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Baker County youths show their pigs on Aug. 5, 2020, at Leo Adler Field.

County gives \$80,000 for museum job

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The Baker County Board of Commissioners voted Wednesday, July 28 to spend \$80,000 of the county's federal COVID-19 aid to fund the Baker Heritage Museum director as a full-time position for two years.

Cammy Warner, vice chair of the Baker County Museum Commission, requested \$40,000.

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WOLVES

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Those are the third and fourth attacks on cattle attributed to the Lookout Mountain pack since July 13. All were in the same general area northeast of Durkee.

In response, Baker County Commissioners have asked ODFW to approve a lethal take permit and assist with killing some of the wolves from the Lookout Mountain pack, said Brian Ratliff, district wildlife biologist at ODFW's Baker City office.

As of Wednesday afternoon, state officials had not decided whether to approve the permit.

The most recent investigation was on Monday, July 26, in the Manning Creek area northeast of Durkee.

On the afternoon of July 25, a rancher found an injured 850-pound, 1 1/2-year-old steer on private land, according to an ODFW report.

A biologist from ODFW examined the injured steer and concluded, based on more than 40

bite scrapes above the left hock, along with deep tissue trauma and missing tissue, that wolves were responsible. The biologist estimated the steer had been attacked 10 to 12 days earlier.

The earlier investigation happened on Friday, July 23 in the Nodine Creek area, when a rancher found a dead 850-pound, 1 1/2-year-old heifer on private land.

An ODFW biologist examined the carcass and found a blood trail leading from a struggle scene to the carcass, which was intact and complete except for scavenging on the upper hindquarters, groin, right flank and some organs, according to a report.

The biologist estimated the heifer died late on July 22 or early on July 23.

Earlier this month, ODFW biologists concluded that Lookout Mountain wolves killed a five-month-old calf on a public land grazing allotment around July 13, and injured a 1 1/2-year-old steer several days later on a private pasture.

Baker County Fair schedule

Friday, July 30

8 a.m.

- 4-H/FFA Horse Show (rodeo grounds), Hunt Seat, Trot Over Fences, Hunter Hack, Equitation Over Fences, Showmanship, Trail, & Gaming
- Opening ceremonies, flag salute
- Morning meeting

1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

- Decorate 4-H/FFA club booths (Event Center)

5 p.m.

- Fair clean up

Saturday, July 31

8 a.m.

- Horse Show (rodeo grounds), English Pleasure, English Equitation, Western Pleasure, Western Equitation, Bareback Equitation

Sunday, August 1

1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

- Open Class check in (Event Center) (No flowers or horticulture; Monday, Aug. 2 only)
- Decorate 4-H/FFA club booths, last chance (Event Center)
- Set up livestock barns

Monday, August 2

8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- Set up livestock barns, last chance

8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

- 4-H Favorite Outfit and Table Setting set up (Event Center)

9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

- Judge 4-H Favorite Outfit & Table Settings (Event Center)

8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

- Open Class flowers and horticulture check in (Event Center)

8 a.m. to noon

- All 4-H/FFA Interview Judging for Static Exhibits (Event Center)

1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

- 4-H Record Books available for viewing only

1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

- Open class and special contests judging

2 p.m. to 7 p.m.

- Vendor set up

Tuesday, August 3

6:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

- 4-H/FFA Market weigh in (all species) and breeding stock (first come, first serve), no unloading tack

8 a.m. to noon

- 4-H/FFA & Open Class Small Animal check in

8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

- Open class sheep check in

Noon

- All animals in place
- Fair opens to the public, concessions and vendors open
- Homegrown sheep interviews

1 p.m.

- 4-H/FFA Small Animal Market Classes

2 p.m.

- Cavy/Rabbit Conformation (Event Center)

3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

- 4-H/FFA Poultry Conformation followed by 4-H/FFA Small Animal Judging Contest (Event Center)

3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

- 4-H Archery Competition (Leo Adler Field)

4 p.m.

FAIR FRIENDS

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In-person meetings have been canceled, but she's still going out to check on her 4-H kids' animals to see how they're doing and make sure the kids are keeping up with their record books.

