

Local

BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

MONDAY, JAN. 13

- **Baker County Library Board:** 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Riverside meeting room at the library, 2400 Resort St.
- **Medical Springs Rural Fire Protection District Board:** 7 p.m. at the Pondosa Station.

TUESDAY, JAN. 14

- **Baker City Council:** 7 p.m., City Hall, 1655 First St.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 15

- **Baker County Board of Commissioners Work Session:** 9 a.m., Courthouse, 1995 Third St.; to discuss requests for proposals (RFPs) for Hewitt-Holcomb parks and a proposal for a Sumpter Event Center.

THURSDAY, JAN. 16

- **Baker Rural Fire Protection District Board:** 5:30 p.m. at the Pocatontas Fire Station.
- **Baker School Board:** 6 p.m., Council chambers at Baker City Hall, 1655 First St.

FRIDAY, JAN. 17

- **Live Music by Keith Taylor:** Ragtime piano, 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., Crossroads Carnegie Art Center, 2020 Auburn Ave.; no charge; continues most Fridays.

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald January 13, 1970

Baker City Council took action Monday night to begin condemnation of the city Natatorium which in all likelihood will later be burned down or somehow demolished.

Recent consideration of the Nat's disposition was brought about at the council's Dec. 22 meeting.

25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald January 13, 1995

The Oregon Board of Forestry chose Baker City logger Chuck Phegley as its outstanding operator of the year for Eastern Oregon in 1994.

10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald January 13, 2010

Mayor Dennis Dorrah said at Tuesday's City Council meeting that contract talks have gone well with Tim Johnson, the Council's choice for city manager, but that a family medical emergency might prevent Johnson from reporting for work for a month or two, or possibly longer.

ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald January 14, 2019

A Sunday night fire severely damaged the Inland Cafe, a 10th Street eatery beloved for its breakfasts and a popular meeting spot for groups of families and friends.

The fire at the Inland Cafe, 2715 10th St., was reported at 8:51 p.m., Baker City Police Chief John Clark. Firefighters from the Baker City Fire Department, Baker Rural Fire District and Haines Fire District responded to the blaze.

The restaurant, which had closed about 8:15 p.m., was empty. None of the firefighters was hurt.

Kristi Hensley, who owns the Inland, wrote in a post on her Facebook page: "There are no words I can say! We are heartbroken! Worst of all is my poor employees have no where to go to work tomorrow! It was almost complete devastation inside. We are just sick about it!"

Clark said the fire is under investigation, but it appears to be accidental rather than arson.

He said restaurant employees had locked the doors and left just 35 minutes or so before the fire was reported.

No appliances or other equipment was left on, Clark said.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, Jan. 11

1 - 24 - 31 - 35 - 42 - 43
Next jackpot: \$1.2 million

POWERBALL, Jan. 11

3 - 21 - 23 - 31 - 59 PB 3
Next jackpot: \$296 million

MEGA MILLIONS, Jan. 10

17 - 27 - 49 - 51 - 66 Mega 2
Next jackpot: \$91 million

WIN FOR LIFE, Jan. 11

17 - 25 - 41 - 77

PICK 4, Jan. 12

• 1 p.m.: 8 - 2 - 9 - 8
• 4 p.m.: 1 - 5 - 6 - 2
• 7 p.m.: 7 - 1 - 5 - 3
• 10 p.m.: 9 - 6 - 9 - 3

LUCKY LINES, Jan. 12

4-6-11-16-18-22-26-32

Next jackpot: \$12,000

SENIOR MENUS

- **TUESDAY:** Salisbury steak, potatoes and gravy, mixed vegetables, bread, green salad, cake
- **WEDNESDAY:** Breaded pork loin, baked potato, broccoli-blend vegetables, roll, pea-and-onion salad, cinnamon roll

Public luncheon at the Senior Center, 2810 Cedar St., 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; \$4.50 donation (60 and older), \$6.75 for those under 60.

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Chamber honors Baker leaders

By Samantha O'Conner
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Despite icy roads and snowfall, community members filled the Baker Elks Lodge Saturday evening for the 90th annual Baker County Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet.

Beginning the recognitions, Jerry Shaw announced the Hometown Heroes, beginning with Sheriff's Office Dispatcher Amanda Bunch, who on May 3, 2019, helped the mother of an unconscious toddler perform CPR.

"Sheriff's Office dispatcher Bunch's training, knowledge, and skill in combination with her calm professionalism directly resulted in the toddler surviving the incident," Shaw said.

Baker City Fire Department Lt. Ben Decker was recognized as a Hometown Hero for his work as a paramedic and firefighter.

