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## Baker City to Go gets going

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Arley Atkins held a soft opening for the launch of his new website Baker-CityToGo.com, where people can order from local restaurants, bars, and coffee shops. His company will then deliver.

Baker City to Go's hours are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.—people are able to order breakfast, lunch, and dinner for delivery from the website.

"I just got to thinking there are a lot of 'Ma and Pa' restaurants in Baker City and I thought that there's enough to supply the town for a business like this and it's a bit of a venture," explained Atkins. "I just figured there are enough decent restaurants at the same time. We're kind of going towards that millennium where people want things now, they want it delivered, they want the simplicity of it, and food is definitely one of those

things.

"Baker only has a few places that do deliver. So, I think if we get more food out there from more of the other restaurants to people's homes and businesses, it would be a good thing for everybody."

Atkins explained that bigger cities have those services and he thought, "Why not Baker City?"

He found a website developer that hosted this type of operation and he reached out to them. He just has to manage the input of the website and he decided to go forward with it.

On his website, he offers delivery services for AJ's Corner Brick Bark and Grill, BEERded Dog Growler Filler Station, Big Chiefs, D&J Taco Shop, Eagle Cap Grill, Earth & Vine Wine Bar and Art Gallery, Inland Café, Main Event Sports Bar & Eatery, Sorbenots Coffee, The Little Pig, and York's Park Grocery.

He will be adding Little



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Arley Atkins, owner of Baker City to Go.

Suzie's and The Coffee Corral.

"Eventually, if this is something that takes off and catches on, ideally I'd like to dispatch and hire a couple of drivers that will be contracted independently and it would be a good opportunity for people that

have some spare time and just want to make some extra cash really quick," explained Atkins. "The only stipulations; they'd have to be 18 to deliver alcohol, have their own car that's insured, have a valid driver's license, and a clean vehicle."

## Gamer Haven opens cafe

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Gamer Haven, Baker City's own gaming store on Main Street next to U.S. Bank, has opened the Haven Café inside.

The café's grand opening was November 28th—the cafe is located in the back of the store through a wood replica of Doctor Who's T.A.R.D.I.S.

"Gamers like to eat," said owner Josh Nielson.

The café has been open for a year and is now under new management.

Suzie Bulger and her daughter, Mary, knew the previous owners and have been in charge of the café for the three weeks after its grand opening. They created fantasy inspired names for each item on their menu.

The café offers a variety of sandwiches and raps, all with fantasy themed

names, such as "The Bard," the "Minotaur," "The Druid," and many others.

They also offer the "Traveler's Fair," the build your own sandwiches—and "The Sarge," the build your own wrap.

They also have a "Minion's Menu" or children's menu that offers "Dwarf Toes" or comdog bites, "Monster Mash," PB&J, and "Unicorn Tears" or cottage cheese cups.

Bulger explained some names were suggested to them by friends, inspired by anime, and some things from the store.

Other names were based off games commonly played in Gamer Haven, such as Dungeons and Dragons.

Gamer Haven will be celebrating its second Christmas at its new location on Main Street, according to Bulger.



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A door designed after Dr. Who's TARDIS graces the entry to the new cafe.

They offer a variety of gaming options, such as board games, card games, dice, role playing books, and video games.

They also have game nights and tournaments

people are able to attend. Customers are also able to bring their own games to play.

Nielson expressed that he would love to sell local artists' custom art.

## Beaver

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Risley's backyard, east of the Powder River, slopes downward toward the river, and is significantly lower in elevation than the western bank. The northern end of the Leo Adler Memorial Parkway is located west of the river at that location.

Lohner said that Risley shot the beaver, which was either in the water, or most likely up on the ice, from his backyard. Lohner also said that there's more of a back story, because Risley had complained about beavers chewing on his trees.

Lohner said that though the weapon used was most likely a high-powered air rifle according to complainant information and the initial investigation, OSP Wildlife Trooper Sergeant Isaacs Cyr and Baker City Police Sergeant Mike Regan attempted to locate a projectile in the beaver, but, "There was no bullet or pellet inside of it. They couldn't find any trace of pellets or lead." Investigators could tell that a shot entered and cracked

the skull.

Lohner said that a high-powered air rifle doesn't fall within the definition of a firearm. According to Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 166.210 (3), which states, "'Firearm' means a weapon, by whatever name known, which is designed to expel a projectile by the action of powder."

However, Lohner said, "With a pellet gun, it is a violation of City ordinance to shoot within City limits. According to the Baker City Code Of Ordinances, Title 13, Chapter 130.02 (A), "No person other than an authorized peace officer shall fire or discharge within the city any air gun or weapon which acts by force of gunpowder or other explosive or by the use of jet or rocket propulsion."

Lohner said, "Then again, even if we were to charge him, he'd fall back on the defense of what Fish and Wildlife was saying—the animal needed to be put out of its misery anyway."

Lohner's other concern included whether Risley could be charged with Recklessly Endangering Another Person, since the Leo Adler Parkway sits to the west of Risley's home,

across the Powder River.

According to ORS 163.195 (1), "A person commits the crime of recklessly endangering another person if the person recklessly engages in conduct which creates a substantial risk of serious physical injury to another person," a Class A misdemeanor.

