

New At The Baker County Library

• 2400 Resort St.

FICTION

- "The 19th Christmas," James Patterson
- "Quantum," Patricia Cornwell
- "Child's Play," Danielle Steel
- "The Giver of Stars" Jojo Moyes
- "What Happens in Paradise" Elin Hilderbrand

NONFICTION

- "Witch Hunt," Gregg Jarrett
- "The Total Gun Manual," David Petzal
- "The Home Cook," Alex Guarnaschelli
- "Bullies," Ben Shapiro
- "Your Guide to the National Parks," Michael Oswald

DVDS

- "Anna and the Apocalypse" (Horror/Comedy)
- "Blaze" (Drama)
- "Last Year in Marienbad" (Drama - Foreign, 1961)
- "Elvis Presley: The Searcher" (Documentary)
- "Toy Story 4" (Family)

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.

CHILL

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The unseasonably frigid air also set a different type of temperature record.

Wednesday's high of 43 degrees at the airport was the lowest high temperature on record for Oct. 9. The previous record was 48 degrees, set in 2008.

The average high for Oct. 9 is 66 degrees. The average high at the airport doesn't dip to 43 degrees until late November. Temperature records at the airport date to 1945.

Best Friends always can use volunteers to help animals

Best Friends of Baker was established by two members of our community in 1988. Their love for animals and passion for helping them propelled the nonprofit into rescuing dogs and cats (and the occasional goat or chicken), and finding them loving, forever homes. Over the years, the organization has also provided pet food to community members who need assistance, especially those who feed large numbers of feral and stray cats. In 2018, Best Friends took under its nonprofit umbrella the Mollie-Atwater Spay and Neuter Program, which provides free and low-cost sterilization for pets of community members who cannot afford the cost, and helps reduce overpopulation of cats and dogs. Without these programs, it's difficult to estimate the number of dogs and cats that might be euthanized or left to fend for themselves — breeding and suffering — throughout the

Baker County area.

Best Friends — including the Mollie-Atwater program — remains a completely nonprofit, board-directed organization, operated by volunteers and entirely funded by private and adoption-based donations; proceeds of the Saturday Market resale shop; annual membership fees; and community grants. Unfortunately, the need for rescue-to-adoption services continues to grow, while membership and volunteer numbers for the organization have declined.

Please consider what local animal rescue efforts mean to you, and whether you might be willing to donate any amount of time to the cause. We need volunteers to deliver pet food, write PetFinder bios, screen adoption applications, work at the Saturday Market, file paperwork, build feral cat shelters, conduct intakes of surrendered animals, and a variety of other tasks. We are currently in dire need of people to foster dogs and/or cats, and someone to coordinate the multi-step process of

transporting animals to the Oregon Humane Society in Portland.

If you're unable to volunteer your time, please consider contributing a bag of dog or cat food to our winter supply, or making a one-time monetary donation in support of our mission. Another way to help is by becoming a member. Our annual membership meeting will be held at Crossroads Carnegie Arts Center in November — please watch the paper and our Facebook page for the exact date. We welcome everyone to join us and contribute ideas for how we can better serve the community.

As the bitter cold approaches, we're working hard to find and provide food and shelter for feral and abandoned cats,

warm homes for neglected dogs, and funding to spay and neuter as widely as possible. Any and all efforts are appreciated; we are grateful for the support of our fellow animal lovers

Jess Melgey

Best Friends of Baker board member
Baker City



The Columbus Dispatch / TNS file photo

A ban on the sale of flavored vaping products in Oregon could take effect today.

VAPING

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Ball considers Brown's executive order "government overreach."

"She's putting so many people out of business," Ball said on Thursday. "I don't know if we'll ever recover from this, in some people's eyes."

Ball said she understands that people are frightened by the statistics. Approximately 1,300 people nationwide have reported lung illnesses linked to vaping, and about 30 people, including two in Oregon, have died.

But Ball points out that in some cases the people reported using products that contain THC, the psychoactive ingredient in cannabis, not vaping liquids containing nicotine.

She thinks it's unfair for the state to ban only the liquids that are flavored. The ban does cover both nicotine and cannabis vapes that are flavored.

Ball also notes that although health officials haven't determined beyond a doubt what's causing the illnesses and deaths, anecdotal evidence suggests

a connection with products sold illicitly or online rather than in licensed, regulated stores such as hers.

Ball said she advocates for government regulation of vaping.

"Every bottle that comes into our store is licensed," she said. "But we can't control the black market and we can't control the internet."

Ball said she opposes the temporary ban on flavored vaping liquids not only because she doesn't believe those pose a health risk, but also because she's concerned that if those products aren't available, some vapers will return to smoking cigarettes and subject themselves to the indisputable health risks associated with tobacco.

