

DAILY PLANNER

TODAY
Today is Wednesday, Jan. 16, the 16th day of 2019. There are 349 days left in the year.



TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT
On Jan. 16, 1920, Prohibition began in the United States as the 18th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution took effect, one year to the day after its ratification. (It was later repealed by the 21st Amendment.)

ON THIS DATE
In 27 B.C., Caesar Augustus was declared the first Emperor of the Roman Empire by the Senate.
In 1547, Ivan IV of Russia (popularly known as "Ivan the Terrible") was crowned czar.
In 1865, Union Maj. Gen. William T. Sherman decreed that 400,000 acres of land in the South would be divided into 40-acre lots and given to former slaves. (The order, later revoked by President Andrew Johnson, is believed to have inspired the expression, "Forty acres and a mule.")
In 1912, a day before reaching the South Pole, British explorer Robert Scott and his expedition found evidence that Roald Amundsen of Norway and his team had gotten there ahead of them.
In 1935, fugitive gangster Fred Barker and his mother, Kate "Ma" Barker, were killed in a shootout with the FBI at Lake Weir, Florida.

LOTTERY
Megabucks: \$6.9 million
12-15-16-25-31-45
Mega Millions: \$68 million
29-52-58-60-62-7-x2
Powerball: \$112 million
7-36-48-57-58-PB 24-x2
Win for Life: Jan. 14
1-33-54-62

Pick 4: Jan. 15
• 1 p.m.: 4-8-0-6
• 4 p.m.: 4-6-6-4
• 7 p.m.: 1-0-9-4
• 10 p.m.: 5-0-4-8
Pick 4: Jan. 14
• 1 p.m.: 5-9-3-1
• 4 p.m.: 7-0-3-5
• 7 p.m.: 9-7-2-9
• 10 p.m.: 0-3-9-5

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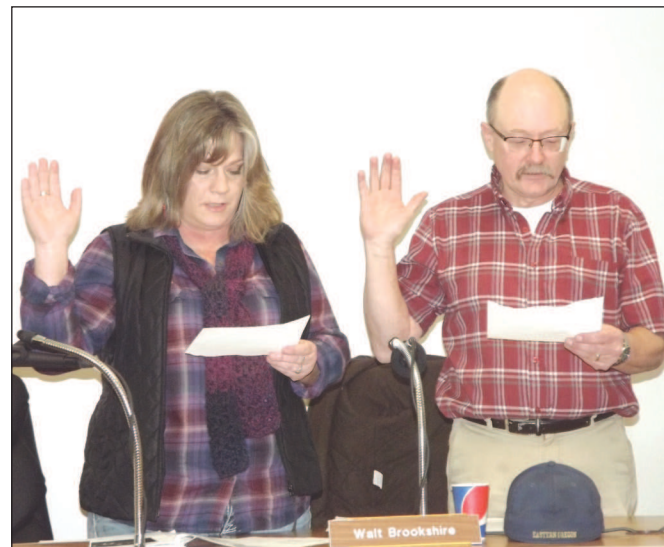
QUOTE OF THE DAY
"A fanatic is a man that does what he thinks th' Lord wud do if He knew th' facts iv th' case."
— From "Mr. Dooley's Philosophy" by Finley Peter Dunne, American humorist

Union City Council wants to do more with ranger station

■ Deed restrictions would have to be removed

By Dick Mason
The Observer

UNION — The City of Union may soon have more flexibility in operating the complex of buildings at its old U.S. Forest Service ranger station.
The Union City Council on Monday directed City Administrator Doug Wiggins to write a letter to the National Parks Service's western regional office in San Francisco requesting that the city be given a straight deed for the ranger station. Presently the city has a deed with many restrictions for the ranger station. The restrictions prevent the city from taking steps like making major renovations.
"We want the deed restrictions lifted. They limit what we can do," said Union Mayor Leonard Flint.
The deed the city seeks would give it complete freedom.
"It would be a straight title," Wiggins said. "There would be no restrictions."
The ranger station, near the northwest edge of



Four members of the Union City Council starting new terms were sworn in at the start of Monday's council meeting. The photo on the left shows mayor Leonard Flint, left, and councilor Matt Later, who were both reelected in November of 2018. Councilors Leslie McMillan and Walt Brookshire are in the right photo. McMillan is a new councilor and Brookshire has been on the council since 2017.

