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A NIGHT AT OLD AUBURN

Come join the Friends of the Baker Heritage Museum for their 3rd annual Casino Night Fundraiser "A Night at Old Auburn" Saturday, February 25, 6-10PM

You've heard about it, seen pictures and you won't want to miss the fun. Yes, our infamous Casino Night is coming back again this year, bigger and better than ever. With gaming professionally coordinated by Team Casino and a fabulous dinner catered by Kurt Miller, as well as bingo, live music, prizes and optional period costumes, this is THE social event of the season. All for only \$25 (gaming funny money is extra, but that's how it raises funds!). Let's make history, while we support it and have a grand time too! Buy your tickets today at the museum or on our website. We bet you'll be glad you did!

Baker Heritage Museum's Annual CASINO STYLE FUNDRAISER

A NIGHT AT OLD AUBURN
Saturday, February 25, 2012 6 pm–10 pm
Baker Heritage Museum, 2480 Grove, Baker City

Tickets \$ 25.00 or at the door \$ 30.00
Dinner, Entertainment, Casino style gaming,
1860's Apparel Competition

Event produced by: www.teamcasino.net

Available at: **Betty's Books, J Tabor Jewelers, Chamber of Commerce, Baker Heritage Museum or www.BakerHeritageMuseum.com**
Casino Funny Money is an additional cost.

Let's make history! Deal me in!

Mark Your Calendars—Pre-Season Upcoming Events

Feb	Tue. 14th	Visit with the Past—Baker Co. Historical Society Event	7pm
	Fri. 18th & Sat. 19th	Special Opening—Welcome District Basketball Teams	10am-4pm
	Sat. 25th	Night at Old Auburn—Casino Night Museum Fundraiser	6pm-10pm
Mar	Thu, Fri, Sat 1st-3rd	Special Opening—State Basketball Tournament	10am-4pm
	Wed. 7th	Curation Training for Volunteers by Joan Jacobs	1pm-3pm
	Sat. 17th	Opening Day (open 7 days a week through October)	9am-4pm

Visit the **Calendar of Events** on our website for most up-to-date information

Museum Commission News



Steve Bogart joins Museum Commission



Kurt Miller, already an active Commissioner

The Museum Commission is very pleased to welcome our newest member, Steve Bogart. Steve is a 5th generation Baker County resident, who has served 3 terms as a Baker County Commissioner, 2 as Chair. He held that role when Museum ownership transferred from Baker City to the County and the operation of the facility moved from the Baker County Historical Society to the Baker County Museum Commission, as well as when Adler House was acquired from the Leo Adler Trust. His vast public service record also includes being named as Baker City

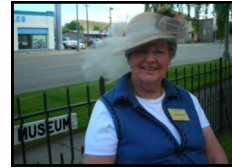
Manager twice, and appointment to 2 State Boards, so he has a very active and vested interest in our community's history.

With last year's addition of Kurt Miller, the Commission is fully staffed with a team of dedicated professionals working hard to support your museum.

Our longtime Commissioner, friend and the person responsible for lovingly creating so many of our beautiful exhibits, as well as key Adler House

restoration committee member, Colleen Brooks, has elected to become Commission Member Emeritus. Colleen remains actively engaged on the exhibit committee and with our school tours, as well as Adler House, so have no fear, we are not losing "Our Miss Brooks." Her role is simply changing.

Thank you so much Steve, Kurt Colleen and each of the Commissioners, for all you do! Our history is in good hands here, if we do say so ourselves!



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Greetings Friends!

As announced on the front page of this newsletter, we are ramping up for a grand old time at our 3rd annual Casino Night Fundraiser! It's going to be a GREAT event, full of fun and fabulous prizes, benefiting a wonderful cause, our museum.

Tickets are available for only \$25 at the museum and on our website, and will soon be at the Chamber, Betty's Books and J. Tabor Jewelers. We hope to see you there!

The museum is a beehive of activity, and they can always use help. There are upcoming painting projects, and a big storage room cleaning event scheduled for Feb 8-10. Call Ashley if you can give a hand, we can always use an extra pair.

We wish you a Happy New Year, and hope one of your resolutions involves being a Friend of the Museum!

Hal Huntington



Santa and his elf stopped in to visit with our guests the weekend after Thanksgiving.

Baker County Chamber of Commerce Award Banquet

The Baker County Academy Awards, aka Baker County Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet, was held at the museum on January 21st. What a fabulous event it was, attended by close to 200 of our community's business leaders. The event provided an opportunity to showcase our beautiful ballroom as an event venue, and bring back some visitors to the museum who had not seen us recently, including a few

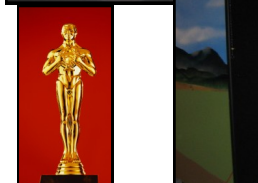
who had never been here.

