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Wagyu cattle, a breed that originated in Japan, are renowned for meat marbled with monounsaturated fat.

## WAGYU CATTLE

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Tew said the genetic properties that result in Wagyu's marbled meat cross over to other breeds.

"They're quite amazing cattle," he said.

Tew said he recently traveled to Germany to sell Wagyu embryos at an

auction.

This weekend's event starts about 10 a.m. Friday when Ron Colton's horse-drawn wagon will ferry people from the Geiser Grand to the Fairgrounds for a forum and several speakers from the Wagyu industry.

A free lunch, open to all, featuring Wagyu hamburger sliders will be served

at noon. Cattle will be on display Friday afternoon, and more wagon rides are planned from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

On Saturday cattle viewing will start at 9:30 a.m. at the Fairgrounds, followed by another free lunch at 11 a.m. Wagons will ferry people back to the Geiser Grand for the auction starting at 12:30 p.m.

# Effort to force recall vote for Gov. Kate Brown falls short

■ State Republican Party chairman says there will be another attempt to force vote

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SALEM — Supporters of a petition to recall Gov. Kate Brown came up short of the signatures needed for a ballot challenge, Oregon Republican Party Chair Bill Currier said Monday.

Currier made the announcement midday on the Lars Larson Show, the conservative radio talk show. Supporters needed at least 280,050 valid signatures by 5 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 14, to put a recall on the ballot.

One effort, filed by Currier, fell short by about 8%, or about 22,400 signatures.

A separate effort, known as "Flush Down Kate Brown," received 100,000 signatures by people who were not on the GOP's signature list, Larson said on the show. Larson said that effort also was not as successful as the party's.

Michael Cross, the lead sponsor of the "Flush Down Kate Brown" petition, delivered nine boxes of petitions to the Secretary of State's office around 2 p.m. on Monday, according to the Secretary of State's office.

Workers counted all 23,926 signature sheets. But since each sheet can only have, at most, 10 signatures each, after counting the sheets it was clear there weren't enough signatures for that effort to qualify for the ballot.

Currier told Larson that there was "absolutely" support

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for another recall effort.

"This fight is not over," Currier said.

Currier said that between the two efforts, enough valid signatures were collected.

"Another way to put this, is, there were enough signatures collected ... they just can't be combined," he said.

Currier also said that the petition received quite a few invalid signatures that he said could be easily corrected if petitioners file again. Many invalid signatures were "simply illegible," Currier said.

He said over the weekend, they had been able to identify about 100,000 invalid signatures by registered voters whose signatures could be converted into valid signatures.

"We have an address and a name, and with a little bit of research, we can tie that to a specific person and make that valid," Currier said. "And there were other folks who didn't put the correct information down, they put the wrong address, and so we can tie them back to a correct address."

Brown, a Democrat, was first appointed governor in

2015 after John Kitzhaber resigned after an influence-peddling scandal. She was elected to fill Kitzhaber's unexpired term in 2016 and reelected in 2018.

In the election last year, Brown received 50.05 percent of the vote, or 934,498 votes, according to Secretary of State data. Her main opponent, Republican Knute Buehler, received 814,988 votes.

Currier said the public and the party's volunteers were committed to the cause of removing Brown.

The GOP petition said Brown has "overturned the will of the voters" by allowing undocumented immigrants to get driver's licenses, "failed to protect Oregon's foster children" and "failed to address" the state's public pension debt, among other grievances.

"The volunteers are, for the most part, so committed to seeing Brown removed that we can carry this forward," Currier said on the show, "But we do have to work out details like timing, when we begin round two, setting up the infrastructure for all of

that to happen. So this fight is definitely not over."

Brown's supporters say she has fulfilled her campaign promises.

"Gov. Brown ran a campaign promising to move Oregon forward by investing in our schools, creating paid family and medical leave, and protecting the environment," said Thomas Wheatley, political adviser to Brown, in a written statement Monday. "That's exactly what she did this year."

Wheatley contended that "recalls should be used only when an elected official has committed a crime, not when someone disagrees with the policies of the governor or another elected official."

