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Hunsaker has also been very active in the PEO Sisterhood, Chapter AX in Baker City since 1985. From 1976-1982, she worked as the Children's Librarian at the Baker County Library.

"Legacy Award to me, means a whole entire lifetime of service. And, I'm not done yet!" says Hunsaker who intends to continue serving the community in a variety of ways.



Photo by Gina Perkins Legacy Man of the Year Hal Huntington with Legacy Woman of the Year Joyce Hunsaker



Man of the Year Mib Dailey Photo by Sherrie Kvamme

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MON-THURS 7:20

ROOM R

After five-year-old Jack and his mother escape from the enclosed surroundings that Jack has known his entire life, the boy makes a thrilling discovery.

FRI-SUN (4:10) 7:30
MON-THURS 7:30

THE REVENANT R

Leonardo DiCaprio, Hugh Glass, a frontiersman on a fur trading expedition in the 1820s, is on a quest for survival after being brutally mauled by a bear.

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MON-THURS 7:10

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Legacy Man of the Year

"It was very special and truly humbling," says Hal Huntington, who was chosen as Baker County's Legacy Man of the Year. "It was also a total shock!"

"I married a Colton, so after we both retired, I brought Doni back to Baker where she grew up," says Huntington.

The man, also a good friend of Joyce Hunsaker, even sharing the same birth date of Sept. 6 with her, serves in a variety of capacities. He is the Chairman of the Baker Heritage Museum Commission and is on the CASA board of directors. He is very active in the Elks and heads up the youth activities and is co-chairman of the Elks Hoop Shoot. Huntington also is the financial secretary for the Knights of Columbus.

During the speech introducing Huntington it was said, "He is very deserving of Legacy Man of the Year based on his community activities, his successful marriage and family, as well as being a quality individual who has Baker County and Baker City's best interest at heart."



Man of the Year

Whit Deschner gave a very 'witty' presentation extolling the virtues of Mib Dailey, a Richland cattle rancher and Baker County's Man of the Year who is probably best known for his warm smile and sense of humor.

"I first met Mib through his cattle. Rather, I met Mib's cattle before I met Mib.... and that's how I met Mib. If you had a single hole in your fence, Mib's cattle were the first to find it. I called Mib and said your cows got on my place this morning and are eating me down to [the] short end of nothing. He said, no they ain't. I said... green tag in the left ear--they're yours. He said, yep but you're wrong, they've been there three days now and you just noticed them," Deschner said.

He went on, "Mib has improved on this breed so much that it's now nationally recognized. They're called the Bundy Breed and they take over and occupy any federal lands they get near to." The audience roared with laughter at Deschner's presentation.

Dailey is also an auctioneer who volunteers his time to a number of charitable fundraising auctions including the Salt Lick which has raised about \$75,000 for Parkinson's research, the Baker County Fair in Halfway, the Eagle Valley Grange, Pine Eagle FFA, and Keating Elementary School.

Dailey says, "With every charity event that comes along, the people of Baker County donate so much and it's surprising to see who is doing a lot of the donating. I was honored to receive this award and it was great to have so many of my friends and family at the banquet."

Woman of the Year

Michelle Paoletti was moved to tears when it was announced that she had been chosen for the Woman of the Year Award.

She said after the banquet, "I am so honored to be included with this group of people to be recognized."

Paoletti and her family moved from Redondo Beach, California several years ago to raise their daughter who is now 24. A Saint Alphonsus employee for the past 17 years, Paoletti is the president elect of Soroptimists and a member of Lady Elks who says "she can help raise money for anything" including \$6,000 for a cause to help raise awareness and stop human trafficking.

"I'm not a wealthy person, but I have time, and I will help anyone or any cause that benefits the community," says Paoletti. "I love Baker County and never for one minute would ever consider trading living here for returning to southern California. I know what I'm missing, but I also know exactly what I have," she says.

Business of the Year

Natural Structures, a family owned business, was honored with this award. Ted and Jodie Hausotter are co-owners with Ted's father and mother, Al and Grace Hausotter who founded the business in 1971.

Among many community projects, the company has constructed litter receptacles, covers, benches and bike racks for the Resort Street project and manufactured the bandstand. With the Lions Club they have manufactured and installed the fitness equipment on the Leo Adler Parkway, small pavilions along the Parkway and worked with Historic Baker City to refurbish and reinstall the benches downtown. Currently, the company employs 61 people.

Natural Structures makes numerous donations in a variety of forms to several non-profit organizations including: 4-H, FBLA, Honor Society, Wrestling, High School Rodeo, North Powder FFA, Oregon Trail Event Center, Baker Technical Institute, Heritage Museum, Oregon Trail Interpretive Center, Lions Club, Bandstand Committee, NRA, Anthony Lakes, Quail Ridge Golf Course, Baker County Mounted Posse Trail Ride, Historic Baker City, and Young Life.

Ted and his wife Jodie as co-owners have expanded their small business which originally began as a landscaping business, into one that manufactures the highest quality stainless steel, pool and water slides, water playgrounds, spray toys and shelters and pavilions.

In March of 2003, The Hausotter families moved Natural Structures to Baker City from Sherwood, Ore., purchasing a 25,000 sq ft. manufacturing facility putting in a full steel fabrication and powder coating line.

In December 2005, Natural Structures purchased their second building and renovated it for the addition of a rotational molding machine and expanding the wood line and shipping and receiving departments. In February 2009, Natural Structures completed the purchase of additional sales office space and an additional 20,000 sq. ft. warehouse.

Currently, Natural Structures has grown from 15 employees to over 60 in 13 years.

"Our gross sales grew from 1.5 million to over 6 million with approximately 85 percent of our products shipping east of the Mississippi River. We also have expanded globally exporting products to Canada, New Zealand, Cayman Islands and Saudi Arabia to name a few," says Jodie Hausotter.

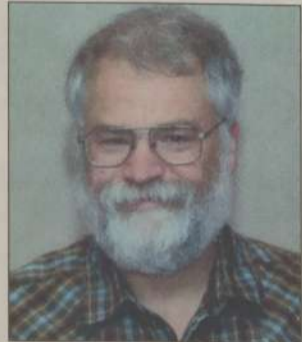
Welcome **BABY**

Cameron John Whitaker born Jan. 5 to Jeremy and Mollie Whitaker of Culver, Ore. He was 8.5 pounds and 21.5 inches long. Cameron's grandparents are Rod and Valerie Tachenko of Baker City. He joins his older siblings, Wyatt, Morgan and McKinzie Whitaker, ages 5, 3, and 2 respectively. Cameron's other grandparents include Jeff and Tresa Whitaker of Culver. His great grandparents are John Rayl of Stanfield, Gerald and Anne Zehner of Lebanon, Ore., and Rose Whitaker of Redmond.





Photo by Sherrie Kvamme
Michelle Paoletti Woman of the Year



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Above, Ted and Jodie Hausotter, of Natural Structures - Business of the Year



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