In addition to their careers and involvement with 4-H, the McElligotts have a full-time obligation to their ranch. They've raised Black Angus cattle for the past 20 years and rarely have a moment to spare.

"We both are from rural areas and ranch backgrounds," Matt said. "So this is our kind of lifestyle. Our kind of area."

- Open Class Small Animal Show (Large Breed Rabbit, Cavy, & Poultry) (Event Center)
- 4-H/FFA Meat Goat, Dairy Cattle & Beef Breeding Classes (respective arenas)
- 4-H/FFA Sheep Breeding Classes followed by Open Class Sheep and Goat Classes (Leo Adler Ring)
- 4-H/FFA Llama and Alpaca Showmanship (Leo Adler Ring)

7 p.m.

- Family Game and Movie Night (grass area)

9 p.m.

- Fair closes to public

Wednesday, August 4

7:30 a.m.

- 4-H/FFA Leader Meeting (Small Meeting Room)

8 a.m.

- 4-H/FFA Exhibitor Meeting (Cockram Arena)

8:30 a.m.

- 4-H/FFA Cavy followed by Rabbit Showmanship (Event Center)

9 a.m.

- Fair opens to the public, concessions and vendors open

9 a.m. to noon

- People's Choice Booth Contest Voting open all day (Event Center)

- 4-H/FFA Market Swine Conformation: Club Herd (Leo Adler Ring)

- 4-H/FFA Dairy Goat, Market Goat Confirmation (Leo Adler Ring)

10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

- Kids fun zone (Leo Adler Field)

Noon

- 4-H/FFA Market Steer Conformation: Club Herd (Cockram Arena)

1 p.m.

- 4-H/FFA Poultry Showmanship (Event Center)

2 p.m.

- 4-H/FFA Market Sheep Conformation: Club Herd (Leo Adler Ring)

3 p.m.

- 4-H/FFA Small Animal Round Robin (Event Center)

- Watermelon Seed Spitting Contest! (Kids Fun Zone)

4 p.m. to 9 p.m.

- Beer Corral opens

6:30 p.m.

- 4-H/FFA Grand Champion Market Animal Selection: Sheep, Steer, Swine, Goat (Respective Arenas)

7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

- Live music

9 p.m.

- Fair closes to public

Thursday, August 5

7 a.m. to 9 a.m.

- Baker County Fair Board Appreciation Breakfast for 4-H Members and

Volunteers

7:30 a.m.

- 4-H/FFA Leader Meeting (Small Meeting Room)

8 a.m.

- 4-H/FFA Exhibitor Meeting (Cockram Arena)

9 a.m.

- Fair opens to the public, concessions and vendors open

- 4-H/FFA Dairy Cattle Showmanship followed by Goats (Respective Arenas)

- 4-H/FFA Swine Showmanship (Leo Adler Ring)

10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

- Kids fun zone (Leo Adler Field)

Noon

- 4-H/FFA Beef Showmanship (Cockram Arena)

1 p.m.

- 4-H/FFA Sheep Showmanship (Leo Adler Ring)

4 p.m. to 9 p.m.

- Beer Corral opens

4:30 p.m.

- Open Class Pee Wee Showmanship

6:30 p.m.

- 4-H/FFA Large Animal Round Robin: swine, sheep, beef, dairy cattle, goat, horse (Cockram Arena)

7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

- Live music

9 p.m.

- Fair closes to the public

Friday, Aug. 6

7:30 a.m.

- 4-H/FFA Leader Meeting (Small Meeting Room)

8:30 a.m.

- 4-H/FFA Exhibitor Meeting followed by Livestock Judging Contest

9 a.m.

- Fair opens to the public, concessions and vendors open

10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- Kids fund zone open (Leo Adler Field)

6 p.m.

- 4-H/FFA livestock auction (Cockram Arena)

4 p.m. to 9 p.m.

- Beer Corral opens

9 p.m.

- 2021 Fair closes

- No one in barns or stall areas until Saturday, Aug. 7

Saturday, August 7

9 a.m.

- Clean up and check out
- All 4-H/FFA and Open Class animals and static exhibits released

- All pens, stalls and grounds must be cleaned

9 a.m. to noon

- Open class home arts check out (Event Center)

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