

HARVEY

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Having more employable people than available jobs in the county is one of the more upsetting issues to Harvey. He believes that creating jobs which can support families will result in a lot of negative social issues taking care of themselves. His vision that "good jobs lead to a good community with good schools and citizens who help one another" is something Harvey says he saw in Baker County when he moved here in 1972.

"When I first came here it was fantastic! The schools, the football games; the community coming together and supporting these kids was just phenomenal...We're struggling now to have anything for the young people to do, which is criminal to me, because we are supposed to be teaching the next generation how to work to benefit their lives and to benefit the community," Harvey said.

Harvey stated creating jobs to create a more close-knit community will be the short-term, long-term and ultimate goal during his term. He said, "We go for it...and we'll beat down every door that tries to close in front of us."

When asked about entities such as New Directions Northwest, he stated he intends to keep close ties with, and a close watch on their programs to really look into what they are doing to make sure the county continues to make headway in the direction of its goals.

"If we're not doing something that's working, then we obviously need to change it or throw it out," he stated, and then referred back to his ultimate goal for creating jobs. He believes creating jobs will eliminate the tendencies which create the problems resulting in people needing treatment.

Regarding Oregon's recent passing of marijuana legalization, Harvey stated, "It adds to the destruction to our society. We are showing our children that bad habits are O.K."

Harvey does not buy into the argument of marijuana generating additional tax dollars, and commented on another state's situation saying, "In Nevada they use prostitution to bring in lots of tax

dollars. If your ultimate goal is to bring in tax dollars then, by golly, you can do all sorts of things. But it doesn't benefit anybody's life, and I don't want blood money. I don't want money that's gone through some demoralizing effort on somebody's part to come to the county to go fix the problem that this creates. Why not stop the problem to begin with and then we won't have to pay for it down the road?"

Harvey would like Baker County residents to understand one thing about him: "I will do everything in my power to defend the rights, safety, health, jobs and welfare of Baker County citizens. That's the only reason I am here, otherwise I'd still be building houses. This is more than a full time job."

He says his stance is to positively impact the outlook of today's youth by creating jobs within the county so that its citizens can have the opportunities to live great lives. He realizes he can't guarantee people great jobs and great lives; that is something he believes people have to stand up and take for themselves. Harvey believes this position (as County Chair) gives him the opportunity to give the people the same opportunities he was given; to do the same things that he has done with his life. Harvey says it's a blessing to have this opportunity.

On a final note, Harvey wanted to make sure that residents are reminded that this is their county, their home, and he will need their help and support to accomplish the things which will benefit Baker County. He urges everyone to stand together and support one another as we move into the future. Harvey stated that he works for you, the Baker County citizen, and you are welcome, and urged, to call and talk to him regarding ideas, goals and concerns.

Commissioner Harvey can be reached Monday through Friday between the hours of 8-5 p.m. by calling 541-523-8200.

Baker City Manager Provides Update

Agenda Items for Baker City Council Meeting Jan. 13

According to the City Manager, Mike Kee, the Jan. 13 City Council meeting will include the following:

- *2014 Watershed Management Plan Approval
- *Appointing New City Council & Mayor
- *Water Facility Plan Contract Award
- *Fund Exchange Agreement

Planning Department Actions

The Planning Director approved a final partition plat submitted by Mark Landavazo to divide a parcel at 1340 D Street into three separate parcels. The partition plat was recorded into the records of the Baker County Clerk this week.

An accessory building was approved for Bryce Kamerdula at 3180 Elm Street. A home occupation permit was approved for Erica Vaughn at 2175 14th Street.

A final reminder letter was sent to the YMCA about marking a pedestrian/bicycle walkway from Pocahontas Road to the building entry of the Fitness Center.

A reminder letter was sent to O'Reilly Auto Parts at 1540 Campbell Street about replacing landscaping that has failed to survive in order to continue to comply with the conditions of the approval for building the store.

Noticing lists and buffer maps were created to assist the Police Department with two kennel ap-

DEIS Released for Boardman to Hemmingway Project

The Bureau of Land Management released the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Boardman to Hemmingway 500kV transmission line project on Dec. 19, 2014. The comment period on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement is open until March 19, 2015. More information can be found on the project website, boardmantohemmingway.com

Ice skating Rink

The basketball court near Sam-O Swim Center, 580 Baker St. was flooded recently, in hopes that the chilly weather would create a smooth ice-skating rink. The end result was quite successful and turned into perfect ice for ice skating.

