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Kristina Corr and her daughter, Gabby Wright, take advantage of the food being offered at Baker High School through the Baker School District program.

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And having spring break, which was scheduled to start Monday, extended for at least another month isn't proving popular with some students.

"I don't like it, I want to go to school," Gabby Wright, 11, said Thursday while she and her mom, Kristina Corr, were picking up meals at Baker High School.

Parents are trying to keep their kids entertained as well as educated during this long, unexpected school closure.

Board games are a big hit with some families.

Mairi Nielsen, 44, said Clue is a favorite with her kids. Nielsen said she does take her kids to the park, allowing them to play with friends.

"They miss their friendship and the social aspect (of school)," Nielsen said.

Geiser-Pollman Park hasn't been as full as previous years, but families do take their kids for a short time to let them run off some energy.

Megan Liby, 35, takes her two children to the city's largest park when the weather is nice.

"I mean, yeah, it's safety, stuff like that, but they need to get out, too," Liby said on a sunny Thursday at the park. "They don't want to be stuck inside all the time. We're only here for a little bit, we don't stay long," Liby said.



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Youngsters with Ashlyn Gazley are, near to far, Damian Reynolds, 5, Jacob Hanley, 6, and Darrell Reynolds, 5. The trio and three other boys rode along to collect lunches at Baker High School on Thursday.

Liby and her children paint rocks for Baker City Rocks, play board games, and she's working on some learning exercises.

"Now, with all that's going on, we're not worrying about academics right now," Liby said.

Corr, 30, utilizes the town's resources and takes her children out of town for their outside time instead of

to the parks.

"I'm trying to find different activities," she said. "I know it's only like day two, but they're bored. So trying to keep kids active and engaged and still trying to find ways to get them learning."

Brianne Bain, 30, is attending nursing school and will be taking classes online while caring for her three kids — Brylee, 10, Cooper, 8 and Emma, 6.

"I don't know if I'm being too relaxed or not, but I worried two years ago when there was a really bad flu virus going around and I was really worried about my children and this time, with this virus, I'm not so worried about this," said Bain, who brought her kids to Geiser-Pollman Park on Thursday.

Bain said the virus precautions haven't affected her financially, but the library closure has altered her family's schedule.

Others affected by the changes are day care centers. April Whitebread, 52, of April's Day Care, said other day care places have shut down due to the growing coronavirus concerns.

"We've always been real big on the germ thing," Whitebread said.

Whitebread is caring for her regular kids whose

parents work at the hospital, medical office, UPS, and other businesses that continue to operate.

She has added new conditions to caring for kids in order to keep them healthy and safe.

"Any sign of an illness and we have to ask them not to bring (their kids)," Whitebread said. "I'm hoping everybody is cautious a bit."



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Geiser-Pollman Park offers warm sunshine and fresh air Thursday during a break from home for Megan Liby and her daughter, Jordan, 6, and son Jayden, 3.

What's New At The Baker County Library

• Although the library, 2400 Resort St., is closed due to the coronavirus, patrons can still put items on hold, including the titles below, and pick them up at the drive-through window on the south (Madison Street) side of the library. The website is www.bakerlib.org/

FICTION

- "Lost Creed," Alex Kava
- "Prayer Jar" series, Andrea Brunstetter
- "Glacier" mysteries, Christine Carbo
- "Hit List," Stuart Woods
- "Meet Me in the Future," Kameron Hurley

NONFICTION

- "The Third Reich," Robert Gellately
- "World War II at Sea," Craig Symonds
- "Reporter," Seymour Hersh
- "Mother American Night," John Perry Barlow
- "AP English Literature and Composition," Dawn Hogue

DVDS

- "The House that Jack Built" (Horror)
- "Last Christmas" (Comedy)
- "Midway" (Action)
- "The Men Who Built America" (Documentary)
- "Snatchers" (Sci-Fi)

LOCAL BRIEFING

Huntington man killed in crash on I-84

A Huntington man was killed in a two-vehicle crash Thursday morning on Interstate 84 near Rye Valley.

Michael Maddox, 55, was parked on the eastbound shoulder of the freeway, sitting in the driver's seat at about 6:50 a.m., when his Pontiac Grand Am was hit by a Ford Explorer driven by Debra Archer, 37, of Kelso, Washington, according to Oregon State Police.

Maddox died at the scene. Archer's passenger, Jimmy Padilla, 48, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, suffered serious injuries and was taken to a hospital by helicopter. Archer was taken by ground ambulance to a hospital.

St. Francis de Sales masses canceled

All masses have been canceled until further notice at St. Francis de Sales Cathedral in Baker City due to concerns about the coronavirus. There will be no Easter services at the Catholic cathedral at First and Church streets.

