

DAILY
PLANNER

TODAY

Today is Friday, Jan. 18, the 18th day of 2019. There are 347 days left in the year.



TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT

On Jan. 18, 1957, a trio of B-52s completed the first non-stop, round-the-world flight by jet planes, landing at March Air Force Base in California after more than 45 hours aloft.

ON THIS DATE

In 1778, English navigator Captain James Cook reached the present-day Hawaiian Islands, which he named the “Sandwich Islands.”

In 1904, actor Cary Grant was born Archibald Leach in Bristol, England.

In 1911, the first landing of an aircraft on a ship took place as pilot Eugene B. Ely brought his Curtiss biplane in for a safe landing on the deck of the armored cruiser USS Pennsylvania in San Francisco Harbor.

In 1919, the Paris Peace Conference, held to negotiate peace treaties ending the First World War, opened in Versailles (vehr-SY’), France.

In 1936, Nobel Prize-winning author Rudyard Kipling, 70, died in London.

In 1967, Albert DeSalvo, who claimed to be the “Boston Strangler,” was convicted of armed robbery, assault and sex offenses. (Sentenced to life, DeSalvo was killed in prison in 1973.)

In 1975, the situation comedy “The Jeffersons,” a spin-off from “All in the Family,” premiered on CBS-TV.

In 1991, financially strapped Eastern Airlines shut down after more than six decades in business.

LOTTERY

Megabucks: \$7 million
16-21-29-38-46-48

Mega Millions: \$68 million
29-52-58-60-62-7 x2

Powerball: \$129 million
14-29-31-56-61-PB 1-x2

Win for Life: Jan. 16
11-19-22-44

Pick 4: Jan. 17
• 1 p.m.: 0-6-4-8
• 4 p.m.: 2-0-4-6
• 7 p.m.: 2-4-6-3
• 10 p.m.: 2-2-8-7
Pick 4: Jan. 16
• 1 p.m.: 3-8-5-3
• 4 p.m.: 5-6-1-8
• 7 p.m.: 5-0-6-3
• 10 p.m.: 3-6-5-3

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

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— Rudyard Kipling (1865-1936).

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Local federal workers suffer through shutdown

By Jayson Jacoby
WesCom News Service

Jamie Ratliff was invited recently to a family gathering at McCall, Idaho, an event which in normal circumstances she and her husband, Brian, and their two children would likely have attended.

But it's hardly a normal January for Jamie Ratliff and other federal employees affected by a partial shutdown nearing the one-month mark.

They declined the invitation.

Ratliff, who lives in Baker City, said she has missed one paycheck as she waits to be called back to work. Federal employees are paid twice a month.

After the 17-day shutdown in October 2013, Ratliff said she decided to have a “plan B” for the future, including setting aside money.

“We’ll be all right for another month but the uncertainty is stressful,” she said.

Besides turning down the McCall invitation, Ratliff said her family has temporarily ceased eating in local restaurants, going to see a movie and patronizing other local businesses.

“It has real impacts to our local community,” she said.

Bev Calder, who owns Bella kitchen stores in Baker City and La Grande, said the shutdown has “definitely” affected both of her stores.

Calder said she can think of at least 10 regular customers in each city, who she knows are federal employees, who haven’t shopped for

the past few weeks.

“It casts a pall over the whole community,” Calder said.

According to the Oregon Employment Department, about 131 federal workers in Baker County could be going without pay during the shutdown (total federal employment in the county can exceed 200 when seasonal crews are on duty).

The 131 employees represents about 2.3 percent of the county’s total workforce, said Christopher Rich, regional economist for the Employment Department.

Federal salaries are generally higher than the average for Baker County.

In 2017, the last year for which complete data are available, the average federal salary in the county was \$62,517. The average salary for all workers in the county that year was \$35,760.

Federal salaries range from about \$35,000 to about \$80,000.

Ratliff said she appreciated one of her family’s favorite eateries, Sweet Wife Baking, announced in a Facebook post Wednesday that the business was offering a free cookie and coffee or tea to furloughed workers.

