



Liberty Float in the Haines Fourth of July parade in 1914

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## Events

**July 1-4, Friday-Monday:**  
Sumpter 4th of July Flea Market, in Sumpter

See page 2 for fireworks schedules in the area.

**July 7, "Cash Flow Management" Class**  
Offered by Baker County Economic Development Thursday, 5 - 6 p.m. Cost: Free. Held at Baker County Public Library, 2400 Resort St., Baker City. Please register: Baker County EDC Office at 541-523-5460.

**July 7-11, Hells Canyon Motorcycle Rally, Baker City.** www.hellscanyon-rally.com

**July 9, Cowboy Action Shoot** 8 a.m. at the Virtue Flat Shooting Range in Baker City. Contact Powder River Sportsmen's Club for more info. Email: info@prsportsmen.com

**July 10, Service Rifle Match** 8:30 a.m. at the Virtue Flat Shooting Range in Baker City. Contact Powder River Sportsmen's Club for more info. Email: info@prsportsmen.com

**August 13, Baker County Public Library** will host a free class about Medicare on Saturday, August 13, 2016 at 2 p.m. To reserve seats, call 800-722-4134.

**July 22-24, Nez Perce Tamkaliks Celebration** (In Wallowa) is a celebration and recognition of the continuing Nez Perce presence in the Wallowa Valley. Join us in our three day celebration of traditional Native American culture. wallowanezperce.org

## Haines Grand Marshall and Queen - the Stephens

It is a big week for Richard and Nina Stephens. Throughout the upcoming holiday weekend, the community will honor these two good people as their Grand Marshall and Queen for the Haines Fourth of July celebration. In addition, this past Wednesday, June 29th, Richard and Nina, celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary. Happy celebrations all around!

For most of their lives, Richard and Nina have resided in the Haines area. It is here where they have raised hay, cattle and grain, and they have raised their family.

The Stephens have three children, Delbert (wife, Sam), Jennifer (husband, Chris), and Cynthia (husband, Eric). Add thirteen grandchildren, five great grandchildren - with two more on the way - and you recognize how family takes center-stage for Richard and Nina.

According to Nina, "this valley is the best place to raise a family."

Richard has always loved being a farmer. He has taken great pride in the fact he was able to work hard and fix darn near anything. He loves antique tractors (John Deere, of course) and has enjoyed hunting deer and elk throughout the years.

Nina loves having a garden and planting flowers. She enjoys reading, cooking and sewing. When she wasn't working in town, she helped Richard on the farm. Over the years, driving tractor, working cattle, or delivering home-made meals to him in the field were all part of Nina's busy day.

Their Smokin Boot Ranch has provided great opportunities for their own children, school kids and FFA students to learn the value of rural living and the importance of a strong work ethic.

Family members shared that Richard and Nina have always placed great importance in helping out someone who is in need. Their continued commitment to service have provided the basis for lessons their children value and hope



Haines 4th of July Grand Marshall Richard and Queen Nina Stephens

to carry with them as they go through life.

Their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren are very proud of Richard and Nina and wanted to say: "Thank you for giving us those gifts that cannot be sold, but are learned through example and encouragement."

Remember, Saturday evening, July 2nd, 6:30 p.m., at the Haines Methodist Community Hall, there will be a potluck dinner honoring Grand Marshall Richard and Queen Nina. Please join the Stephens family, the Friends of Haines, and community members for this great event.

## Marvin Wood Products Celebrates Milestone

30 Years Later: They Are Very Much a Part of Our Community's Fabric



These six employees were hired the first year of Marvin Wood Products opening in Baker City and they are still employed today. Donna Ward; Little Rip Operator, Leonard Devlin, Scanner Operator; Dean Amundson, Production Manager; Verl Cote, Supervisor; Everett Vassar, Plant Manager; Duane Amundson, Fingerjoint Operator.

Thirty years ago, Marvin Wood Products arrived on Baker City's doorstep. Who could ever have predicted the enormous role this company would play in employment opportunities, community support, and a corporate commitment to its workforce.

Today, Marvin Wood Products has 150 full-time employees - making it one of the largest employers in Baker County.

On Wednesday, June 22nd, past and present employees, county and city representatives, and Marvin executives gathered under tents to enjoy a great lunch and celebrate this significant milestone.

Paul Marvin, President of Marvin Windows and Doors, joined the festivities and helped celebrate with local employees by announcing an \$11 Million project to expand its operations and capabilities with new machines and a plant expansion.

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Marvin Wood Products Vice President of Operations, Brian Johnson (left), and Everett Vassar, Baker City's Plant Manager, address the crowd at the 30th Anniversary celebration.

## Little League



Submitted photo

Baker Little League 10-11-12 year old team on Saturday evening just prior to their game with Harney County.

### All Star Rosters

8/9/10 -  
Paul Hobson  
Thomas Smithson  
Palmer Chandler  
Cole Hester  
Bean Newman  
Jaxon Logsdon  
Eli Long  
Hudson Spike  
Isaiah Jones  
Resean Jones  
Cooper Secl  
Garrett Johnson  
Kaden Conklin

Game Results: Beat Harney County B team 17-0; Beat Harney County A team 12-0; Played Wed. vs. Hermiston

9/10/11 -  
Austen Zemmer  
Dyson Robb  
Gaven Stecher  
Kai Ogan  
Tate Powell  
Cole Martin  
Dominic Myers

Dawson McGinn  
Diego Quntela  
Daniel Humbert  
Alex Ritter

Game Results: Beat Grant County 12-2, Lost to Harney County; Beat La Grande 16-11; Played Tues. vs. Harney County

10/11/12 -  
Cody Skidgel  
Connor Chastain  
Clay Martin  
Maddox Charboneau  
Luke Chastain  
Dwight Beatty  
Reece Dixon  
Kaiden Dalke  
Luke Johnson  
Logan Hull  
Hayden Younger  
Lane Molina

Game Results: Lost to Harney County 16-1; Beat Columbia 12-6; Lost to Pendleton 10-0; Out of tournament

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You are cordially invited to a  
**Wedding Extravaganza**  
Eastern Oregon Museum  
Enjoy vintage and antique wedding gowns  
The show runs now through Labor Day

610 3rd Street, Haines, Oregon  
Thursday-Saturday 9:30 - 3 • Sunday 12:30 - 3

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available at  
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