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Trees are the overall theme of the mosaic designs, although others also feature Baker County influences such as cattle and wagons.



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The mosaic public art project will include two large collaborative pieces, such as this city scene, surrounded by smaller mosaics created by 60 art students.



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BHS art instructor Kristen Anderson has saved broken ceramic pieces for eight years, and this fall put them to use in her Earth and Fire classes for a mosaic tile project with guest artist Andrea Stone.

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 “We talked about Baker being a (Tree City USA) for 33 years,” Stone said.

Each student sketched a design. Most include trees, and some feature other items unique to Baker County such as cows, Anthony Lakes and wagons.

Once set on a design, the students began sifting through buckets of broken ceramic pieces to create their image with varying colors and textures.

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And tiny piece by tiny piece, the landscapes are taking shape.

“It’s tedious, but I like tedious,” said Koedi Birmingham, a senior.

Her mountain scene includes miniscule deer she created by snipping edges from black pottery using a special tool.

Each piece is glued to a piece of mesh, which is secured to a board and portable for class. The goal is to finish by the end of term in

January.

Once done, Stone will have the students help finish the pieces with mortar.

The idea is to have a large mosaic mural surrounded by the individual pieces by each student. Stone said the finished product will include two panels both measuring 5 feet by 8 feet.

These will be installed on the south side of the New Directions building, on the one-way portion of Broadway Street between Main and



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Mosaic scenes take shape as students place tiny tile pieces one a time, gluing each to a mesh background.

Resort streets.

Prior to deciding on the location, the artists worked with the city’s Historic District Design Review and Public Arts commissions.

Stone said she will consult with contractors on the best way to secure the murals to the building.

Funding for this project will come through Crossroads Carnegie Art Center.

“Crossroads is dedicating a portion of the National Endowment for the Arts Challenge Grant for ArtSpeak to this project,” said Ginger Savage, Crossroads executive director.

“The NEA Challenge America grant is for helping at-risk populations in creating public art with young people,” she said. “When the high school came to me it was a perfect fit. The grant allows us to buy materials and help young people create this type of art.”

Crossroads still needs a little more than \$900 to meet the \$10,000 challenge grant.

“We are super close to getting the challenge grant met,” Savage said.

Donations can be made at Crossroads, 2020 Auburn Ave. For information, call 541-523-5369.

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OREGON BRIEFING

Three charged in Ontario shooting

ONTARIO (AP)— Three people on Christmas Eve were arraigned on charges related to a shooting in Oregon. The Argus Observer reports 27-year-old Xavier Machuca was arraigned on attempted murder, assault in the first degree and unlawful use of a weapon charges in connection to the Friday shooting in Ontario. His security bond was set at \$1.1 million. Branden Learned was arraigned on a charge of hindering prosecution. The 31-year-old was held without bail due to a probation violation from a previous matter. However, his security bond tied to the new charge is \$15,000. Jasmine Ceballos was also arraigned on charges of hindering prosecution and unlawful possession of a weapon. The 20-year-old woman’s bond was set at \$35,000.

Volunteers repair damaged church

PORTLAND (AP)— Dozens of volunteers gathered Christmas Eve with hammers and two-by-fours to repair a Portland church that authorities say was extensively damaged when a man intentionally drove through the doors. The workers wanted to get Our Lady of Lavang ready for holiday services. The Oregonian/OregonLive reports Portland police spokesman Sgt. Chris Burley says a 35-year-old man intentionally rammed his Acura MDX through the church early Monday.

Police say officers responded around 12:15 a.m. and found extensive damage to the outside and interior. Burley says the man later called 911 to report he was the person responsible for plowing the car into the building. Burley says he did not immediately know the suspect’s motive. Officers arrested the man without incident. Records show the man was booked into the Multnomah County jail on suspicion of first-degree criminal mischief. Burley says an investigation into the incident is underway. The northeast Portland church draws Vietnamese Catholics from across the Portland area each week.

Home video leads to holiday gift thief arrest

BEND, Ore. (AP)— Home video surveillance led to the arrest of a man suspected of swiping holiday packages from multiple front porches in the Bend area. The Bend Bulletin reports that Steven Edward Stout, a 39-year-old Bend resident, was stopped Sunday and officers discovered packages stolen from at least two homes in his car. According to Bend police, Stout was caught thanks to video surveillance equipment that captured a theft at a home in Bend Dec. 21. Thanks to the video, an officer identified the vehicle and its license plate. Two days later, another officer recognized the car and stopped Stout.