Overnight camping to be banned at state parks, state wildlife areas

SALEM — Camping at sites operated by some state agencies will be banned in an effort to reduce the spread of coronavirus.

The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department will accommodate current overnight guests through April 2. Reservations for all state park stays from April 3 through May 8 will be canceled and site fees refunded, the agency announced Thursday.

Before May 8, department officials will review the state park campground closure to decide whether it should be extended. The decision affects all individual and group overnight facilities: campsites, yurts, cabins, tepees, and services operated by concessionaires. The suspended service also affects reservations for group day-use areas.

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife is closing its Wildlife Areas to overnight camping starting March 22.

This affects the Elkhorn Wildlife Area west of North Powder, although camping there, and all other public entry, is closed until April 10 to protect elk that winter on the property.

Auctions for big game tags changed

SALEM — Several Oregon big game tag auctions are being rescheduled from original dates printed in the 2020 Big Game Regulations due to coronavirus concerns.

The Lewis and Clark chapter of Safari Club International (SCI) has rescheduled its auction for a statewide deer tag for Friday, March 27, at 7:30 p.m. The live auction will be bid-by-phone only. Hunters wishing to bid on the deer tag should call Jeremy Coburn, of SCI at 702-622-7664 prior to the auction.

The Oregon Hunters Association Mid-Willamette Chapter's auction of a statewide elk tag will still occur on April 4 at 8:30 p.m., but the event will be bid-by-phone only. Those hunters wishing to bid should call Bryan Cook at 971-270-7035 prior to the auction.

The Oregon Bowhunters have rescheduled their auction for the Rocky Mountain goat tag to Friday, May 8, at 7 p.m. The live auction will be bid-by-phone only and will be live streamed by Oregon Bowhunters for the public to view. Hunters wishing to bid on the goat tag should call Wayne Endicot at 541-556-7039 or 541-746-9711 by 6 p.m. on May 8 to register for the auction.

The National Wild Turkey Federation Central Oregon Chapter's April 4 auction of a statewide deer tag has been rescheduled for May 23 at 7 p.m. The live auction will be bid-by-phone only. Hunters wishing to participate should call Jason Preston at 541-693-4597 prior to the auction.



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Baker Institute of Technology (Dinner); Baker AllStar Band (Dancing), Crossroads Art Center (extra tables, Chairs) and Brian & Corrine Veger.

Eastern Oregon Regional Theater	Lube Depot	Anthony Lakes Mountain Resort
Churchill School	Sweet Wife Baking	Latitude 45 Grille
Julianne Williams	The Little Pig	Baker County YMCA
Peterson's Gallery & Chocolatier	Baker Aircraft	Sunkissed Salon
Baker AllStars Band	Taco Time	Jenn Boehm-Massage Therapist
Wild Horse Resort & Casino	The Trailhead	Elkhorn Lanes
Carpet One	Glacier 45	Mulan Garden
Lew Brothers Tire Service	Crossroads Carnegie Art Center	Adiva Salon & Day Spa
Millers Home Center	Sumpter Junction	D & B Supply
Cashway Lumber Company	TEC Copier Systems	Thatcher's Ace Hardware
Commercial Tire	Main Event	Maverik
The Windshield Doctor	Copper Belt Winery	Robbins Farm Equipment
Eagle Cap Grill	The Cheese Fairy	Ryder Brothers Stationery Store
Humbles Gas & Car Wash	Baker Dental Group	Papa Murphy's Pizza
Paradise Truck & RV Wash	Rite Aid	Dairy Queen
Jeff Phillips Ranch	Oregon Trail Livestock Supply	The Sycamore Tree
Cover Works	Terri Axness	McDonalds
Courtesy Home Furniture	York's Groceries/Sporting Goods	Baker Veterinary Hospital
Sorbenots	Lone Pine Café	Appliance & More
Delicioso Mexican Restaurant	Bearded Dog	Inland Café
Club 24, Baker City	Random ReSales & Riches	Bi -Mart
Grocery Outlet Bargain Market	Baker City Chiropractic	D & J's Taco Shop
The Ison House Bed & Brew	Quail Ridge Golf Course Misty's	Lisa's Doggie Depot
Cody's General Store	Awards & Engraving	Hearts & Petals Flower Shoppe
Napa Auto Parts	Farmers Insurance	J. Tabor Jewelers
Behlen Country	NO. 1911	Cornucopia Lodge
Haines Steak House	Golden Crown	Michelle Simonski
Coffee Corral	AJ's Corner Brick	Maurices
Royal Artisa	Baker City Gold	Elkhorn Embroidery
El Erradero	The Little Bagel Shop	Betty's Books
Off The Racks	Oregon Trail Motes/Restaurant	Subway
Safeway	Sherman Trucking	