"The extremists pushing reckless recalls want to overturn the will of the voters who elected Democrats by wide margins," Wheatley said. "In rejecting this recall, the public has sent a clear message: Oregonians don't want to waste their tax dollars on a reckless recall against Democratic lawmakers who are moving our state forward."

Currier said that the number of signatures they gathered in three months was "historic." Experts had observed that getting enough signatures within 90 days with an all-volunteer campaign would be a steep climb.

"I think people need to understand that we had 90 days to collect twice as many signatures as a normal petition, which gets a whole year to do that," Currier said. "So this is historic."

## LOCAL BRIEFING

### Baker County Democrats meet Thursday

The Baker County Democrats will have their monthly meeting Thursday, Oct. 17, at Rogers Fellowship Hall, 1995 Fourth St. Refreshments and conversation start at 5:30 p.m., with the meeting at 6 p.m. All are welcome.

### Traffic restrictions over Hells Canyon Dam

OXBOW — Travel will be restricted across Hells Canyon Dam on several days this month due to maintenance and repair work on the Idaho Power Company facility.

The closure schedule, which is subject to change (all times are Pacific):

- Oct. 22-23 — access closed from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. and noon to 4 p.m. for line work and intake gate inspection
- Oct. 24 — access closed from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. for line work and intake gate inspection
- Oct. 25 — access might be closed from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. for line work and intake gate inspection (this closure will be canceled if the work is finished the previous day)

These closures will affect access to the U.S. Forest Service Visitors Center downstream of Hells Canyon Dam.

### OTEC Member Appreciation Day Friday

Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative is celebrating National Cooperative Month with a Member Appreciation Day on Friday, Oct. 18. OTEC members can stop by any OTEC office between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. to meet employees, enjoy free refreshments and enter to win prizes. OTEC's main office is at 4005 23rd St. in Baker City.

### Friends of Heritage Museum meet Oct. 24

The general fall meeting for the Friends of Baker Heritage Museum is set for Oct. 24 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Museum, 2480 Grove St.

### Trunk or Treat Oct. 31 at Christian Church

The Baker City Christian Church, 675 Highway 7, will have a trunk or treat event on Oct. 31 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. There will be free candy and games for everyone, along with chili and hot dogs.

### Crossroads seeks entries for two art shows

Crossroads Carnegie Art Center is inviting all artists to submit works for the annual Ornament Expo that opens Nov. 1. Crossroads will accept ornaments throughout the holiday season from Oct. 21 through Dec. 20.

All artists who enter the "Ornament Expo" will be given a \$10 Crossroads gift certificate

The yearly exhibition "Christmas at Crossroads-The Gift of Art" opens Dec. 6. Crossroads is looking for fine art and fine crafts including paintings, clay, fiber art, glass, wood, metal, mixed media, jewelry, hand-painted signs, scarves, hats, collage, soap, small sculptural pieces, and holiday cards of high quality and locally hand-crafted.

Entries can be submitted on Monday, Dec. 2, from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

For both shows there is no entry fee and all items must be available for sale but a commission (30% for members and 40% nonmembers) will be collected on items sold during the show. Both exhibitions will end Dec. 27 and artists will collect their art that day from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For all of the exhibit information and an entry form go to [www.crossroads-arts.org](http://www.crossroads-arts.org) then, look for "Quick Forms" at the bottom of our home page. Click on "Ornament Expo 2019" and "Christmas at Crossroads — The Gift of Art 2019" to view details and to print the entry form. For questions, call Crossroads at 541-523-5369.

### Heritage Museum extends deadline for nominations for Central Gallery exhibit

The Baker Heritage Museum has extended through the end of October its open nominations for extraordinary women to be included in the Museum's 2020-21 Central Gallery exhibit — "Extraordinary Women of Baker County & North Powder."

The original deadline for nominations was Oct. 1.

Nominations are limited to women who have passed away. Nomination forms should list reasons why the nominee made a difference in the history of the Baker County or North Powder areas.

You can drop off nominations at the Heritage Museum, 2480 Grove St., which is open daily through Oct. 26 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nominations can also be sent by email to [museum@bakercounty.org](mailto:museum@bakercounty.org), or mailed to the Museum. More information is available by calling the Museum at 541-523-9308.

## 2019 FALL HEALTH FEST



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