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Currently the county is at the lowest risk level, which puts some restrictions on attendance at outdoor gatherings. Oregon is on track to drop restrictions by the end of June, however, which would mean Miners Jubilee could potentially happen as it usually does. Cutler said the Chamber plans to have additional hand-washing stations at the park, encourage one-way walking on the sidewalks, hand sanitizer at vendor booths, and masks if people want to wear them. However, attendees should be aware that not everyone will be wearing masks.

Planning for the Jubilee started in late January, although Cutler said she was uncertain back then whether or not the event would return after its one-year hiatus.



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Bullfighters Sean Peterson, center, and Jesse Tennett, left, rescue Bo Johnson of New Plymouth, Idaho, from a serious situation when the bull went down during the 2019 Baker City Bull Riding competition.

"We knew we had to put the pieces in motion so that if we were allowed to have it we could go," she said. "I really think that this is going to be the first major event in Baker City."

Cutler is looking forward to the increased tourist spending and visitor engagement, which will kickstart the county's summer tourist season. She said the events are contingent on participation, so if folks

would like to see a Miners Jubilee event return from the past, they should let her know by calling the Chamber at 541-523-5855.

"There's not one business out here that couldn't use an

influx of revenue right now," Cutler said. "I think we're just so excited to go and do stuff again."

Bull and Bronc Riding

Jason Mattox, who organizes the Baker City Bull and Bronc Riding competition that happens over the same weekend as Miners' Jubilee, is also gearing up for a huge crowd at his event. He plans to follow whatever the CDC guidelines are at the time of the competition.

"Whatever we have to do we'll make sure it's done properly," Mattox said. "We want to do a family fun event that people are used to seeing."

Mattox has had to get creative over the pandemic, using the opportunity to livestream races instead of holding them in person with large crowds. The internet

streaming platform has been met with so much enthusiasm that Mattox plans to continue airing the races even once life returns to normal.

"We've been tested with about everything you can do," he said. "We've prided ourselves that we've been able to give these cowboys a place to go this whole time."

Both the Bull & Bronc Riding events will award \$25,000 to the top contestants. Tickets are available on the Baker City Bulls and Broncs Facebook page and at www.cctbullriding.com, and the livestream link will be posted as it gets closer as well. General admission tickets will be available in town.

"We will be airing this live so people all around the world can watch us," Mattox said. "We're just really ecstatic to keep this thing going for your town."

MOSQUITOES

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"So far, trap numbers are lower than last year, with the exception of heavily flood-irrigated areas," Hutchinson said on Wednesday, June 16.

Hutchinson and his crew set out traps — carbon dioxide, the same stuff we exhale, is the bait — to cap-

ture mosquitoes around the district.

The traps not only help Hutchinson track mosquito numbers, but he sends some of the (dead) mosquitoes to a lab at Oregon State University where the insects are tested for West Nile virus.

Last summer was the first in several years in which none of the several hundred mosquitoes tested from Baker County was infected

with that virus, which mosquitoes can transmit to people.

Most people who are infected with West Nile virus have minor symptoms or none at all, but the disease can cause severe neurological problems and in rare cases prove fatal.

Hutchinson said that although mosquito populations tend to be lower during drought years, the scarcity of water can increase the

potential for West Nile virus to spread.

That's because the virus' main host — birds in the corvid family, which includes crows, ravens and magpies — tend to be more concentrated around remaining water sources during droughts, and that higher density makes it easier for the virus to spread.

Hutchinson said the lack of rain

makes one of the main mosquito breeding grounds within Baker City — storm drains — less of a problem. He and his crew distribute into storm drains a product that kills mosquito larvae.

Hutchinson encourages residents to check the district's website — www.bvncd.org — for spraying schedules or to report large numbers of mosquitoes.

New At The Library

Patrons can reserve materials in advance online or by calling 541-523-6419. Drive-in hours at 2400 Resort St. are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m.

Baker County Library's new additions this week include 26 new bestsellers, 18 new movies, 10 new audiobooks, 23 new children's books, and 93 other new books, including 47 that are available online. See everything new this week to Baker County Library District at wowbrary.org.