"Let's figure out where this is coming from," Ball said, referring to the rash of lung problems that prompted Brown's executive order and similar restrictions in other states.

"You don't stop something that's working (to help people stop smoking). You fix what's not working."

Jody Hallett, who opened High Mountain Smoke Shop in Baker City in 2012 with

his wife, Darleen, said about half of their products could be affected by the vaping ban.

"It's going to impact us quite a bit," Jody Hallett said Thursday.

He agrees with Ball that government officials should concentrate on what he believes is the source of dangerous products — illicit sales.

Banning only flavored vaping liquids will "drive it even more underground, and make the problem worse," Hallett contends.

Ball, who is a board member of the Oregon Vapor Trade Association, a nonprofit that represents the vaping industry and opposes Brown's executive order, said she's worried about her employees and about her customers.

Ball said she has been gratified by the stories of many of her customers who because of vaping were able to stop smoking.

She kicked the cigarette habit herself in the same way.

"This has been so helpful to so many people," she said. "People will go back to smoking."

Baker Elks to host fall officers training

Starting Thursday, Oct. 17, the Baker Elks Lodge No. 338 will host an officers training seminar for the first time since the lodge was established in 1896.

The lodge, at 1896 Second St., will welcome more than 150 officers and spouses from 52 Elks lodges across Oregon.

The Elks is a fraternal organization focused on serving local communities. Every year the Baker lodge hosts a free Veterans Day Dinner, delivers more than 100 Christmas baskets, hosts the Elks Youth Hoop Shoot, and several other events and services.

HEART TO HEART

New Hope for Eastern Oregon Animals Fundraising Banquet

Saturday, October 26th
Community Connection
2810 Cedar Street, Baker City

Spaghetti Dinner at 6 PM, followed by Auction
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Search continues for shooting suspect

By Chris Collins

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Police are continuing to search for a man identified as the suspect in a Monday morning shooting that has left a Baker City man in critical condition in a Boise hospital for the past week.

Juan Anthony Martinez, 25, was shot by a man using a handgun at 1:30 a.m. Monday in the 1500 block of Indiana Avenue, police said.

Martinez was flown by Life Flight to St. Alphonsus Medical Center in Boise. The Baker County Major Crime Team is investigating.

Baker City Police Chief Ray Duman said detectives were able to interview Martinez in Boise earlier this week. Martinez's condition remains critical, but stable.

"We have the suspect ID'd and we're actively looking for him," Duman said. "Information is that he has left the area."

LOCAL BRIEFING

AAUW district meeting set for Saturday

The Northeast District of the American Association of University Women will have a free training session during its meeting Saturday, Oct. 12, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Baker County Library, 2400 Resort St.

The training's theme is "Learn It — Grow It — Be It." It will be facilitated by Georgia Applegate, state AAUW president, and Pat Lehman, president-elect. You don't need to be an AAUW member to attend Saturday's training.

Lucy Hutchens, Northeast District director, said the session is an interactive leadership workshop designed to develop the best leadership qualities and in collaboration with members of community groups.

High school and college-age women are encouraged to attend as the principles can be applied in every area of leadership opportunity.

The training program outline is available by contacting Hutchens at lucymhutchens@gmail.com or 208-739-6954.

Cowboy Action Shoot Saturday at Virtue

A Cowboy Action Shoot event is set for Saturday, Oct. 12, from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Powder River Sportsmen's Club's Virtue Flat Range about 6 miles east of Baker City off Highway 86.

Entry fee is \$10 per person. Legal firearms are single-action revolvers and lever-action rifles predating 1896 (or replicas), double-barrel or Winchester Model 97 shotguns.

The course of fire includes five or six stages, 25 to 30 rounds per stage, with steel targets and clay birds.

All participants are encouraged to dress in period western wear or B movie dress.

More information is available by calling Chuck Buchanan at 541-519-8550 or Dan McGuire at 541-212-5840.

Baker County Democrats meet Oct. 17

The Baker County Democrats will have their monthly meeting Thursday, Oct. 17, at Rogers Fellowship Hall, 1995 Fourth St. Refreshments and conversation start at 5:30 p.m., with the meeting at 6 p.m. All are welcome.

Baker County Garden Club meets Oct. 16

The Baker County Garden Club will meet Wednesday, Oct. 16, at 10:30 a.m. at Community Connection, 2810 Cedar St.

Helen Leonnig will make a presentation for club members regarding Medicare issues.

Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$4.50.

OTEC Member Appreciation Day Oct. 18

Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative is celebrating National Cooperative Month with a Member Appreciation Day on Friday, Oct. 18. OTEC members can stop by any OTEC office between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. to meet employees, enjoy free refreshments and enter to win prizes. OTEC's main office is at 4005 23rd St. in Baker City.

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