

A Night at Old Auburn (COVID style!)

■ Annual fundraiser switches to a poker run and a drive-thru dinner on Feb. 27

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BAKER CITY — This month will feature a fundraiser for the Baker Heritage Museum, but not the traditional casino-style event.

The Night at Old Auburn is affected, as are so many events, by the coronavirus pandemic. But that didn't stop the Friends of the Baker Heritage Museum from designing a fundraiser to fit the current health guidelines.

"We're doing it different — it's the Night at Old Auburn, COVID style," said Liz Miller, president of the Friends of Baker Heritage Museum.

The annual fundraiser has become a February staple in Baker City. Funds raised are used to enhance existing exhibits, create new exhibits and clean artifacts.

The Friends of Baker Heritage Museum also uses the funds to support the museum's operations when needed.

"Whatever the museum needs, we back them up," she said.

The group continues their support of the museum — although the Feb. 27 benefit will definitely look different.

POKER RUN

The fundraiser begins with a poker run from 2-5 p.m. Entry is \$20. Only 52 tickets are available to participate, and they must be purchased in advance.

The poker run begins at the museum, 2480 Grove St., and includes seven historic buildings in Baker City.

"At each stop, you choose a card," Miller said.

After visiting all the sites, cardholders turn in their best five-card poker hand at the museum.

The grand prize is a \$300 Visa card. Two smaller prizes will be awarded for the next best hands.

A NIGHT AT OLD AUBURN 2021

WHY: Fundraiser for the Baker Heritage Museum

WHEN: Saturday, Feb. 27

WHAT: Poker Run from 2-5 p.m. (\$20 to enter) and a drive-thru dinner from 5-7 p.m. (\$35)

TICKETS: Must be purchased in advance by calling Liz Miller at 541-300-5416 — or click on "Events/News" at:

www.friendsofbakerheritagemuseum.com

DRIVE-THRU DINNER

The second part of the fundraiser is a drive-thru dinner served from 5-7 p.m. at North Baker School, 2725 Seventh St., Baker City.

The meal, which will be catered by BTI Culinary Arts, features a hot prime rib sandwich plus sides and dessert. Cost is \$35. There are 150 dinner tickets available, which also must be purchased in advance.

Those driving up for dinner are asked to follow the signs placed at the school to direct traffic.

TICKETS

To purchase tickets, call Miller at 541-300-5416. She said she will meet people at the museum or deliver tickets.

"We'll do whatever we need to get their tickets to them," she said.

Tickets can also be purchased online. Go to www.friendsofbakerheritagemuseum.com (no hyphens) and click on "Events/News."



Photo courtesy of Travel Baker County

The Night at Old Auburn fundraiser helps support museum exhibits, such as the current display that honors the "Extraordinary Women in Baker County," which can be viewed when the museum reopens in mid-March.

OPERATING DURING A PANDEMIC

Last year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Baker Heritage Museum operated on a reduced schedule of four hours per day, seven days a week.

"We managed to get by. We did better than we thought we would," Miller said.

The plan this year is to open in mid-March with regular hours — although Miller said that depends on the state guidelines at the time.

For updates on the history museum's plans for reopening, look for posts on the museum's website, www.bakerheritagemuseum.com, and Facebook page.

ABOUT THE BAKER HERITAGE MUSEUM

Baker Heritage Museum is at 480 Grove St., in Baker City. The building was originally built as the Baker Municipal Natatorium

(swimming pool).

The museum is a two-story collection of Baker County's history, especially from the 1860s to 1960s.

Two rooms are dedicated to an extensive rock collection.

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High 23 Low 10
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SATURDAY

High 30 Low 20
Snow possible



SUNDAY

High 33 Low 23
Cold