

# Exhibit

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It is set up in the children's section of the library through Nov. 15.

Two special in-person programs are planned for Friday, Nov. 4, at 10 a.m. (for kids up to grade 2), and Wednesday, Nov. 9 at 4 p.m. for kids in grades 3-6.

"We'll learn some more about dinosaurs," said Missy Grammon, youth services specialist at the library.

She said the Nov. 9 program will cover extinction, fossilization and experiments.

"It'll be fun," she said.

The exhibit features several inflatable dinosaurs to catch attention of the young patrons, and then a series of interactive displays. At "Digging for Fossils" kids can use brushes to sift through soil-colored rubber to discover fossils. A sorting game called "What makes a dinosaur a dinosaur?" helps youngsters categorize creatures into different groups — dinosaur or not.

One stop details the relationship between birds and dinosaurs (yes, they are related), and another panel explains the process of how bones turn into fossils.

## Online

The museum has an online component as well — find it at <https://vimeo.com/518814795>.

## Additional programs

Dinosaurs aren't the only current program at the library.

Storytime activity bags are available on the first day of each month, and can be found near the front desk.

November is National Novel Writing Month (Nanowrimo), and a writing group for youth in grades 3-12 is meeting on Tuesdays from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Oregon Battle of the Books, where kids read from a selected list of books and then compete against other schools by answering questions, has started but there is still time to register by calling the library, 541-523-6419. Practice for grades 3-5 is Thursdays from 4 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Grades 6-8 meet on Wednesdays at 4 p.m.

Maker's Club is held each month, and the next is Friday, Nov. 18, at 3 p.m. The session will feature 4-H staff who will teach about electronics.

Another gathering, for grades 6-12, is the Fandom Club where youth can "talk about their current fan obsessions," Grammon said. There are two meetings this month: Nov. 4 and Nov. 18, from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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## • BAKER COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE

1995 Third St., Suite 150  
Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Election Day 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

## • DRIVE UP DROP SITE

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2810 Cedar St.  
Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.  
Election Day 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

## • HALFWAY CITY HALL

155-B E. Record St.  
Monday-Thursday 8 a.m. to noon, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.  
Closed Friday  
Election Day 8 a.m. to noon, 1 p.m. to 8 p.m.

## • HUNTINGTON CITY HALL

50 E. Adams St.  
Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to noon, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.  
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## • RICHLAND CITY HALL

89 Main St.  
Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to noon, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.  
Election Day 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.



Photos courtesy of Norm Kolb

Norm Kolb, far left in the middle row, was manager of the University of Oregon baseball team from 1950-1954.

# Kolb

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Then the family moved to Baker so Frank could work on the family ranch, which bordered the present-day Quail Ridge Golf Course to the west.

"Dad worked there during the day and at night worked for the Oregon Lumber Company," Kolb said.

In 1936, Kolb's grandfather, Adam, sold 60 acres to the city for the golf course, which was funded by a federal WPA grant (Works Progress Administration).

"They sold the first nine-hole golf course site for \$500," Kolb said.

## Lots of work — and sports

Kolb, with a grin, credits his variety of part-time jobs for lending lots of experience to his resumé.

First, around age 12 or 13, he was a "horse hair picker," which meant collecting hair to be used in hairbrushes.

This job involved separating hair trimmings from the other stuff that falls to the floor of a horse's stall.

Then, at noon and 6 o'clock, he washed dishes at the Venture Inn, a cafe by the old post office. Later he also washed dishes at the Tops Cafe.

But mostly, Kolb loved athletics.

In high school, he managed the baseball team at Baker High School during his freshman and sophomore years.

At that time, he said, a league for men's fast-pitch softball was going strong, and Leo Arany asked him to keep score — two games a night, five days a week.

"I'd keep score for a dollar a game," he said.

Kolb graduated from Baker High School in 1950, and went to the University of Oregon in Eugene.

Again, he sought out sports.

Kolb managed the freshman football team, which was coached by Bill Bowerman (who also coached track and field, and co-founded Nike with one of his former runners, Phil Knight).

"Bowerman told me where to go and what to do," Kolb said. "He was very disciplined, direct, no nonsense."

Then Kolb heard that the U of O baseball team manager had quit, so he applied with head coach Don Kirsch.

"I managed the baseball team for four years," he said. "Kirsch was the most dedicated, disciplined individual I've ever known."

He remembers what Kirsch told his players:

"You have to remember who you are, and what you represent."



Norm Kolb, pictured at the far left on the bottom row, was manager of the freshman football team at the University of Oregon, which was coached by Bill Bowerman (far left, back row).

In 1954, the Ducks baseball team made it to the College World Series in Omaha, Nebraska, and in 2006 Kolb was inducted into the Oregon Athletics Hall of Fame.

Again, he points to timing and circumstances.

"And all because I started a dollar a night keeping score at a softball league," he said.

## Graduation and career

Kolb graduated from the U of O in 1954, and served 21 months on active duty in the transportation corps in Seattle.

Then his accounting career began, first in the Sweet Home area.

Two years later, Kolb decided to attend Golden Gate College in San Francisco for specialized education.

Then he had his choice of careers, including at Stanford or Shell Oil. He took a job with LH Penny & Co., already with several years of accounting behind him.

