



GO! INSIDE
Concert coming to Churchill School



LOCAL A2
State OKs killing of more Wallowa County wolves



NATION A6
Official slams response to Texas shooting

Baker City Herald

IN THIS EDITION: LOCAL • BUSINESS & AG LIFE • SPORTS

Serving Baker County since 1870 • bakercityherald.com

THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 2022 • \$1.50

QUICK HITS

Good Day Wish To A Subscriber

A special good day to Herald subscriber Mickey Lane of Richland.

BRIEFING

Nominees sought for Baker County Fair Family

Baker County Friends of the Fairgrounds are seeking nominees for the 2022 Fair Family of the Year. Nominations are due by July 10. Nomination letters can be emailed to bakercityfriendsofthefair@gmail.com.

Amelia Wentz on dean's list at George Fox

NEWBERG — Amelia Wentz of Baker City was named to the dean's list for the spring 2022 semester at George Fox University. To be eligible, students must earn a GPA of at least 3.5 and take 12 or more hours of graded courses.

Wentz is a senior majoring in nursing.

Four local women awarded scholarships

Four Baker County women have received scholarships through the sponsorship of Chapter CJ, P.E.O., Baker City.

- Savannah Potter, who is attending Eastern Oregon University, received a \$4,000 Marguerite scholarship.
- Naomi Potter, who is attending Eastern Oregon University, received a \$2,000 Marguerite scholarship.
- Makenzie Hall, who is attending Eastern Oregon University, received the \$1,000 Marguerite scholarship.
- Karissa Kingsbury, who is attending Oregon State University, received a \$500 Vivian Crawford Memorial scholarship.

WEATHER

Today
 74/40
 Sunny

Friday
 74/41
 Sunny

The space below is for a postage label for issues that are mailed.



Orpheum's rebirth

\$200,000 state grant kickstarts renovation of historic Main Street theater

BY LISA BRITTON
 lbritton@bakercityherald.com

A recent grant has kickstarted work again on the Baker Orpheum Theater renovation project for phase five of the six-phase endeavor on the historic building at 1812 Main St.

The \$200,000 grant came from Oregon Heritage, a division of Oregon Parks and Recreation Department.

"This is a big deal," said Aletha Bonebrake, chair of the Orpheum building committee. "The \$200,000 is the largest amount they're allowed to give."

Bonebrake is also a board member for Eastern Oregon Regional Theatre, which will make its home in the Orpheum when it is complete.

The grant was one of 28 awarded to Oregon Main Street Network organizations across the state for projects that "encourage economic revitalization."

Baker City Downtown solicited applications for local projects, and a BCD committee selected the Orpheum to submit to the state.

See, *Orpheum* / Page A3

Contributed image
 A 3D computer rendering of what the interior of the renovated Orpheum Theater will look like.

"Now we're starting to build. These two grants have been spectacular."
 — Aletha Bonebrake, Orpheum building committee

This photo, taken on June 3, 2022, before construction started again, shows the interior of what will be the Baker Orpheum Theatre in downtown Baker City.

Business reviving major biker rally

Baker City event is set for July 8-10

BY IAN CRAWFORD
 icrawford@bakercityherald.com

A downtown Baker City business is reviving a major summer event that seemed destined to be canceled for the third straight year.

Shameless Tees, a screen-printing store at 1921 Main St., is coordinating what it calls the Resurrection Rally 2022.

The event, planned for July 8-10, the weekend after Independence Day, is intended to bring hordes of motorcycle riders back to Baker City.

The annual Hells Canyon Motorcycle Rally, a tradition for almost two decades that attracted thousands of visitors to the city, was canceled in 2020 and 2021 due to the pandemic.

In February of this year, Mark Dukes, a partner in High Desert Harley-Davidson of Meridian, Idaho, the dealership that has organized the rally for the past few years, said the business wouldn't be putting on the rally in 2022.

Dukes said in February that the issue this year isn't so much concerns about how the pandemic would progress, but a shortage of employees at the dealership, and an Oregon Department of Transportation project to build more than 300 wheelchair-accessible curb cuts in Baker City this summer, including on Main Street.

See, *Rally* / Page A3

New trailer aims to curb city speeders

BY SAMANTHA O'CONNOR
 soconnor@bakercityherald.com

Prompted by an increase in complaints from residents about cars ignoring speed limits on city streets, the Baker City Police Department has augmented its campaign to deal with speeders.

And this new officer doesn't need lunch breaks.

Baker City Police recently deployed a trailer that measures vehicles' speed and displays the figure in bright lights on a screen.

The trailer also features a sign showing the speed limit at that spot, so passing drivers can see if they're complying.

The trailer was manufactured by MPH Industries and cost about \$8,000, Police Chief Ty Duby said.

The City Council included money for the trailer in the budget for this fiscal year.

Duby said the trailer will be set up based on complaints from residents.

"We get a lot of complaints regarding speeding vehicles in certain areas and in neighborhoods," Duby said. "We thought that if we could get a new, updated speed trailer it would really help us with those complaints."

See, *Trailer* / Page A3

Mining plan study released

Wallowa-Whitman proposing to OK 22 small-scale mining operations

BY JAYSON JACOBY
 jjacoby@bakercityherald.com

The Wallowa-Whitman National Forest is proposing to approve 22 mining operation plans along Powder River tributaries southwest of Baker City and near Sumpter.

The Wallowa-Whitman last week released a draft environmental impact statement (EIS) that's been in the works for about four years.

Some of the miners, however, have been waiting even longer for their plans to be approved.

The 224-page draft EIS analyzes the potential environmental effects from the proposed mining operations on the national forest.

See, *Mining* / Page A5

Celebrating Leo's legacy

BY IAN CRAWFORD
 icrawford@bakercityherald.com

David Blair had to suppress a sincere laugh when asked to share a story about Leo Adler.

"Well! The ones I can tell," Blair said as he stood outside Adler's long-time home, now a museum, on Tuesday afternoon, June 21.

On the lawn of the Adler House Museum, 2305 Main St., residents gathered to celebrate the 127th birthday of Adler, who died Nov. 2, 1993, and left \$20 million to the community he loved for scholarships and a variety

of local projects.

"Leo would sometimes come down to the fire station," said Blair, a division chief with the Baker City Fire Department and a 31-year employee. "He would come right in, and he had a kind of walk, a saunter, and then a cane in his later years. And he would ask to speak with the fire chief. He'd ask the chief directly: 'What do you need?' and whatever they needed he would just get out his checkbook, sign one and hand it to the fire chief."

See, *Adler* / Page A3



Ian Crawford/Baker City Herald

Residents gathered on the front lawn of the Adler House Museum on Tuesday, June 21, 2022, to honor the late Leo Adler, who was born on June 21, 1895. Adler, who left his \$20 million estate to the community for scholarships and local projects, died Nov. 2, 1993.

TODAY
 Issue 18
 34 pages

Business.....B1 & B6	Community News.....A2	HoroscopeB2 & B3	OpinionA4	Sudoku.....B5
Classified.....B2-B4	Crossword.....B2 & B3	Lottery Results.....A2	Senior Menus.....A2	Turning BacksA2
Comics.....B5	Dear Abby.....B6	News of Record.....A2	SportsA8	WeatherB6