

Local

The Compassion Center celebrates 15 years

By Gina K. Swartz
Gina@TheBakerCountyPress.com

It is hard to believe that it has been 15 years since the Compassion Center opened their doors.

A vision that was brought to life by then Pastor Allan Franks, Jarri McClarin, the first director of the Compassion Center, Lillian Terry and Cliff Cole.

Over those 15 years the Compassion Center has developed and now offers 15 different programs. These programs are offered free of charge with love and respect. Those 15 programs include a clothing boutique, a food bank, Christian caregiving, the firewood ministry and home service projects for those in need within our community.

Classes available include Celebrate Recovery, Communication Skills, A Domestic Violence Intervention Group, Financial Peace University, Learning to Change, Parenting Classes and Restoration Ministries. Compassion Center offers Baker County Jail Visitations bringing hope to those incarcerated locally and has a Prison Ministry that works with Powder River and Snake River Correctional Facilities.

The newest program available is SafeZone, a support group to assist local veterans that continue to suffer from PTSD even if their war experiences were many years ago.

The theme for this year's banquet was 'Lemons become Lemonade' L – Living E – Every M-Moment O – Overcoming N – Negative A – Attitudes then D – Depending on E-Eternal Truth.

Pastor Brad Phillips opened the banquet welcoming all in attendance and recognizing the many volunteers that help drive the Compassion Center.



Gina K. Swartz / The Baker County Press

Cliff Cole, Jarri McClarin, Lillian Terry, and Jon Privett.

After a wonderful tri-tip dinner prepared by Jen Long and Eugene Hawes served by Pat Bybee, Heidi Jones, students from the Harvest Academy and the Nazarene Youth Group.

Pastor Jon Privett recognized the visionaries of the compassion center, Franks, McClarin, Terry and Cole with Cole presenting an award to Franks.

"Pastor Franks, it is an honor and a privilege to present this award to you to say thank you with our deep appreciation for your vision. We'd like to give you this award that says 'Northeast Oregon Compassion Center Service Award in sincere appreciation to Pastor Allan Franks for his visionary leadership in the establishment of the Northeast Oregon Compassion Center for Baker City Oregon, November 2000. God bless you,'" Cole said as he handed the award to an overwhelmed Franks.

"Thank you very much, kinda speechless right now. It's my privilege to be back here with you in Baker City. Jarri and I and a few others had a pretty

awesome vision from the Lord for a ministry like this and to see it going on and continuing to change people's lives, transform lives ... it does my heart good," Franks said finally said.

Ted Woodruff and Lucas Evans, former Powder River Correctional Facilities inmates also spoke as to how NEOCC impacted their lives.

Evans 31, who was released recently, in November of 2014 said his criminal behavior began when he was just 11 years old. He also began using drugs, developing a serious drug problem. He has been in and out jails and prisons in Oregon and California his entire life.

While in prison, Evans asked to become part of the AIP program. "I had heard it was the best in the United States. I believe it has an 85% success rate," Evans said.

Evans now sees a future as an addiction specialist, helping others overcome as he has done.

Ted Woodruff was also a Powder River Correctional Facilities inmate involved

with the AIP program. He now has an occupation as a correction Recovery Mentor in the Willamette Valley.

"Some of those I help have been in prison so long they don't know what a cell phone is, one guy in particular had never ridden a bus or handled money. Many of my guys have never shopped for themselves, cooked for themselves, never had to do their own laundry or be responsible for their own medications. So I help them figure out how to do life on life's terms," Woodruff said.

He expressed sincere gratitude to Compassion Center for the role it played in setting him straight in his path.

As the evening came to a close, Master of Ceremonies, Brad Phillips commented on the need for a solution for transient housing in our community.

He invited those present to consider sitting in on a panel discussing options for this growing issue in our community and how to best address options to assist those with that need.

ORP chair candidate



Kerry McQuisten / The Baker County Press

Bill Currier met a handful of elected precinct committee people at the library Wednesday.

Continued from Page 1

Currier talked at length about his plans to strengthen the party, as well as his views on fundraising and the importance of building relationships with County Chairs across Oregon. He stressed the importance of working with the party's leadership at each county level, and following the organization chart by which county leaders engage their groups of elected precinct committee persons (PCPs). Based on population, Baker County has 50 slots, half for men, half for women, for each of the Republican and Democratic Central Committees.

Though each position on the ORP team is elected separately, a dynamic has emerged under which two "slates" have formed—one recruited by Robinson, the other composed primarily of incumbent members of the executive committee along with attorney Tyler Smith who would be new to the executive team.

