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Three fatal drug overdoses in Baker City in the past six months were tied to counterfeit opioid pills laced with fentanyl, a powerful painkiller, local officials said in a press release.

BRIEFING

Libraries open, but restrooms closed during extreme risk

Baker County libraries will continue to be open while the county is under either the current extreme risk or high risk levels for COVID-19, but public restrooms will be closed.

Visitation time limits for browsing or computer use remain the same at one hour. Visitors need to check-in at the library desk for a guest pass before using the library.

For those who wish to avoid any indoor exposure risk, the library recommends use of its curbside services or Library2Go digital collection with thousands of downloadable eBooks or audiobooks. Call the library for help with downloads or to reserve materials for easy drive-up window pick-up.

For more information library services, visit the library website at www.bakerlib.org.

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Sunny

Wednesday

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Partly sunny

Full forecast on the back of the B section.

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Media spotlight on Baker

Mayor Kerry McQuisten has multiple interviews about city's resolution challenging COVID-19 restrictions

By Samantha O'Conner
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The Baker City Council's passage of a resolution blaming Oregon Gov. Kate Brown's COVID-19 restrictions for creating an "economic, mental health

and criminal activity crisis" in the city has recently led to Mayor Kerry McQuisten giving interviews on radio, podcasts and television.

McQuisten was slated to appear on Fox News' Primetime

news program Monday evening, May 3.

"This is an excellent chance to be able to speak out about what we did here in the city," McQuisten said on Monday morning. Although the City Council ap-

proved Resolution 3881 by a 5-2 vote on March 23, the action has drawn widespread interest in just the past week or so, McQuisten said.



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Artist Working On Mural At Old Pine Market In Halfway



Lisa Britton/Baker City Herald

Jon Hanley is working to complete a mural at the Old Pine Market in Halfway. The painting depicts the history of horses in Pine Valley.

Making His Mark

By Lisa Britton, Baker City Herald

HALFWAY — Jon Hanley is a temporary resident of Halfway, but he's leaving a permanent mark.

Hanley is wrapping up a mural at the Old Pine Market that depicts the history of horses in Pine Valley.

"He's doing a beautiful job. I love coming in and seeing the new progress," said Laurie Bryan, an owner of the market.

Hanley paints after hours, adding a colorful touch to a previously blank

wall above the produce area.

"I've had murals on my mind," Bryan said. "I knew Jon was a fabulous mural painter, and he showed up in town."

His work space is a challenge —

the ledge is about three feet deep and three feet high, so he has to kneel or lay on his side to paint.

"I take a lot of breaks," Hanley said.

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Lisa Britton/Baker City Herald

Jon Hanley shows an example of his maps. This one is for Island Park, Idaho.

County's COVID cases dropping

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With Baker County's weekly total of COVID-19 cases dropping to its lowest level in more than a month, County Commissioner Mark Bennett said he hopes the county will drop from extreme risk level starting this Friday, May 7.

That would allow restaurants and bars to resume indoor dining.

Baker County and 14 other counties moved to the extreme risk level on Friday, April 30.

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Wolves kill two calves

By Jayson Jacoby
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Wolves from the Keating pack in Baker County killed a pair of two-month-old calves on a public land cattle grazing allotment north of Keating Valley last week.

Brian Ratliff, district wildlife biologist at the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's (ODFW) Baker City office, said his investigation on Friday, April 30 showed ample evidence that wolves killed the calves.

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Talks begin to create temporary Oregon Trail experience

By Lisa Britton
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Plans are moving forward to create an Oregon Trail experience in Baker City during a two-year closure of the National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center that starts next winter.

According to a press release, "formal negotiations" are currently underway between Baker County and the Bureau of Land Management, which operates the center five miles east of Baker City.

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