"I had a leg up on everyone else in the firm," he said.

But life soon changed for Kolb and his wife, Gretchen.

In May 1959, his grandfather died and Kolb returned to Baker for the funeral.

His father-in-law, Gordon Dunlap, and family friend Henry Levinger told him an accounting firm from Ontario was looking to open a location in Baker.

He took the job, and they moved home in 1959.

With no local clients, Kolb was sent on the road to locations around Southern Idaho. Also, because the CPAs in the Weiser office didn't like municipal audits, Kolb would travel there to do those tasks.

"I was on the road a lot," he said.

## Leo Adler comes calling

Then one day Leo Adler, one of Baker's

most prominent business owners, walked in the door and asked if Kolb would be his accountant.

"I said 'Mr. Adler, yes, I'd be happy to.'"

But Kolb was quickly corrected by his new client.

"I'm not Mr. Adler, I'm Leo," he was told.

Adler was 67 at the time, and Kolb was 29.

He remained Adler's accountant until 1993, when Adler passed away on Nov. 2 of that year. Adler's will established the Leo Adler Trust to provide scholarships and community grants to benefit Baker County and North Powder.

Kolb, thinking back to the circumstances that led him to that point in his career, remembers advice he received from a college career counselor:

"Never forget you have connections in your hometown that you don't know about. That was great advice, as it turned out."

## Earning a reputation

The accounting ethics code restricted accountants from advertising their business, or recruiting.

"Word of mouth is the way you develop, and reputation depends on your performance," Kolb said.

So he got involved in the community — first with Little League, which was newly started by Gene Rose.

(Rose was Adler's longtime attorney.)

"I became secretary/treasurer of the Little League — I had two daughters, no boys," Kolb said with a laugh.

He also joined the Rotary Club, the Chamber of Commerce, and was treasurer of the golf association.

"Being involved," he said.

Adler was often at those same functions, many times as a financial supporter.

Every December, Kolb said, Adler would walk in the door with his own set of numbers and a plan for donating to local

organizations.

Adler's business was magazine distribution, and Kolb said Adler read five publications every day.

He especially liked to read about people from Baker.

"One of his greatest interests and pride was following anybody from Baker who was successful," Kolb said.

In 1991 Adler, who never married, worked with Kolb and Rose to establish the Leo Adler Trust to benefit Baker County and North Powder. By law, the foundation has to give away at least 5% each year — by Adler's request, 60% goes to scholarships and 40% is for community grants.

"The Baker area and North Powder were his family," Kolb said.

Adler chose US Bank as the foundation's trustee. The original three committee members were Kolb, Henry Levinger and Roger Ager, who was a trust officer with US Bank.

Kolb said they asked Adler if he wanted to name others to serve on the board in the future.

Adler declined. "He said 'I have confidence in my committee. They'll do right when something needs to be done,'" Kolb said.

Levinger resigned several months after the foundation was established, and Rose took his place.

The board later expanded — with approval from the Department of Justice.

Kolb still serves on the board. He reviews applications, listens to presentations, and thinks back to the Adler he knew.

"I've tried to interpret in my mind what Leo would do," he said. "He wanted to provide opportunities."

Adler's death, his foundation has now awarded nearly twice as much money as his original gift.

"We're approaching \$38 million," Kolb said.

# Well

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Well-drilling costs totaled about \$677,000.

This spring, city crews installed a 10-inch-diameter ductile iron pipe to connect the well to the existing 16-inch mainline that runs beneath Indiana Avenue.

After a delay, again due to supply chain problems, the city's contractor, Mike Becker Construction of La Grande, built the structure that houses the well and equipment this summer.

But the electronic controls

that operate the well aren't yet available.

And Michelle Owen, the city's public works director, doesn't expect the controls will arrive until late March 2023 at the soonest.

"This is a supply chain issue. We're at the mercy of the supply chain," Owen said.

The contract for building the house and installing piping and controls was for \$1,680,000, and the city also spend about \$130,000 for engineering on the project, Owen said.

If the controls are ready by the end of March, the well

should be ready to use within a month.

"There's not much left to do, it'll be pretty much just hooking everything up," Owen said.

The 654-foot-deep well is the city's second, and its third supplementary water source.

The city gets most of its water from a dozen streams and springs in the 10,000-acre watershed on the east slopes of the Elkhorn Mountains west of town.

The watershed typically produces enough water to meet the city's needs during the fall, winter and much of the spring.

But during summer, when

the watershed volume declines and demand peaks, the city also taps Goodrich Reservoir, a 200-million-gallon natural lake at the base of Elkhorn Peak that was dammed decades ago to increase the storage capacity.

The city also uses a well drilled in 1977 near its water treatment plant and reservoir on the hill near Reservoir Road.

Even with the older well and Goodrich Reservoir, city officials have asked voters, in two recent summers, to voluntarily reduce water usage when daily consumption was exceeding 5 million gallons. The city has

not had to impose mandatory cutbacks, however.

Owen said the goal for the new well is to produce about 2.16 million gallons per day.

Although the well would be most beneficial during summer, the city could also use it temporarily during some springs, when rapid snowmelt in the watershed can briefly cloud streams with silt.

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