Cove resident and incumbent, Chris Barreto, is seeking another term as Secretary, and is part of the slate of candidates on which Currier is running.

Barreto also currently serves as legislative assistant to her husband, Rep. Greg Barreto.

Wrote Barreto, "The values and beliefs that this state and this nation were founded on continue to be attacked by those who want to break us one thread at a time, piece by piece. We must stand strong, be devoted to our principals and loyally defend our Constitution and conservative values. We must lead with passion, clarity and purpose. Our team has a plan to do just that."

Half-pound of meth seized

On February 10, 2015 at about 7:15 p.m., nine Baker City Police Officers, supported by two La Grande Police Officers and one Union County Sheriff's Deputy, arrested 38-year-old Jose Daniel Padilla-Albrido for Conspiracy to Deliver a Controlled Substance (Methamphetamine) and for a Parole Violation. Subsequently, Baker City Police served a search warrant on Padilla-Albrido's residence at 3025 D Street, along with six vehicles located at that residence. BCPD officers seized approximately 1/2 pound of Methamphetamine in the search, along with all six vehicles and other associated evidence. This investigation will be ongoing and additional arrests are likely.

Meth arrest on Broadway

On February 7th, 2015 at approximately 8:15 p.m. The Baker City Police Department, along with assistance from the Baker County Sheriff's Office, arrested Mr. Kyle Bothwell-Shaver for possession of a short-barreled shotgun. The incident took place at 2400 Broadway Ave Baker City, OR. During the subsequent investigation Mr. Bothwell-Shaver was found to be in possession of methamphetamine. Mr. Bothwell-Shaver was booked into the Baker County Jail on the following list of charges. Kyle Bothwell-Shaver (6/27/90) 14480 Ben Dier Lane, Baker City, OR 97814 two counts of Unlawful Possession of a Short Barreled Shotgun, and one count of Unlawful Possession of Controlled Substance (Methamphetamine).

Nichols & Mitchell PC
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

BRUCE NICHOLS, CPA
STAN MITCHELL, CPA
2550 Broadway, Baker City
541-523-6471 • brucenichols@integra.net

<p>Tax Services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electronic Filing • Individuals • Corporations • Sub "S" Corporations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partnerships • Trusts, Estates, Fiduciary • Exempt Organizations • Payroll Services
--	--

Call us today for an appointment!

Police give update on 2nd Street meth lab arrest

On February 4, 2015 at about 12:50 p.m. Baker City Police and Fire Departments were dispatched to 301 2nd Street for the report of a "strong smell of ammonia". Upon arrival units could see a gaseous cloud rising from the back of that residence. That gas was later confirmed to be Anhydrous Ammonia.

Upon arrival, Officer Mike Lary observed two male subjects near the origin of the gas cloud and called them away. One subject was identified as 45 year-old Kenneth Roy Street, who is listed as living at 2275 19th Street in Baker City. Street was subsequently found to be in possession of Methamphetamine and was taken into custody for

Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Substance. Street was decontaminated at the scene by Baker City Fire and then transported to the Hospital where he was treated and released for exposure to Anhydrous Ammonia.

The second subject was 52 year old David A. Baggerly, who is the home owner at 301 2nd Street. Baggerly was questioned at the scene and released, after refusing medical attention.

Based on the belief the gas release was Anhydrous Ammonia, and the reports of suspicious traffic to that residence, an Oregon State Police Drug Enforcement Section Clandestine Lab Team was requested and subsequently responded

from Central Oregon.

Upon service of a search warrant, the team was able to confirm the gas was Anhydrous Ammonia, which had been released from a large metal container. A second container, which also appeared to contain Anhydrous Ammonia, was discovered in the back of a van in front of that residence.

The OSP Team summoned an Environmental Cleanup Crew out of Portland, which arrived in Baker City at about 8:30 am on February 5, 2015. That crew rendered both containers safe. The Environmental Cleanup Crew confirmed that the second container also contained Anhydrous Ammonia, which is a component

commonly associated with labs that are designed to manufacture Meth.

While searching the residence, in conjunction with the search warrant, officers also located additional items that are components typically associated with labs that are designed to manufacture Methamphetamine. Based on that discovery, the property and residence at 301 2nd Street has been posted as an "Illegal Drug Lab Site." Until state requirements are met by the property owners, anyone found on that property will be arrested for Criminal Trespass 1. The Baker City Police Department is continuing the service of search warrants at 301 2nd Street and other locations