As for necessities such as groceries, Ratliff said they’re charging those on a credit card.

Ratliff said on Wednesday she had considered applying for unemployment but she was waiting to see if President Donald Trump signed a bill guaranteeing furloughed federal workers would be paid for the time they missed.

Trump signed that bill on



The Washington Post photo

The economic impact of the government shutdown is hitting an unknown number of workers for federal contractors. Workers across the nation have been home for 26 days due to the shutdown. It is now the longest shutdown in the country’s history.

Wednesday.

Ratliff said in that case she wouldn’t apply for unemployment because she would have to repay any money she received through that program.

Ratliff said she feels fortunate her husband works for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, a state agency not affected by the partial federal shutdown.

For some of her friends, though, there is no other source of income either because the only working spouse is a furloughed federal worker, or because both spouses are furloughed.

“Those are the people who are more stressed right now,” Ratliff said.

Willy and Renae Crippen are among the couples who both work for the federal government.

Willy works for the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest in Baker City, and Renae manages the Blue

Mountain Interagency Dispatch Center at the La Grande Airport.

“It’s kind of a double whammy for us because we’re both federal employees,” Willy said.

That wasn’t the case during one previous shutdown, because Renae wasn’t working for the federal government then.

Although the Crippens, who live in La Grande, have each missed one paycheck, Willy, a 31-year federal employee, said he was happy that at least they did receive a check a week or so before Christmas.

But the effects of missing even one check — two checks, in the Crippens’ case — arise almost immediately.

For instance, Willy said most of the couple’s bills are set up to be paid automatically, with the money taken from their account.

They’ve had to curtail

Barley Brown’s helps victims of Camp Fire in California

By Casey Crowley
WesCom News Service

Barley Brown’s in Baker City recently joined about 1,400 other breweries in producing a beer that will help California residents who lost their homes in the Camp Fire in November.

The brewers all agreed to make a batch of Resilience Butte County Proud IPA.

The fundraiser was started by Sierra Nevada, a brewery started in Chico, California, near the Camp Fire, which scorched 153,000 acres and destroyed thousands of homes in and near the city of Paradise.

Sierra Nevada invited every brewery in the U.S. to participate in the fundraiser. Nearly 25 percent of the country’s breweries — including approximately 60 in Oregon, one of which was Side A Brewing in La Grande — agreed to make the beer and donate money from sales to the Camp Fire Relief Fund.

Barley Brown’s owner

Tyler Brown said he couldn’t ignore the terrible damage the Camp Fire inflicted. He noted Oregon is also vulnerable to wildfires. He said many craft brewers also admire the history of Sierra Nevada.

Sierra Nevada provided all participating breweries with a suggested recipe. Barley’s version of Resilience Butte County Proud IPA follows the suggested recipe about 90 percent, the main difference being the Baker City brewery used a local malt.

Barley Brown’s brewed four barrels of the beer, and is down to its last keg of the brew at the taphouse.

The beer uses Centennial and Cascade hops, which Brown said were much more popular in the 1990s. The beer has a taste reminiscent of other Sierra Nevada beers, he said.

This is not the first time Barley Brown’s has collaborated with Sierra Nevada. In 2015, local brewers visited



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Local brewery Barley Brown’s made a batch of Resilience Butte County Proud IPA to support the victims of the Camp Fire in California.

a Sierra Nevada facility in North Carolina. The all-expenses-paid visit was part of Beer Camp Across America. Barley Brown’s and four other breweries from across the West worked together to create Moxee-Mron IPA, which they released in 2016.

As for the Camp Fire fundraiser, more than 17,000 barrels of the Resilience

IPA have been brewed. A barrel equates to 31 gallons. In total there have been over 17,000 barrels of beer brewed for the fundraiser. A barrel is a unit of measurement used in the brewing industry that equates to 31 gallons.

The money raised from sales of Resilience IPA is meant for long-term support

of those affected by the fire, and Sierra Nevada will distribute the money to partner organizations working with fire victims.

The Barley Brown’s version of Resilience IPA will only be served on draft locally, but Sierra Nevada will be canning and selling its version at stores around the country.

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