

Outdoor Rec / Local

2015 Baker County Fair open class results announced

The Baker County Fair's 2015 open class results are as follow:

Special Contests

Domestic Diva :

1st – Colleen Collier
2nd – Rocky Morris

Spirits of Baker County:

1 st – Charles Macaluso
2nd – Jim Thompson
3rd – Jim Thompson

Coloring Contest:

Pee-wee -
Juniors – Abby Orr
Seniors – Katie Wilde

Scarecrow:

Bobbi Sullivan

Baker County Talent Show

Youth Division

1st – Abigayle Whitnah
2nd – Micah Gotzman
3rd – Morgan Myers

Best of Show & Reserve

Best Of Show

Best Of Show – Jo Owen
Reserve Best of Show – Dawson Vanderwiele

Open Class Results

Overall Department

Champions:

Foods – Lance Risdal
Food Preservation – Wendee Morrissey
Crafts – Dawson Vanderwiele
Needlework – Jo Owen
Photography – Mike Katona
Art – Brenda Goshorn
Horticulture – Campbell Vanderwiele
Poultry – Zack Morrison
Rabbits – John Gaarsland

Open Class Division

Exhibitors and Awards:

Art, Craft, Horticulture, Food, Food Preservation, Photography, Needlework, Poultry, Sheep, & Rabbit
Pee-Wee Division:
Seth Bingham – 2 Blue
Janie Bingham – 1 Grand Champion, 1 Blue, 1 Red
Range Bingham – 2 Blue
Bay Blair – 1 Reserve Champion, 1 Blue, 1 Red
Isabel Cunningham – 2 Blue
Abigail Cunningham – 2 Blue, 1 Red
Campbell Daley – 3 Blue

Landon Dougherty – 1 Blue
Liam Dougherty – 1 Blue
Aaron Kellar – 1 Red
Ethan Kellar – 1 Red
David Kerns – 2 Blue, 1 Red
Jonathon Kerns – 1 Reserve Champion, 2 Blue
Chase Myatt – 4 Blue
Tyler Myatt – 1 Reserve Champion, 2 Blue
Sky Nesser – 1 Blue
Conner Norton – 5 Blue, 1 Red
Kate Norton – 1 Reserve Champion, 2 Blue, 1 Red
Khalia-Ann Phlaum – 1 Red, 1 Blue
Lance Risdal – Overall Champion, Grand Champion, 4 Blue
Addyson Roseborough – 1 Grand Champion, 4 Blue, 1 Red
Alexis Rupel – 2 Grand Champion, 1 Reserve Champion, 4 Blue
Winter Smith – 1 Grand Champion, 2 Blue
Addison Supan – 1 Blue
Ella Wilde – 1 Red

Youth Division:

Ashlyn Bauer – 1 Grand Champion, 2 Blue
Kerryn Bauer – 2 Blue
Jodie Bingham – 1 Grand Champion, 2 Blue, 1 Red
Kristin Cantrell – 1 Grand Champion, 1 Blue, 2 Red
Cooper Daley – 1 Grand Champion, 2 Blue, 2 Red
Kiera Dean – 3 Red
Westen Downing – 1 Grand Champion, 1 Blue
Jordan Griffith – 2 Red
Emma Hardesty – 1 Reserve Champion, 2 Blue, 1 Red
Wyatte Harris – 1 Blue
Zoey Justus – 3 Blue
Emma Kersgaard – 1 Reserve Champion, 4 Blue, 3 Red
Julianne Kersgaard – 3 Blue, 3 Red
Gunnar Lahaug – 1 Blue, 1 Red
Zach Morrison – 1 Best of Show, 1 Grand Champion, 1 Reserve Champion, 6 Blue, 1 Red
Kathryn Nelson – 1 Grand Champion, 2 Blue
Clark Norton – 1 Grand Champion, 1 Blue
Abby Orr – 2 Reserve Champion, 5 Blue, 1 Red
Emma Orr – 1 Blue, 2 Red
Jessup Orr – 1 Grand Champion, 1 Reserve

