

Baker City Herald

January 16, 2019

Serving Baker County since 1870 • bakercityherald.com



Kaden Sand

IN THIS EDITION: Local • Business & AgLife • Go! magazine \$1.50

QUICK HITS

Good Day Wish To A Subscriber

A special good day to Herald subscriber Phyllis Galloway of Baker City.

Oregon, 5A

SALEM — Oregon needs to shore up health care, the environment, the education system and housing, Gov. Kate Brown said during her State of the State address Monday.

Speaking in the House of Representatives after she was sworn in, Brown said Oregon's unemployment rate is the lowest on record and has one of the fastest job growth rates in the country.

BRIEFING

Greg Walden postpones Jan. 22 town hall

Rep. Greg Walden has postponed his town hall scheduled for Jan. 22 in Baker City because Congress is slated to be in session that day after a revision to the congressional schedule announced by the House of Representatives' Democratic leaders.

Walden will also reschedule town halls set for next week in Wallowa, Union, Umatilla, Morrow, Gilliam, Hood River and Wasco counties.

Pine Eagle preschool raffling bison

HALFWAY — The Pine Eagle Charter School Preschool is selling tickets for a raffle that includes a 3-year-old cow or bull bison harvest, two nights at the Halfway Motel and RV Park and other prizes.

All proceeds benefit the preschool in Halfway. The raffle will run until March 31 or until all 400 tickets have been sold. Tickets are \$50 each.

The raffle winner will also receive breakfast at Wild Bill's restaurant in Halfway, a \$100 gift card at Halfway Mercantile, and 15 pounds of bison summer sausage from Snake River Smokehouse.

To buy tickets or for more information, go to www.bisonraffle.com

WEATHER

Today
39 / 35



Snow showers

Thursday
45 / 32



Rain showers

Correction: The Trash Talk column on Page 1B of Monday's issue had the wrong email address for the group. The address is bakercitytrashtalk@gmail.com.

Sunday Fire Severely Damages Inland Cafe In Baker City

Meals & Memories

■ Owner of the iconic 10th St. restaurant plans to rebuild, reopen



Photo courtesy of Kristi Hensley

Tufts of insulation and other debris covered the floor at the Inland Cafe Monday morning following a fire Sunday night at the restaurant on 10th Street.

By Jayson Jacoby
jjacoby@bakercityherald.com

Kristi Hensley is sitting in a booth at one of the two restaurants she owns in Baker City, but at this moment on a cold, sunny Monday morning she is thinking only of the other restaurant.

The one just two blocks south on 10th Street.

The one that's the source of the acrid aroma of smoke that still clings to Hensley's clothes on this, the day after.

Hensley and her husband, Chris, have for 11 years owned the Inland Cafe, a fixture in Baker City for more than half a century and one of those hometown diners that locals mention when visitors ask where they can get a hearty plateful of biscuits and gravy.

The Inland, at 2715 10th St., was severely damaged in a fire Sunday night.

A little more than half a day later, Hensley can scarcely comprehend what happened.

"I feel like I'm going to wake up," she says as sunshine streams in the window at her other restaurant, the Eagle Cap Grill. "It's so surreal, I didn't really believe it until I actually



Photo courtesy of Kristi Hensley

Baker City Fire Chief John Clark said the blaze at the Inland Cafe apparently started in the ceiling in the kitchen area.

walked inside this morning." What Hensley saw inside the Inland was a familiar setting, the place where generations of diners have buttered pancakes,

sipped coffee and crunched bacon, rendered strange and ugly by flames and smoke and water.

See **Inland** / Page 2A

BARLEY BROWN'S BREWS BEER TO HELP VICTIMS OF CALIFORNIA FIRE



Photo by Alyssa Henry

Eli Dickison is a brewer at Barley Brown's in Baker City.

Brewing aid for wildfire victims

By Casey Crowley
ccrowley@bakercityherald.com

Barley Brown's in Baker City recently joined about 1,400 other breweries in producing a beer that will help California residents who lost their homes in the Camp Fire in November.

The brewers all agreed to make a batch of Resilience Butte County Proud IPA.

The fundraiser was started by Sierra Nevada, a brewery started in Chico, California, near the Camp Fire, which scorched 153,000 acres and destroyed thousands of homes in and near the city of Paradise.

Sierra Nevada invited every brewery in the U.S. to participate in the fundraiser. Nearly 25 percent of the country's breweries — including approximately 60 in Oregon, including Side A Brewing in La Grande — agreed to make the beer and donate money from sales to the Camp Fire Relief Fund.

See **Brewing** / Page 3A

Search and Rescue hauls injured man to ambulance

Baker County's Search and Rescue Team was called out Tuesday morning when a Baker City Fire Department ambulance was unable to reach an injured man on a snowbound forest road in the mountains near Whitney.

The team used a snowmobile and a track-equipped four-wheeler, which tows a rescue toboggan, to travel to the man's remote home on Pinus Creek Loop about 35 miles southwest of Baker City and about three miles north of Highway 7.

See **Rescue** / Page 3A

TODAY

Issue 109, 22 pages

Business.....1B & 2B
Calendar.....2A
Classified.....4B-7B

Comics.....3B
Community News....3A
Crossword.....5B & 6B

Dear Abby.....8B
Horoscope.....5B & 6B
Letters.....4A

News of Record.....2A
Obituaries.....2A
Opinion.....4A

Senior Menus.....2A
Sports.....6A
Weather.....8B

FRIDAY — WINTER TAKING IT EASY SO FAR ON DEER HERDS

