

# Community

## Art gallery opens on Main Street

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Be Tiedemann and Patti Burrows punctuate nearly all their stories by dissolving into giggles.

"Patti and I have been friends for years," Tiedemann said.

Now they are business partners, too.

The pair opened White House Art & Design Company on May 15 at 1829 Main St.

Their search for a space started earlier this spring.

"We both said 'oh my gosh, this should be an art gallery again,'" Tiedemann said.

The building was formerly home to Short Term Gallery.

Their opening, however, was delayed by the coronavirus pandemic.

"We signed the papers — then everything hit," Tiedemann said.

The shop officially opened May 15, followed by a ribbon cutting Wednesday.

Tiedemann describes the store as a gallery and home furnishings store that specializes in the "rescue and repurpose of furniture."

"There's not really another store like us," she said.

Burrows, an artist, is retired from a 42-year career as a nurse.



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Be Tiedemann, left, and Patti Burrows have opened White House Art & Design Company at 1829 Main St.

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— **Be Tiedemann, who with Patti Burrows opened White House Art & Design Company in the building formerly occupied by the Short Term Gallery**

"I'm just thrilled," she said of the new store.

As the new owners get more settled into the work spaces, Tiedemann will work on furniture projects upstairs

and Burrows will set up a painting space.

"As time goes on, I'll bring my paints down here and set up a studio," Burrows said.

The gallery portion of the store features local artists, who can show two pieces on consignment for up to 90 days.

"We already have 30 artists and have room for more," Tiedemann said.

The gallery will be open for First Friday art walks.

Tiedemann owned a similar smaller shop — Cabin Cowboy Designs — several years

ago.

"Timing was good," she said of the new venture. "And I've got a great partner."

Another service they offer is a wish list form for customers seeking a specific piece of furniture.

"We'll do our best to find it," Tiedemann said.

White House Art & Design Company is open Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Updates on items and art are regularly posted on the shop's Facebook page.

## Baker High School hands out honors, awards to Class of 2020

The traditional Baker High School Honors and Awards program was viewed from home or elsewhere by this year's graduating seniors and their proud parents and extended families.

Because of the social distancing requirements in place because of the coronavirus pandemic, Baker School District administrators, advisers and other staff members presented the scholarships and other honors via the internet on May 27.

Kale Cassidy was named the Class of 2020's outstanding senior boy and Laura Illingsworth was honored as the outstanding senior girl. Cassidy also was recognized as the outstanding senior boy athlete. Sydney Younger was named outstanding senior girl athlete.

Cassidy was among five senior boys to share the class valedictorian award. Other BHS Class of 2020 valedictorians are Anthony Cowan, Michael Flanagan, Sam McCauley and Spencer Smith.

Illingsworth shared the class salutatorian honor with Anna Carter.

Here are the other awards and scholarships announced:

### Academic excellence awards

Russell Anderson, Zoe Carlson-Morrow, Anna Carter, Kale Cassidy, Austine Corpier, Anthony Cowan, Kaylee Dalke, Josalyn Davis.

Averi Elms, Michael Flanagan, Sean Fuzi, James Hays, John Hurley, Laura Illingsworth, Jacob Jackson, Kerrie Kast.

Jazmine Labonte, Guadalupe Macias, Keegan Masterson, Sam McCauley, Isaac Neme, Hayden Owen, Logan Perkins, Jayden Rice.

Andrew Shetler, Spencer Shirtcliff, Spencer Smith, Lucas Stearns, Beau Stone, Isabelle Wachtel, Zachary Wise, Naomi Woodward, Sydney Younger.

### BHS Honors Diplomas

Russell Anderson, Zoe Carlson-Morrow, Anna Carter, Kale Cassidy, Anthony Cowan, Kaylee Dalke, Averi Elms, Michael Flanagan.

James Hays, John Hurley, Laura

Illingsworth, Jacob Jackson, Jazmine Labonte, Guadalupe Macias, Keegan Masterson, Sam McCauley.

Isaac Neme, Hayden Owen, Jayden Rice, Spencer Smith, Isabelle Wachtel, Zachary Wise, Naomi Woodward, Sydney Younger.

### BHS Honor Students

Anna Carter, Kale Cassidy, Anthony Cowan, Michael Flanagan, Laura Illingsworth, Jazmine Labonte, Sam McCauley, Andrew Shetler, Spencer Smith, Zachary Wise, Naomi Woodward.

