

Local

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO

from the Democrat-Herald
December 6, 1971

The Heiser engine has officially been installed in its place of honor.

A giant crane lifted the engine, and officials and members of the Sumpter Valley Railroad Restoration Inc. eased it gently into place onto specially built 36-inch gauge tracks.

25 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald
December 6, 1996

A Christmas program at Churchill School went off without a hitch Thursday night, but shortly afterward the building was evacuated because of fire.

Classes were canceled for the school's 196 students today as the smoke odor was allowed to dissipate and damage was assessed, according to principal Mark Bogart.

About 300 people attended the Christmas program, which began at 7 p.m. in the school gymnasium. The fire was discovered as the audience was leaving about 7:50 p.m.

10 YEARS AGO

from the Baker City Herald
December 7, 2011

The Oregon Trail Interpretive Center, anticipating a decline in its budget, will be closed on three days each week through Feb. 12, 2012.

The BLM facility, about five miles east of Baker City, normally is open every day except Christmas.

Under the new, temporary schedule, the Center will be closed on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays and open weekly from Thursday through Sunday.

ONE YEAR AGO

from the Baker City Herald
December 8, 2020

Jesse Brown rode onto the biggest stage in rodeo for the first time in his career.

His debut at the National Finals Rodeo on Thursday, Dec. 3, lasted all of 3.9 seconds.

And then the waiting started.

The anxious, agonizing waiting as Brown, of Baker City, watched his 14 fellow steer wrestling competitors try to beat his time as the first rider out of the gate.

Not one did.

Two other cowboys, Dakota Eldridge of Elko, Nevada, and Blake Knowles of Heppner, tied Brown at 3.9 seconds. Each won \$20,872.

And Brown, after such an auspicious start, prepared to try to do the same thing on each of the next nine days.

Although he was excited about his performance on Dec. 3 at Globe Life Field in Arlington, Texas, Brown, 28, has bigger ambitions.

He's aiming for the \$70,000 prize that goes to the steer wrestler with the lowest average time over the 10 rounds.

The National Finals Rodeo continues through Dec. 12.

"It's not a sprint," Brown said in a phone interview on Monday morning, prior to that day's competition. "Each night you're trying to win, but you're also thinking about the overall average."

Through Sunday's fourth round, Brown was fifth with a total time of 20.8 seconds.

Brown is also in contention for the world champion title for 2020, which is based on total prize winnings during the year, including the National Finals.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, Dec. 4

13 — 15 — 18 — 23 — 25 — 44
Next jackpot: \$6.6 million

POWERBALL, Dec. 4

10 — 40 — 45 — 56 — 67 PB 2
Next jackpot: \$280 million

MEGA MILLIONS, Dec. 3

22 — 45 — 48 — 58 — 61 Mega 13
Next jackpot: \$122 million

WIN FOR LIFE, Dec. 4

16 — 31 — 46 — 69

PICK 4, Dec. 5

• 1 p.m.: 9 — 6 — 1 — 4
• 4 p.m.: 9 — 9 — 5 — 7
• 7 p.m.: 8 — 1 — 2 — 5
• 10 p.m.: 7 — 9 — 2 — 5
LUCKY LINES, Dec. 5
2-8-10-14-17-23-28-29
Next jackpot: \$38,000

SENIOR MENUS

- **WEDNESDAY:** Goulash, green beans, garlic bread, sauerkraut, salad, lemon squares
- **THURSDAY:** Pork roast, scalloped potatoes, peas, rolls, green salad, bread pudding
- **FRIDAY:** Chicken cordon bleu, rice pilaf, mixed vegetables, rolls, macaroni salad, apple crisp
- **MONDAY (Dec. 13):** Hot turkey sandwiches, stuffing with gravy, mixed vegetables, banana pudding with vanilla wafers, fruit cup
- **TUESDAY (Dec. 14):** Meatloaf, mashed potatoes with gravy, rolls, mixed vegetables, fruit cup, brownies

Public luncheon at the Senior Center, 2810 Cedar St., from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; \$5 donation (60 and older), \$7.50 for those under 60.

