tribute Center is in charge of arrangements. To light a candle in memory of Ron, go to www.colestributecenter.com

FUNERALS PENDING

Patricia Irene Adcock: A celebration of her life will take place Saturday, July 27, at 3 p.m. at the Adcock Ranch, 39798 Bear Gulch Road near Sumpter. Please bring a dessert or side dish.

William 'Bud' Thomason: His memorial service will take place Saturday, July 27, at 1 p.m. at Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., with

Pastor Brad Phillips of the Harvest Church officiating. Memorial contributions can be made to the Hilary Bonn Benevolence Fund through Gray's West & Co., 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814. To light a candle in memory of Bud, or to leave an online condolence for the family, go to www.grayswestco.com

Ann Starke: Graveside service, Friday, Aug. 2 at 11 a.m. at Pine Haven Cemetery in Halfway. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Online condolences can be made at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com

Georgie Lenora Edge: Memorial service will be Saturday, Aug. 3 at 1 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 1995 Fourth St. Following the service, friends are invited to join the family for a reception in the First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall. To light a candle for Georgie or to leave a

condolence for her family, go to www.grayswestco.com

Loren Dee Goracke: There will be a celebration of his life with military honors at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 3, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Halfway. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Pine Eagle Medical Clinic through Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814. To light a candle in memory of Loren or to leave an online condolence for the family, go to www.grayswestco.com.

Michael Edward Moeller: The rosary will be said Thursday, Aug. 8, at 6 p.m. at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church in La Grande, and Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Friday, Aug. 9, at 10 a.m. at the church. A celebration of his life will follow at the Country Club Golf Course. A full obituary will be published later. Loveland Funeral Chapel

& Crematory of La Grande is in charge of arrangements.

POLICE LOG

Baker City Police Arrests, citations
FOURTH-DEGREE ASSAULT: Jesus Daniel Campos, 26, 1950 Edgewater Ave., 10:02 p.m. Thursday in the 1500 block of Cliff Street; jailed.

CONTEMPT OF COURT (Baker County Justice Court warrant): Andrew Leonard Ferns, 34, 2205 Broadway St., 11:24 a.m. Wednesday at Campbell and Oak streets; cited and released.

Baker County Sheriff's Office Arrests, citations
VIOLATION OF RELEASE AGREEMENT: Wednesday Lynn Sontag, 47, 39449 Pocahontas Road, 1:20 p.m. Wednesday at the Sheriff's Office; cited and released.

LOCAL BRIEFING

Archery Super Shoot this weekend

The annual Eastern Oregon Super Shoot archery competition is set for this Saturday and Sunday at Anthony Lakes Mountain Resort.

Competitors will ride the chairlift to the top of the mountain and then move down, shooting at 3-D targets along the way. Spectators can also ride the lift for \$8 per day. The lift opens at 7 a.m. both days.

Food, beverages and camping are available. More information at www.elkhornarchers.com

Practical pistol competition Sunday

A practical pistol shooting competition, sponsored by the Powder River Practical Shooters, is set for Sunday, July 28 at the Powder River Sportsmen's Club's Virtue Flat range off Highway 86 about one mile east of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center.

Registration starts at 8 a.m., with the match running from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Entry fee is \$15 for adults and \$10 for juniors.

Any revolver, or semiautomatic 9mm or larger, is legal. The course of fire varies, and competitors can shoot up to 150 rounds at paper targets, steel poppers and plates.

More information is available at www.prpshooters.com or by calling Phil O'Connell at 208-850-1313.

Public use restrictions in effect

The Wallowa-Whitman and Umatilla national forests today instituted restrictions on off-road travel, chainsaw use and smoking due to increased fire danger.

Phase A is the first level of public use restrictions, and the rules include:

- Chainsaw use allowed only between 8 p.m. and 1 p.m.
- Motor vehicle travel allowed only on roads and trails
- Smoking allowed only in buildings, enclosed vehicles or areas cleared of flammable debris

Hunter Education course starts July 30

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife has announced Hunter Education Courses for students 17 and younger that, on completion, qualify them to buy a hunting license.

The first course starts July 30, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., and runs for five additional evenings. The course will be at the Baker County Library, 2400 Resort St. Advanced registration is encouraged to ensure the student a place in the class.

The second class is an Independent Study Field Day. This one-day class is for students who have completed the Hunter Education class online and need to finish the course and gain certification. This will take place Sept. 7, at 9 a.m. at the Powder River Sportsmen's Club's Virtue Flat Range about six miles east of Baker City near Highway 86. The fee for either class is \$10. Registration can be completed online or at a licensed agent. More information is available by calling 541-523-3554.

Christian musician to perform Aug. 1-4

Johnny Rowlett, a Christian country music artist from Nashville, will perform at several venues in Baker City Aug. 1-4.

His local performance schedule:

- Aug. 1, Calvary Baptist Church, Third and Broadway streets, dinner at 5:30 p.m. with concert after dinner
- Aug. 2, Agape Christian Church, 650 Highway 7, music and testimony at 7 p.m.
- Aug. 3, the Ruda Ranch, 18070 W. Campbell Road, message of hope with a horse by Jonathan Free, 4 p.m.; barbecue at 5 p.m.; music and testimony with Rowlett, 7 p.m.
- Aug. 4, Harvest Church, 3720 Birch St., 10 a.m.



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