Champion, 4 Blue, 2 Red
Braiden Parret – 2 Blue, 1 Red
Cassie Pettit – 2 Blue
Kacee Phlaum – 1 Blue
Jordynn Risdal – 1 Grand Champion, 7 Blue, 1 Red
Maya Smith – Reserve Champion, 3 Blue, 2 Red
Skye Smith – Grand Champion, 1 Blue, 1 Red
Campbell Vanderwiele – 1 Overall Champion, 1 Grand Champion, 4 Blue, 1 Red
Katie Wilde – 1 Blue, 2 Red

Teen Division:

Jessica Adams – 1 Grand Champion, 4 Blue, 3 Red
Kobe Cantrell – 1 Red
Chloe Deputy – 1 Grand Champion, 1 Blue
Daniel Deputy – 1 Reserve Champion, 1 Blue
Lisa Finley – 1 Grand Champion, 1 Reserve Champion, 2 Blue
Marisa Fuzi – 2 Blue, 1 Red
Danica Parrett – 1 Reserve Champion, 4 Blue, 5 Red
Andrea Pettit – 3 Blue, 2 Red
Sami Sexton – 3 Blue, 1 Red
Dawson Vanderwiele – 1 Best of Show, 1 Overall Champion, 1 Grand Champion, 2 Blue, 1 Red

Adult Division:

Rochelle Adams – 1 Blue, 1 Red
Wendy Bingham – 1 Reserve Champion, 2 Blue
Patricia Bradford – 1 Grand Champion, 1 Reserve Champion, 2 Blue, 1 Red
Bryan Dalke – 1 Blue, 1 Red
Courtney Emery – 3 Blue
Kim Finley – 1 Blue, 2 Red
Sarah Fry – 1 Blue
Tami Foltz – 1 Grand Champion, 1 Reserve Champion
Lisa Fuzi – 1 Blue
Heather Goshorn – 1 Grand Champion, 2 Blue, 2 Red
Donna Griffith – 1 Grand Champion, 1 Blue
Heidi Justus – 2 Blue
Stacey Lahaug – 1 Blue
Wendee Morrissey – 1 Overall Champion, 1 Grand Champion, 1 Reserve Champion, 4 Blue

Emery Owen – 1 Red
Mark Lee Owen – 1 Grand Champion, 1 Blue
Sarah Owen – 1 Grand Champion, 1 Blue
Lacey Risdal – 1 Reserve Champion, 1 Blue
Amy Roseborough – 4 Blue, 2 Red
Ginger Savage – 1 Reserve Champion, 2 Blue
Lynn Schmitt – 1 Grand Champion, 4 Blue
Bobbi Sullivan – 1 Reserve Champion, 2 Blue
Jason Sullivan – 2 Red
Angie Turner – 1 Blue
Jessie Wilson – 2 Blue, 2 Red
Christena Cook – 1 Grand Champion, 1 Blue

Senior Division:

Alana Clark – 1 Blue, 1 Red
Terrie Boettcher – 4 Blue
Karen Bouchard – 1 Grand Champion, 2 Blue, 1 Red
Ruthie Crum – 2 Blue
Cindi Davis – 5 Blue
Bobbie Dougherty – 6 Blue, 1 Red
John Gaarsland – 1 Best of Show, 1 Grand Champion, 1 Reserve Best of Show, 1 Reserve Champion, 2 Blue
Brenda Goshorn – 1 Overall Champion, 1 Grand Champion, 1 Reserve Champion, 3 Blue, 1 Red
Mack Goshorn Jr. – 1 Reserve Champion, 2 Blue
Jean Hulick – 1 Grand Champion, 3 Blue, 4 Red
Mike Katona – 1 Overall Champion, 1 Grand Champion, 4 Blue, 2 Red
Penny Kester – 2 Blue, 1 Red
Cherryl Martin – 2 Blue, 3 Red
Jerri McClarin – 1 Grand Champion, 2 Reserve Champion, 12 Blue, 2 Red
Jo Owen – 1 Best of Show, 1 Overall Champion, 1 Grand Champion, 2 Blue
Shirley Owen – 2 Blue, 2 Red
Beverly Schaer – 2 Reserve Champion, 6 Blue, 2 Red
Susie Thompson – 5 Blue

Professionals:

Abigail Martin – 1 Grand Champion, 1 Blue, 2 Red
Cassie Martin – 3 Blue
Dakota Martin – 1 Reserve Champion, 4 Blue

Bravery and heartache



Submitted Photos.