The highly entertaining festivities were led by Executive Director Debi Bainter and Board President Jeremy Gilpin, with an elegant meal prepared by Kurt Miller Catering. Included in the fun was a silent auction of 4 items to benefit the Baker Heritage Museum.

Thanks to the Chamber for choosing the museum for this year's award banquet, and to all their guests. We hope you return to visit again when we open for the season.



Shane Pierce won the Silent Auction bid for the Victorian Doll House



Archive Project

By Joan Jacobs

Great progress is being made on the Archive Project. Thanks to the help of several volunteers we have completed cataloging one entire bookcase of ledgers, journals, scrapbooks, school records and notebooks that are stored in the museum Library. Additionally, several boxes of business and personal papers stored in the Curation Room have been cataloged. These items will all soon be available for viewing through the Photo Archive link on our website.

Volunteers Still Needed!

Additional volunteers with good attention to detail and good computer skills are needed to assist with the archive project. Volunteers work in teams of two. The archival materials are photographed, given record numbers, placed in archival storage folders or boxes and detailed information is entered into the museum database. If this sounds interesting to

you, please contact the museum for a volunteer application. Training will be provided and all work will be carried out under the supervision of museum staff. The next training session will be held March 7 from 1:00 to 3:00 at the museum.

There is no charge for the training. We only ask that you make a commitment to use your new skills volunteering to assist at the museum.



Adler House Museum was a very popular first stop on the Historic Baker City Home Tour December 10, 2011

Exhibit Progress

We're all familiar with the expression "looks can be deceiving." Here at the Old Nat, our off-season exterior projects the appearance of a large, quiet building, peacefully hibernating through the winter months....but how different we are on the inside! Thanks to the efforts of numerous volunteers and our small staff, big changes are in progress. We are busy getting ready for an exciting new season.

Each year we feature a new exhibit in our Central Gallery. Last year's popular

"Caravanning and Collecting" exhibit is gone and we have cleared the way for "**Baker County Fairs, 4-H and Agriculture**," revisiting our rural roots, and complimenting the new Cattle Production in Baker County exhibit. We still need your family stories, so please contact us if you want to share your history.

Don't worry Wally Byam fans! The "Caravan" has moved into a brand new exhibit area on our upper level, keeping alive the story of this

charismatic Baker Native and his amazing Airstream adventures.

A new vignette has appeared on "Main Street" on the balcony. With thanks to Dick & Marge Haynes for their generous donation, the Palmer Optical Shop will be on display when we open.

We are redesigning the mining display in the Pool Room, with better interpretation and presentation.

We know you'll enjoy all the new things to see this year. Come visit soon!



Volunteers Rock!

Some of our volunteers come in to help us run things once a week—some more often than that! While we always need more dedicated people like them, you can also help the museum without committing to a regular schedule. Here are a few tasks that could be done on your own schedule, once a month or so:

Recycling: we receive lots of catalogs and advertisements. You could take a box of them

to the recycling yard for us every now and then.

Substitute: sometimes, one of our regular volunteers at the Heritage Museum or the Adler House just can't make it. It's good to have a few extra people we can call when we're really in a pinch. You could learn the ropes once, and then be an emergency fill-in if you're available when we need someone.

Light bulbs: you would not believe how many light bulbs a museum goes through! You could drop by periodically to look for burned-out bulbs and replace them.

If you are interested in helping us with these jobs or in any other capacity, contact Ashley, our volunteer coordinator, at 523-9308 or avawinkle@bakercounty.org.

Thank You
Volunteers!



**BAKER HERITAGE
MUSEUM**

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Open mid-March thru October
9:00 to 4:00 seven days a week

**We're on the web:
www.BakerHeritageMuseum.com**

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Mission Statement:

The mission of the Baker Heritage Museum is to

- Conserve artifacts of historical Baker County,
- To educate the public about the development of the area,
- To preserve local archives and to make them available for research.

Thank You!

..to the **Leo Adler Community Fund** for recent grants awarded to both Baker Heritage Museum, to support our Fire and Security system upgrades, and to Adler House, to support renewing our exterior paint. We deeply appreciate this support!

2011 Annual Appeal

A big **thank you** goes out to all who responded to the 2011 year-end Annual Appeal:

Dale & Billie Austin
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keep Baker County history alive
for future generations!*