"We're giving a copy of the report to the DA," for his review, Lohner said. "As far as the rest of it goes, there's not a whole lot that can be done with it."

Ratliff elaborated on the suffering animal scenario: "If you hit a deer with your car, for example, and it's lying there, and you euthanize it, legally; you're within your right to do that. You just have to notify OSP or us." He said he had talked to Cyr, and Cyr didn't find any wildlife violations with the shooting, however, at the time of this writing, Cyr could not be reached for comment.

Ratliff mentioned a common response from a portion of the public: "There are a lot of people in town who like the beavers—that would be the only thing I can see that would be an issue."

Lohner said, "What we

recommend to citizens is for them to call law enforcement ... let it work through the proper channels... and we can go down and take a look at it (a suffering animal). Then, if the animal needs to be destroyed (ODFW destroyed the beaver, in this case), we can do that, and make sure that it's done safely."

The police report will be forwarded to District Attorney Matt Shirtcliff for further review.

### PASTURE! for the 2018 grazing season

Pasture in Bridgeport area, 2400 +/- excellent grass and water all summer long. Will accommodate 75 animals. Must secure by February 1, 2018. Call 541-519-5035 for more information.



### — WEEKLY HAY REPORT —

Friday, December 15, 2017 — Eastern Oregon

Prices trended generally steady in a limited test. Retail/Stable type hay remains the largest demanded hay. Many hay producers have sold out for the year. Buyers wanting to bump up their hay inventory prior to the upcoming holidays has increased sales somewhat this week.

Tons Price Range Wtd Avg

Alfalfa/Orchard Mix Small Square Premium  
15 175.00-175.00 175.00

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### — CATTLE MARKET REPORT —

Wednesday, December 13, 2017  
Vale, Oregon

Cattle sold through the auction: 1,540

#### Steer Calves

300-400# Bulk 165.00-? Top 220.00  
400-500# Bulk 150.00-190.00 Top N/A  
500-600# Bulk 139.00-147.00 Top 158.00

#### Heifer Calves

300-400# Bulk 140.00-165.00 Top 165.00  
400-500# Bulk 140.00-155.00 Top 155.00  
500-600# Bulk 135.00-141.00 Top N/A

#### Yearling Steers

600-700# Bulk 144.00-152.00 Top 153.00  
700-800# Bulk 132.00-142.00 Top 145.00  
800-900# Bulk 125.00-138.00 Top 138.00  
900-1,000# Bulk 110.00-128.00 Top 128.00

#### Yearling Heifers

600-700# Bulk 130.00-138.00 Top 141.00  
700-800# Bulk 126.00-132.00 Top N/A  
800-900# Bulk 124.00-132.00 Top N/A  
900-1,000# Bulk N/A Top N/A

Thin Shelly Cows 39.00- 54.00  
Butcher Cows 55.00- 63.00  
Butcher Bulls 55.00- 70.00  
Stock Cows 1000.00-1500.00  
Younger Hfrts. N/A  
Stock Cows Young. N/A  
ProducersLivestock.com  
541-473-3136

### — LOG PRICE REPORT —

Prices are based on the majority of saw mills in Northeastern Oregon and Central Idaho. The prices listed below are a composite prices of various sawmills willing to visit with me about this topic.

Ponderosa Pine—small diameter class 8-11 inches diameter class \$250 per mbf. Only one sawmill was willing to buy small diameter pine at this time.

Ponderosa Pine—medium diameter class 12-17 inches diameter class \$300 to \$350 per mbf

Ponderosa Pine-large diameter class 18 plus inches diameter class \$380 to \$410 per mbf

The Pine prices are still approximately \$40 per mbf below average lumber/log market due to 2017 fire salvage

Doug Fir & Western Larch—\$380 to \$420 per mbf. Normal prices typically ranged between \$425 to \$475 per mbf.

White Fir—\$300 per mbf. Normal prices typically ranged between \$340 to \$360 per mbf.

Engelmann Spruce—\$350 at one Idaho sawmill, other sawmills including with White fir prices.

In general, the log prices still impacted from 2015 fire season and fire salvage that resulted. Sawmills are starting to get log yard inventory in line with sawmill production needs. With a new Administration as of 1/20/2017, a more normal economic environment should result and hopefully a more healthy housing situation will result in a better climate for Northeast Oregon Sawmill and private forest landowners.

Courtesy of Arvid Andersen,  
Andersen Forestry Consulting

### — PRECIOUS METALS REPORT —

Price per ounce, USD

Gold: \$1,270.30

Silver: \$16.30

Platinum: \$920.28

Palladium: \$1031.89

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### — AG COMMODITIES —

Corn: \$348.75/bu/USD

Wheat: \$422.75/bu/USD

Soybeans: \$965.75/bu/USD

Oats: \$244.25 bu/USD

Rough Rice: \$12.06/cwt/USD

Canola: \$502.30 CAD/mwt

Live Cattle: \$119.93/lb./USD

Feeder Cattle: \$140.57/lb./USD

Lean Hogs: \$68.38/lb./USD

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