Interchange Area Management Plans Public Workshop

Baker City, Baker County, and ODOT are beginning to revisit and update previous planning efforts for Exit 302 & Exit 306 interchanges. The public is urged to attend and to discuss plans, completed work, and to identify future decisions. The workshop will take place on Thursday, Jan. 29 from 4-6 p.m. at the City Hall in Baker City.

For More Information: Patrick Knight, ODOT william.p.knight@odot.or.us

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Ash Grove and Leo Adler Help Fund Improvements at Sam-O Leo Adler Memorial Parkway to see expansion, too

The City of Baker City was awarded two separate grants to assist with the heating and dehumidification system improvements needed at Sam-O Swim center. The Leo Adler Community Fund provided a generous grant of \$25,000 and The Ash Grove Charitable Foundation awarded \$10,000 for the project. In addition, the City received notice it was awarded just over \$108,000 from the Oregon State Parks Recreational Trails program to help fund a Leo Adler Memorial Parkway expansion project adjacent to Wade Williams field.

Mining and Aggregate Development Summit Jan. 27

Baker County Economic Development extends an invitation to the Mining and Aggregate Development Summit to be held Jan. 27 in Baker City at the Baker County Conference and Event Center located at 2600 East Street. The conference is free. For more information call 541-523-5460.

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- Planning for the future helps us find better solutions and a happier outcome.
- Plan for the future when time is abundant and there is no immediate crisis. Forward planning will make life much easier when the time comes.
- 70/40 Rule: When your parent is 70+ and you are 40+, it is time to start thinking and having conversations about the subject of caring for elderly parents.
- We are all living longer, therefore more people over 50 have living parents and many of those parents either require care or will do in the future.
- Five major areas that you should be thinking of:
 1. First and foremost is your loved ones age & health.
 2. You need to consider the financial situation.
 3. You also need to understand your family's situation and its willingness to support your loved one on this journey.
 4. Another consideration is your parent's emotional readiness for the transition.
 5. Last but not least to consider is location.
- Having good answers to these 5 questions will help you better assess your options and assess your alternatives that generally fall under the following 2 categories:
 - Staying in their own home, or staying with you with various possibilities for in-home care.
 - Moving to an Assisted Living Community, Adult Foster Home or Nursing Home.

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Saint Alphonsus Welcomes the First Baby of 2015

Saint Alphonsus Baker City is pleased to announce the arrival of the first baby born in 2015, on New Year's Day. Remington Gallegos was born on Jan. 1 at 1:17 a.m. weighing 7 lbs., 15 oz., and measuring 20 inches. He was born to Shanara McGuire and Anthony Gallegos. Remington is also welcomed by his older brother, Mason McGuire. Both mother and baby are doing well.

To commemorate the hospital's New Years Day baby, Saint Alphonsus Baker presented the family with a basket filled with baby clothes, diapers, blankets, Alphonzo the bear and other items parents of newborns need and enjoy.

Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program Now Available

If you produce a specialty crop that is ineligible for crop insurance, there is an improved program that can help protect against losses from weather and natural disasters.

The Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance program is now available.

For new, low-income or previously underserved farmers, there is free basic coverage, and higher coverage at discounted premiums.

Learn more about the NAP program at www.fsa.usda.gov/nap. Or call your local FSA county office.

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Bryan Mills is accused of a murder he didn't commit, and sets out to find the true killer.

FRI & SAT (4:10) 7:10 9:45
SUNDAY (4:10) 7:10
MON - THURS 7:10

WILD R

Cheryl Strayed's 1,100-mile hike along the Pacific Crest Trail, undertaken as a way to recover from a recent catastrophe.

FRI & SAT (4:00) 7:00 9:40
SUNDAY (4:00) 7:00
MON - THURS 7:00

UNBROKEN PG-13

A chronicle of the life of Louis Zamperini, an Olympic runner who was taken prisoner by Japanese forces during World War II.

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SUNDAY (3:45) 6:45
MON-THURS 6:45

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