

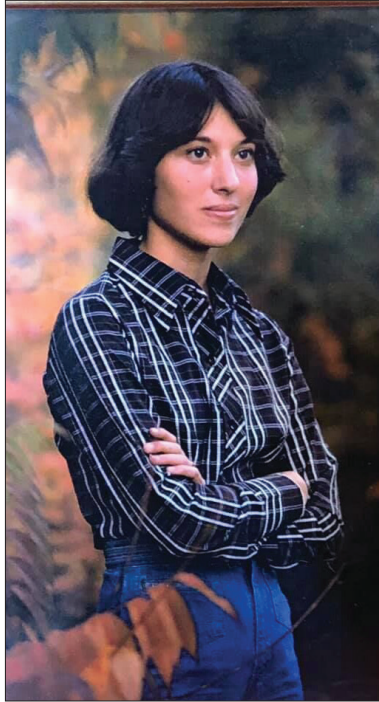
## VISIT WITH SANTA DEC. 4 IN BAKER CITY

BAKER CITY — The Kiwanis Club of Baker City is offering the annual Santa photos event on Saturday, Dec. 4, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Baker County Event Center, 2600 East St. There will be an opportunity to write Santa a letter before or after visiting with the jolly elf.

Cost is \$10 per sitting and includes two 5X7 or three 4X6 prints. Prints are normally available for pickup within 15 minutes. Proceeds from this event support the club's community service projects, which focus on supporting children. Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers "dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time."

## CARRIE YOUNG MEMORIAL FUNDRAISER IS DEC. 3

JOHN DAY — The 29th annual Carrie Young Memorial fundraiser is happening Friday, Dec. 3, at the John Day Elks Lodge, 140 NE Dayton St. Doors open at 5 p.m., and the "by donation" dinner of spaghetti, salad and



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The 29th annual Carrie Young Memorial fundraiser is Dec. 3 in John Day. Carrie, who lived in Grant County, died after a car accident in 1993 at the age of 32 (pictured above). Proceeds go to purchasing gifts for residents of assisted living facilities and paying for essentials for elder residents living at home.

bread starts at 5:30 p.m. The evening also includes a silent auction.

Proceeds benefit several assisted living facilities and homebound seniors in Grant

County. For more information, or to help with the event — silent auction items are welcome — call Lucie Immoos at 541-620-2098.

The fundraiser is in honor of Carrie Young, who died after an automobile accident in 1993 at the age of 32. After Carrie's death, her family learned that at Christmas each year Carrie, who had worked at the Blue Mountain Nursing Home in Prairie City, would purchase gifts for the residents of the nursing home who had no family — always with her own money. Carrie wanted to make sure that everyone had a gift to open on Christmas morning.

Her sister Lucie wanted to see her sister's tradition carried on, and began the Carrie Young Memorial Drive for the Elderly in 1993. The first year she raised approximately \$50 donated generously by fellow Forest Service employees, which provided gifts for a few.

Each year grew a bit more, and by 2020, while navigating the challenges of a global pandemic, the Carrie Young Memorial accomplished a

record year bringing in a total of \$44,702.61 providing gifts for all patients at four assisted living facilities and supporting approximately 225 elder residents living at home with groceries, electric credits, firewood, and everyday living essentials.

## COOKIES AND CRAFTS ON DEC. 4 IN BAKER CITY

BAKER CITY — Crossroads Carnegie Art Center will offer Christmas Craft Day for Kids on Saturday, Dec. 4, from 2-4 p.m., in conjunction with the Baker City Downtown Cookie Crawl. The Cookie Crawl will start at Crossroads in the courtyard at the Second Street door. Pick up your box and map for \$7 from BCD volunteers.

Families can also get a craft for free at Crossroads. There are 200 craft bags per age group. Each project has a kit with instruction, and is age appropriate.

## UMATILLA'S WINTER FESTIVAL IS DEC. 3-4

UMATILLA — The City of Umatilla's Winter Festival is set

for Dec. 3-4 at Village Square Park, 700 Sixth St. next to City Hall. Hours are 4-7 p.m. Friday and noon-7 p.m. Saturday. Events include ice skating, pictures with Santa, food and craft vendors, games and activities.

The tree lighting happens at 6:15 p.m. Friday, and the Friday School Choir will perform that night from 6-7 p.m. On Saturday, enjoy live holiday music from 4-7 p.m.

## GRINCH SCAVENGER HUNT ON NOW IN UMATILLA

UMATILLA — The Grinch is on the loose and wreaking havoc around Umatilla. From Dec. 1-31 look for the Grinch's mugshot in each of Umatilla's 12 city parks. Take a selfie with the mugshot and post it to the city's Facebook page with #UmatillaGrinch to win prizes!

Those who find and submit a selfie at all 12 parks will be entered to win the grand prize — a 75-inch TV. Participants can also stop by City Hall and show the selfies. Need a hint? Visit [www.umatillacity.org](http://www.umatillacity.org) and follow the city's Facebook page.



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