### Scholarship Awards

- Chapter AX of PEO Scholarship — Gertrude Fortner/Rose Haskell: Isabelle Wachtel

- Chapter AX of PEO Scholarship — Mildred Rogers: Anna Carter

- Chapter CJ of PEO Scholarship: Anna Carter, Averi Elms, Laura Illingsworth

- EOU — Oregon Teacher Pathway: Renee Blincoe, John Hurley, Vajk Marvin, Makayla Mills, Emily Vowell

- OTEC Scholarship: Guadalupe Macias, Sam McCauley, Isabelle Wachtel, Naomi Woodward

- Ilah M. and James Baker Scholarship: Russell Anderson, Zoe Carlson-Morrow, Alex Hammans, Jazmine Labonte, Issac Neme, Isabelle Wachtel, Naomi Woodward, Riley Youngblood

- Rode Family Scholarship: Russell Anderson, Laura Illingsworth, Isaac Neme, Spencer Smith

- Allan McCullough Scholarship: Michael Flanagan

- Geiser Pollman Scholarship: Jorge Duran, John Niehaus, Jocelyn Wellman, Cheyenne May

- Baker Education Association Scholarship: Sam McCauley

- Kelly-Ebell Scholarship: Andrew Adams, Kaylee Dalke, Jocelyn Wellman

- The Charis Initiative Scholarship: Sam McCauley, Jayden Rice, Naomi Woodward

- Col. Harry L. Dale Scholarship: Russell Anderson

- Harold Alfred Wyatt Scholarship: Andrew Adams, Alex Hammans, Jazmine Labonte, Emily Vowell, Kaitlyn Waters, Naomi Woodward

- Rosemary Poole Rouse — OSU Scholarship — Anna Carter

- Sanford and Mary Adler Scholarship: Spencer Smith, Kaylee Dalke

- J.W. Stuchell Scholarship: Anthony Cowan

- Knights of Columbus Scholarship: Sean Fuzi, John Hurley, Sam McCauley, Lucas Stearns

- Marvin Wood Companies Scholarship: Jordan Remien

- Northwest Oregon Home Builders Association Scholarship: Naomi Woodward, Kale Cassidy

- Dordt University: Sam McCauley

- Blue Mountain Community College: Shayna Ruby

- Eastern Oregon University: Jorge Duran

- Jody Averett Scholarship: Jorge Duran

- The Ford Family Foundation Scholarship: Jayden Rice

- Leo Adler Foundation Scholarships: Russell Anderson, Lauren Benson, Raimy Brown, Zoe Carlson-Morrow, Anna Carter, Kale Cassidy, Joe Chesterman.

- Austine Corpier, Anthony Cowan, Kaylee Dalke, Josalyn Davis, Jorge Duran, Averi Elms, Gracie Farber, Ian Feldmeier, Michael Flanagan, Sean Fuzi, Alex Hammans.

- James Hays, John Hurley, Laura Illingsworth, Brandon Johnson, Lacey Jones, Payton Jones, Kerrie Kast, Jazmine Labonte, Josie Lewis.

- Caden Long, Guadalupe Macias, Vajk Marvin, Keegan Masterson, Sam McCauley, Quinton Myers, Isabella Neme, Isaac Neme.

- Hayden Owen, Oliver Quezada, Jordan Remien, Jayden Rice, Jamisun Rigueiro, Taya Riley, Brylan Robb, Spencer Shirtcliff.

- Spencer Smith, Lucas Stearns, Beau Stone, Katherine Villalobos, Isabelle Wachtel, Kaitlyn Waters, Zachary Wise, Naomi Woodward, Sydney Younger.

## LOCAL BRIEFING

### Baker City Police officer Justin Prevo graduates from Public Safety Academy

Justin Prevo of the Baker City Police Department is among officers who graduated Thursday from the 16-week Basic Police Class at the Oregon Public Safety Academy.

Over the course of the training, Prevo and the other graduates received instruction in areas such as survival skills, firearms, emergency vehicle operations, ethics, cultural diversity and more.

The graduates were honored in a private ceremony at the academy.

While the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training is open for business, it is closed to the public because of the COVID-19 health crisis, a press release stated.

Congratulations were offered, nevertheless, to "these men and women from diverse backgrounds entering the law enforcement profession."