Top: Flames came down closely behind the Haney home in Burnt River Canyon. Lower: Kody Justus fights flames with a 4-wheeler and a water tank.

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Lees lives off-the-grid and had his own power supply to run his pump and he began dumping water all around his residence as the fire approached. He also ran around dowsing flames with a self-contained water tank strapped to his back.

After the fight, Lees reports only the loss of his back fence, a corner post, and about half the trees on his property.

“If I wasn’t there it’d all be gone now,” he said.

Near Lees’ property, on Alder Creek Road, stood the old Johnson homestead, which was one of the first homesteads in Baker County, according to Lees. The historic home was lost to the blaze, he said. Lees also reported that the late Sid Johnson had planted thousands of trees around the newer constructed Johnson home and that all those trees were lost to the blaze. The newer Johnson residence was not lost in the fire.

“It’s just tragic. Sid put so much work into the planting and care for those trees. He had put in hundreds of eight-foot pieces of metal to funnel water to the trees and now there are just the remnants of those metal pipes,” Lees said.

Lees’ daughter Jenny Long lives in Stices Gulch and has her own fire story to tell.

She was able to get back in via a sheriff’s department escort after the fire swept past the Stices Gulch area to assess the damage to her property.

“The power in Stices Gulch is on but was burned out at our house,” Long said. “We have limited access because they are still sawing hazardous trees.”

Long reported that the phone distribution box, owned by the Oregon Telephone Company, had been damaged during the fire and that phone service was still out in Stices Gulch.

“The next danger now is flash flooding,” said Long.

She explained other concerns of Stices Gulch residents including soil erosion issues, the falling of large boulders during the rainy season, and the proliferation of cheat grass. County Commissioner Mark Bennett echoed Long’s concern about the rampant growth of weeds after the fires and the need for federal assistance for restoration on private lands.

Milton Prowell has spent all 91-years of his life as a Baker County resident and this 2015 fire season is the worst he’s witnessed. Prowell owns 360-acres of timberland in the Beaver Creek area.

“I lost about all of it,” Prowell said after fire swept through his property. “After the fire came through about 25 years ago I planted 12,000 to 14,000 trees on it, mostly Ponderosa pine, some fir and Tamarack. It all burned. All but maybe 10 acres.”

Prowell explained that he also had cattle grazing on his property and the fire cost him three-months of grazing pasture that he had sold.

Pamela and Jim Haney work as caretakers at the Lost Dutchman Mine Association’s Burnt River Camp.

Pamela says that she’s heard some criticism from people who think that an earlier, more aggressive firefighting action would have stopped the Windy Ridge Fire before it could grow to catastrophic size.

“The day the fire started they were trying to get it out,” she explained. “There were six or eight engines there when it started. They built a fire-break and the fire jumped the break. They were on it when it started and the Forest Service, BLM, and ODF crews did a really good job.”

She said that two fire engines, one from the City of Enterprise and one from Halfway, stayed with them all week.

Several campers were evacuated from the Burnt River Camp and after the fire swept past, one tent remained standing amidst the devastation, said Haney.

She reported the fire has receded from the area and returned several times. On August 18, she said that the power remained out as the result of a back-burning effort that took down a power pole.

Haney said during a trip August 18 into Baker City for supplies and fuel to power the generator, “We’re not out of the woods yet.”

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Prineville boat ramp closed

Beginning Friday, August 21, the last developed boat ramp on Prineville Reservoir will be closed for the year to trailered boat launching.

The ramp is unsafe to launch boats because the water level has receded to the end of the ramp. The low water level on the reservoir prompted early closure of two other developed boat ramps mid-summer this year.

The reservoir has plenty of water for other recreational watercraft such as kayaks, canoes, paddle boards and small portable motorized boats.

These can still be launched manually from any accessible, walk-in beach. This is a good option for those looking to get out and enjoy the reservoir throughout the rest of the summer.

The main campground and day use area will remain open year round.