Union, was built in 1937 and deeded to the City of Union in 1993. The complex has a four-bedroom house, a three-bedroom house, a two-bedroom house, an old oil storage building, a barn, a utility garage and two garages detached from the houses.
The city rents the houses and two of the other buildings are used by the city's public works department.
Wiggins said the city is now looking into what could be done with the ranger

station buildings if the deed restrictions are lifted.
"We are exploring our options," he said.
Union City Councilor Walt Brookshire said he would like to see the city later have the option of converting a portion of the ranger station into a type of community service center.
"A community kitchen for senior meals would be nice," he said.
Flint also would like to have the chance to use the buildings in a manner that

would help residents.
"It is an opportunity to make our community better," he said.
Wiggins said the ranger station is becoming a financial liability for the city, since the cost of maintaining it is greater than the money it generates is rent from its homes. The cost of upkeep is expensive because the complex must meet "historic building standards," according to its deed.
The city council directed

Wiggins to write the deed letter to the National Parks Service during a work session Monday night. Following the work session, the city council held its regular monthly meeting.
Mayor Flint, who was elected to a second term in November, and three city councilors were sworn in at the start of the regular meeting. The councilors elected in November are newcomer Leslie McMillan and incumbents Walt Brookshire and Matt Later.

Inland Cafe owners thankful for support after fire

By Jayson Jacoby
WesCom News Service

Kristi Hensley is sitting in a booth at one of the two restaurants she owns in Baker City, but at this moment on a cold, sunny Monday morning she is thinking only of the other restaurant.
The one just two blocks south on 10th Street.
The one that's the source of the acrid aroma of smoke that still clings to Hensley's clothes on this, the day after.
Hensley and her husband, Chris, have for 11 years owned the Inland Cafe, a fixture in Baker City for more than half a century and one of those hometown diners that locals mention when visitors ask where they can get a hearty plateful of biscuits and gravy.
The Inland, at 2715 10th St., was severely damaged in a fire Sunday night.
A little more than half a day later, Hensley can scarcely comprehend what happened.
"I feel like I'm going to wake up," she says as sunshine streams in the window at her other restaurant, the Eagle Cap Grill. "It's so surreal, I didn't really believe it until I actually walked inside this morning."

building, Hensley says she is much more troubled by how the fire will affect her employees and her customers.
"I have the greatest employees in the world," she says of the two dozen or so people who work at the Inland, all of whom arrived Sunday night to try to console her as she shivered in the 26-degree weather and watched smoke billow from the building.
"They're like my family. That's the hardest part of this."
The damage was so extensive that on Monday Hensley wasn't sure it would be possible to rebuild the cafe that has been serving diners since about 1942.
But after talking with her insurance company she decided that she will move ahead with a goal of reopening the Inland.
Hensley said she met with her employees and they plan to return as well. There is no timeline.
Although she opened the Eagle Cap Grill in 2016 in part to handle overflow from the Inland, Hensley says it's not possible to, in effect, move the Inland, even temporarily.
The Eagle Cap Grill isn't open for breakfast, and its kitchen isn't equipped for a

full-scale breakfast menu.
"We were set up perfectly at the Inland," she says. "Everything was streamlined."
In any case Hensley says she doesn't believe the things that made it special — could be moved to a new building as though it were a table or a microwave oven.
Although running even a single restaurant, much less two, is a considerable commitment, Hensley says the loyalty of the Inland's customers, and their obvious love for the place, helps her put her efforts in perspective.
"It definitely makes it worthwhile," she says. "We treat our customers like family."
Hensley says she had only an inkling of her customers' affection for the Inland before she and her husband bought the cafe in November 2007.
She had worked for 15 years for Food Services of America, a company that supplies food to restaurants, and the Inland was one of her clients.
Hensley said Sharron and Don Orr, who had owned the Inland for the previous 12 years, finally "convinced" her to buy the restaurant.
Hensley isn't entirely

unfamiliar with the restaurant business — and not only because of her career with Food Services of America.
Her grandmother, Billee Howard, owned Billee's restaurant in Halfway, known today as Wild Bill's.
"I was peeling potatoes for the restaurant probably before I could walk," she says with a smile.
After buying the Inland, Hensley says, she came to realize that the unassuming little building on the west side of 10th Street was for many people far more than a place to get a burger or an omelette.
She began to understand that for many longtime

customers the Inland figures prominently in their life stories.
"Every day there's a story," she says. "I had a customer who proposed to his wife there, someone whose grandpa brought her there for ice cream. We have people who come in to share memories and to make new ones. It means something to all of them."
Dozens of customers, past and present, revisited some of those memories in posting comments on Hensley's personal Facebook page and on the Inland's.
"I want to thank everybody for all the feedback," she says.