### Baker County Fair Board meets Wednesday to discuss this year's event

The Baker County Fair Board will meet Wednesday, June 10, at 6 p.m. at the Courthouse, 1995 Third St., to discuss this year's fair. Social distancing will be followed. To attend via Webex, email Michelle Kaseberg at mkaseberg@gmail.com

### Kale Cassidy, Naomi Woodward receive Home Builders Association scholarships

The Northeast Oregon Home Builders Association has awarded two \$1,500 scholarships to graduating Baker High School seniors.

This year's recipients are Kale Cassidy of Haines, who plans to attend the Colorado School of Mines at Golden, Colorado. And Naomi Woodward of Baker City, who will be attending Cal Poly University in San Luis Obispo, California.

Applicants must live in Baker, Union, Wallowa, Umatilla or Morrow counties and have an interest in or intent to pursue a career in the building trades, a press release announcing the scholarship awards stated.

### Clarke and Joe Ann Carnes Memorial Scholarship distributes \$22,000

The Clarke and Joe Ann Carnes Memorial Scholarship Fund managed by the Oregon Community Foundation this year awarded 13 scholarships totaling \$22,000 to graduates of Baker and Powder Valley high schools.

Preference is given to students in medical fields but is not limited to those. Recipients of this year's scholarships, whose names were not disclosed, graduated between 2002 and 2019. Their fields of study include physicians, nursing, biological sciences, biochemistry, veterinarian, psychology, laboratory science and public health.

### Baker County Garden Club meets Wednesday at Oregon Trail Landscape

Baker County Garden Club will meet Wednesday, June 10, at 10:30 a.m. at Oregon Trail Landscape and Nursery, 600 Elm St. Please bring a sack lunch, beverage and chair.

### Applications available for Baker County Livestock Producers scholarship

Applications are available for the Baker County Livestock Producers Foundation scholarship for the 2020-21 school year. Applicants must be residents of Baker County and either attending or been accepted for a second year or higher at an accredited college or vocational school. Additionally, applicants must be pursuing an agriculturally related course of study. Applications are available at the Baker County Extension Office, 2600 East St., and are due by July 15. More information is available by calling the Extension Office at 541-523-6418 or Kay Markgraf at 541-519-2203.

## New At The Library

Patrons can reserve materials in advance online or by calling 541-523-6419. Drive-in hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m.

### FICTION

- "Walk the Wire," David Baldacci
- "If It Bleeds," Stephen King
- "The Book of Longings," Sue Monk Kidd
- "Dead Land," Sara Paretsky
- "The Wedding Dress," Danielle Steel

### NONFICTION

- "The Ultimate Instant Pot Cookbook," Simon Rush
- "The Entitlement Trap," Richard Eyre
- "Get Out of Your Head," Jennie Allen
- "Why Did I Come Into This Room?," Joan Lunden
- "Animal Viruses and Humans," Warren Andiman

### DVDS

- "Better Watch Out" (Horror)
- "Cats" (Musical)
- "Just Mercy" (Drama)
- "Little Women" (Drama)
- "Ophelia" (Drama)

## BROOMS

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"They were very interested in what we were doing," said Gayle Gazley.

Downtown is quieter these days, but Prowell greeted every person who walked by — and even a few across the street.

"Sometimes store owners come

*"We laugh and talk too much."*

— **Volunteer Gayle Gazley**

out and thank us. And offer us treats," Prowell said.

As they sweep, the women visit about their lives, catch up on family news, or discuss Head's latest invention (like the foam cover she created to cover a broom's bristles). Sometimes they stop sweeping to

tell a story, which slows down their progress just a bit.

"We laugh and talk too much," Gazley said with a smile.

Main Street is their primary focus. They sweep along the buildings, coax dust from cracks in the sidewalk, scrape debris from around bike racks, and pull weeds growing in the tree wells.

Sometimes they only make it

down one side of Main.

"We're half fast," Prowell said with a smile.

They welcome anyone — of any age — who can wield a broom.

"If we had more people, we could go faster," Prowell said.

She's even decorated her broom with "We sweep together" near the bristles and "BHS Class of 65" on the handle.

"Just so people know how old I am," Prowell said, smiling at her fellow Boomers with Brooms.

They plan to sweep Main Street on the first and third Wednesdays of each month, starting at 9 a.m. This schedule is one they set last fall to spiff up downtown prior to First Friday and Third Thursday events.

"We could certainly use more people," Prowell said.