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COVID-19 vaccine clinics set

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The Baker County Health Department has scheduled drive-thru COVID-19 vaccine clinics in Baker City, Halfway and Huntington later this month. COVID-19 testing will be available at the Halfway event only.

The clinics are for ages 5 and older; please bring your COVID-19 vaccine card if you're receiving a second or booster dose. Each clinic will have doses of the Moderna, Pfizer and Johnson & Johnson vaccines.

Vaccine forms can be

printed and filled out in advance at www.bakercountycovid19.com.

The schedule:

- Baker City, Dec. 12, 13 and 14, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., each day at 2600 East St. (Baker County Fairgrounds, north of Campbell Street).

- Halfway, Dec. 13, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 218 N. Pine St., near the Pine Eagle Clinic and the Lions Club

- Huntington, Dec. 14, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 20 Washington St. East, near the Lions Park

OBITUARIES

Ann Wyatt

Baker City, 1927-2021

Ann Wyatt, 93, of Baker City, died Nov. 10, 2021, at Saint Alphonse Regional Medical Center in Baker City.

A celebration of her life will take place in the spring of 2022 at the Episcopal Church in Baker City. The time and date will be announced.

Margaret Ann Wyatt was born on Nov. 11, 1927, in Billings, Montana, to Katherine and Henry Miller. She was raised in Yellowstone County. It was here that she developed her love for wild creatures and the environment.

Ann married Jacob "Jake" Wyatt, MD, on July 12, 1949, in Mission, Kansas. Jake was the director of Child Health Division for the Idaho Health Department and Ann was a housewife plus PTA Stunt Night enthusiast, avid gardener, seamstress, and published writer, playwright, and poet. Ann enrolled at Boise State University in the late 1960s to obtain her associate degree in Medical Records. She worked as an accredited Medical Records



Ann Wyatt

Technician at St. Luke's Regional Medical Center and the VA Medical Center. Jake and Ann spent most of their married life in Boise.

Jake died in 1984.

Ann loved to volunteer. When she was 72, she was still actively volunteering for the Boise Art Museum, Idaho Shakespeare Festival, Idaho Botanical Society, Idaho Dance Theater, Malheur Field Station, and the Morrison Center at Boise State University. In 1998 she completed the Boise Citizens Police Academy where she was dubbed "Annie Oakley" because she was a crack shot on the firing range. She was also an avid racewalker, winning many races in the Boise area. Ann adored wildlife, birds and everything outdoors.

In August of 2000, Ann was honored as Idaho's Ageless Hero in the Vigor and Vitality category for being a truly inspirational senior. An essay written to nominate Ann for this prestigious award shared, "Ms. Wyatt is no stranger to close calls. She barely survived acute mountain sickness while trekking in Nepal. While visiting Antarctica on a Russian research ship her inflatable

raft was nudged by an adult humpback whale."

Ann had a thirst for knowledge. She toured a dozen countries from Siberia to Antarctica, India to Uruguay. She participated in many medical and clinical studies including a 15-year cancer screening study. It is fitting that Ann's final and selfless request was to have her body donated to OHSU to further their medical education and research programs.

Ann is survived by her daughter, Jill Wyatt of Baker City; and her sons, Mark Wyatt of San Diego, and Scott Wyatt of Anchorage, Alaska.

Ann was preceded in death by her husband, Jake Wyatt; her parents and her stepmother.

For those who would like to make a donation in memory of Ann the family suggests the Malheur Field Station, your favorite bird or environmental group, or heart disease charity through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services, P.O. Box 543, Halfway, OR 97834. Online condolences can be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

LOCAL BRIEFING

CASA plans multiple events in December

CASA of Eastern Oregon has a busy December.