FICTION

- "Legacy," Nora Roberts
- "The Maidens," Alex Michaelides
- "Malibu Rising," Taylor Jenkins Reid
- "One Last Stop," Casey McQuiston
- "The Saboteurs," Clive Cussler and Jack Du Brul

NONFICTION

- "The Constitution of Knowledge," Jonathan Rauch
- "The Future of Nutrition," T. Colin Campbell
- "Kennedy's Avenger," Dan Abrams
- "Nursing 2022 Drug Handbook"
- "Zero Fail," Carol Leonnig

MOVIES

- "City of Lies" (Drama)
- "Dragonheart: 5-Movie Collection" (Sci-Fi/Fantasy)
- "Emperor" (Action)
- "Modern Family, Seasons 10-11" (TV Series)
- "Pixie" (Comedy)

Findley facing potential recall effort

By Steven Mitchell
Blue Mountain Eagle

State Sen. Lynn Findley, R-Vale, faces a potential recall effort.

Chief petitioner Patrick A. Kopke-Hales of Mt. Vernon filed a prospective recall petition with the Oregon Secretary of State's Office on Monday, June 14.

Kopke-Hales wrote in his justification that Findley, whose district includes Baker County, had acted "against the values and principles of the constituents he represents" for supporting Senate Bill 865, and for not walking out to prevent the passage of Senate Bill 554 on gun control legislation.

Findley — who represents



Findley

Senate District 30 covering all of Baker, Grant, Harney, Jefferson, Malheur and Wheeler counties and parts of Deschutes, Lake and Wasco counties — told the Eagle he was in the final days of the legislative session and that there is too much going on right now to be "distracted" by "something else." Kopke-Hales declined to comment.

Kopke-Hales wrote in the prospective petition that Findley betrayed the "will of the people" by introducing Senate Bill 865. The proposed legislation would have prevented elected officials at the state level — including governor, secretary of state, state treasurer, labor commissioner, state lawmaker, supreme court judge or appeals court judge — from serving as an elected officer on the state

central committee of a political party.

Senate Republicans have since pulled back on the bill.

Senate Bill 554 sets storage requirements for firearms and bans holders of concealed handgun licenses from bringing them into the Oregon Capitol and Portland International Airport passenger terminal.

Kopke-Hales wrote that Findley "facilitated the passing" of SB 554 by not walking out of the session to prevent Democrats from having the required quorum to approve the bill in the Senate, where it passed 16-7. Findley voted against it. It was signed two

weeks ago by Gov. Kate Brown.

Aaron Fiedler, press secretary with the Oregon Secretary of State's Office, said Kopke-Hales must collect and submit at least 8,289 valid signatures from active electors in Senate District 30 no later than 5 p.m. Sept. 13. He said the recall becomes void if there are not enough signatures submitted by the deadline.

If at least 8,289 signatures are submitted, the Elections Division will have 10 days to complete the signature verification process.

Fiedler said the petition is not approved to circulate yet.

Annual Youth Trail Ride started in 1964 is sponsored by the Baker County Mounted Posse

This is an outdoor camp with horseback riding and outdoor adventure for youths ages 12-15 years old.

Cost is \$2.00
(that's right only \$2.00 dollars)

June 26-27, 2021

For more information, questions or an application please call Jodie Radabaugh at 541-524-9358 or 541-403-4933
All state and county regulations will be followed.



The family of **Mike Beam** would like to express a heartfelt thank you to all who reached out after Mikey's passing. The outpouring of love and support shown through cards, flowers and phone calls was comforting and appreciated.

We would like to extend an invitation to all those who knew and loved Mikey, to join us at Wade Williams park for a memorial potluck on Saturday, June 26th @ 1:00pm.

Meat will be provided. Please bring a side dish, lawnchairs and come spend the afternoon catching up and sharing your favorite memories of Mikey.

With Sincere Thanks,
The Family of Mike Beam

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BAKER SCHOOL DISTRICT FAMILY RECOGNITION

The Baker School District would like to thank our families for their support and all of the extra effort they invested this year in their children's success. It took additional commitment and creativity to meet the new challenges. Because of your partnership, students were able to finish the year back in classrooms, with their friends, and enjoying extra-curricular activities. Working together, we finished safe and strong.

Thank you for making a difference!

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