Gingerbread creations are on display at businesses in downtown Baker City. This year's theme is Santa's Village. A map of where to see the gingerbread displays will be available at the CASA office, 2024 Main St., Crossroads Carnegie Art Center and the Chamber of Commerce.

On Saturday, Dec. 11, CASA will sponsor a walking tour of historic home porches. Starting at 1 p.m., maps with descriptions will be available at the CASA office, 2024 Main St., and Crossroads Carnegie Art Center, 2020 Auburn Ave.

Hosts will welcome guests beginning at 2 p.m., and all porches will have lights on until 6 p.m. The tour is free, although donations will be accepted. This event is the substitute for the Historic Homes Tour, which has been an annual fundraiser for CASA.

CASA is also holding the annual toy drive for children in foster care. Toys can be delivered to Lew Bros. Les Schwab. Gift tags are also available at Crossroads Carnegie Art Center — gifts can be returned there or to the CASA office by Dec. 15. Inquires about gift donations can be directed to CASA, 541-403-0405. Mary Collard, CASA executive director, said items for teens are especially welcome, such as gift cards.

Cultural Coalition seeking grant applications

The Baker County Cultural Coalition (BCCC) is welcoming grant applications for arts, culture and heritage projects through Dec. 15.

BCCC receives a grant annually from the Oregon Cultural Trust to support local heritage, arts and culture projects in the county. Over the past 18 years, the coalition has awarded more than \$100,000 in grants to local artists, programs such as "Chalk It up to Art," local orchestra, children's program, Halfway music events, heritage events such as restoring the Haines School bell,

history summer program at Baker Heritage Museum and the Baker 5J School District oral history collection.

Grants are typically \$500 and are not restricted to nonprofit organizations. Occasionally grants are given in larger amounts where a project warrants critical support. The BCCC board of directors seeks applications from any individual or group who has a program or project addressing arts and culture in Baker County and it looks forward to receiving creative ideas.

The local grant process through BCCC for 2022 is in two stages. The first deadline is Dec. 15 for grants given in January; the second stage is May 15 for grants given in June for projects taking place before the end of 2022. Grant applications and instructions for reports can be found on the Baker County website at www.bakercounty.org/cultural_plan/contact_us.html.

Since few grants were able to be given during 2020 and 2021 because of COVID limitations on programming, BCCC has money left over from those years to support more cultural activities.

Downtown building grant applications sought

Baker City Downtown

(BCD) is accepting letters of intent from property owners interested in applying for the 2022 Oregon Main Street Revitalization Grant.

BCD will be the applicant on behalf of the business or property owner who will be tackling the project and is open to properties located within the Baker City Downtown district. Applications will open in January 2022 with money available in the spring. There will be a second round opening in January 2023.

Each round will have \$5 million in available funds statewide and will pay up to \$200,000 in allowable project costs. This is a reimbursable grant and requires a 30% match of private funding as well.

BCD will work to submit the best applicant whose project and application meet the grant requirements and whose project best demonstrates alignment with BCD's purpose: "Strive to preserve and enhance the vitality and character of our community through the beautification, promotion and development of downtown Baker City," said Carol Phillips, treasurer for BCD's board of directors.

The purpose of the grant is to:

- Acquire, rehabilitate, and construct buildings on properties in the downtown district.

- Facilitate community revitalization that will lead to private investment, job creation or retention.

- Establish or expand viable businesses, or create a stronger tax base.

The 2022 grant and guidelines will be out in January but the 2019 publications have most of the relevant details: <https://www.oregon.gov/oprd/OH/Pages/Grants.aspx#nine>.

Letters of intent are due by 5 p.m. on Feb. 11, 2022. Letters will be reviewed by the BCD grant advisory committee and board of directors.

Successful applications will be notified by Feb. 15, and applications will be asked to work with BCD on the final application, which is due March 31.

Letters of intent must provide a detailed plan including quotes, budget, matching funds, project timeline and economic impact.

More information is available by calling Phillips at 541-403-0026 or emailing to bakercitydowntown@gmail.com.



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