"His exemplary service over the last 15 years is an inspiration to everyone," Shaw said.

Decker risked his life in July to rescue a trapped woman from a fully engulfed structure fire, Shaw said.

Steve and Jan Boles were recognized as Hometown Heros for their work and volunteer time with the Powder River Rural and Sumpter Valley Fire Departments.

"Recently they made sure we were able to purchase a much needed upgraded ambulance quick response unit from Baker City by donating the money for the purchase in honor of Jan's late father and mother, Lt. Col. Herbert K. and Linda Wheeler," Shaw said.

Sue Richard presented the Legacy Woman of the Year award to Barbara Prowell.

Richard referenced the classic movie "It's A Wonderful Life," listing the ways Baker City would be different if "this sweet woman hadn't

"When I got hurt, there was a lot of people in the community that did a lot of things for me, for my family, that helped us financially, helped us spiritually, helped us a lot of ways."

— Steve Sharp, Man of the Year recipient

done all she has."

Richard referenced Prowell's work with school children in helping them learn to read, her volunteer time at the library, and work with community concerts bringing world renowned performers to Baker High School. Prowell was a longtime Baker teacher.

"Have you ever driven along Campbell Street and seen the flowers growing beside the Leo Adler pathway? You would not have seen those hand-selected specimens or watch them thrive if our legacy lady wasn't there to tend to them," Richards said.

Shaw presented the Legacy Man of the Year Award to Denzil Robbins, citing his work in helping the local agriculture industry.

"I wanted to say, the legacy did start with my dad back in Heppner where I was born and then we moved here about 60 years ago and instilled in a lot of people in this room that he was a teacher of," Robbins said, talking about his father, Lew, a longtime Baker High School teacher who died in 2015.

"He wanted to make sure that everybody had a fair chance in life and he worked very hard to educate, to help make them be successful," Denzil Robbins said, "and he put that into me and in turn I've tried to make this community a better place, help

the Ag community the best I can, and this has been a great community to work in."

Steve Sharp of Richland was recognized as Man of the Year. Sharp overcame a life threatening injury in 1992 at age 17, when he lost both arms above the elbow in a farming accident.

Shaw said Sharp spent numerous years fighting to change legislation that barred individuals from taking legal action against manufacturers.

Sharp has worked to help disabled children and individuals through his program Creating Memories for Disabled Children, offering outdoor activities free of charge.

"I wanted to say thank you to Baker County," Sharp said. When I got hurt, there was a lot of people in the community that did a lot of things for me, for my family, that helped us financially, helped us spiritually, helped us a lot of ways. Some of the stuff I've been involved in have been just really great."

Michelle Kaseberg presented the Woman of the Year Award to Mary Ellen Anderson, saying Anderson is the "I have an idea gal" for the Livestock Association, proposing their well-known Cowpie Fudge and their tailgate party.

"This is an organization that is phenomenal," Anderson said. "These women, and I've said it before, are the salt of the earth. They know how to get dirty, they know how to work, and they've trusted me and my crazy ideas."

The Baker City Kiwanis Club was presented the Organization of the Year Award for their work and support of youth programs and activities in Baker County.

Martin Arritola was presented the Excellence in Agriculture award.

"He has a true passion

for the agriculture community and it shows in all of his endeavours," Shaw said. "Martin is a dedicated small business man and has expanded his business in two counties to fill the needs in Northeast Oregon."

Arritola, who owns Oregon Trail Livestock Supply in Baker City, volunteers for the Saint Alphonsus Medical Center Board, Baker County Economic Development, and others.

"Without the support of this community, we certainly wouldn't have been as successful as we have been," Arritola said.

Entrepreneur of the Year was awarded to Ryan and Kaylin Chaves, the owners of Glacier 45 Distillery and previous owners of Kicks Sportswear.

"High energy is an understatement when it comes to the dynamic duo," Shaw said.

"We are so honored, you guys. We love this community," Kaylin Chaves said in accepting the award.

"To get the Entrepreneur Award means a lot to us because we take heavy risks in order to do the businesses we're doing to try to provide jobs for this community and without this towns support out of the gate, it would have been a lot rougher for us," Ryan Chaves said.

Jeff Nelson, with the Blue Mountain Community College Small Business Development Center, presented the Business of the Year Award to Grocery Outlet.

The grocery store opened in November 2018 at 297 Campbell Street, just east of Interstate 84.

"This business that came in, they came into Baker when we needed them most," Nelson said. "Since they opened, they have supported youth programs, community events, and Baker City Downtown."

AVALANCHE

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The Wallowa Avalanche Center issued an avalanche warning for the Elkhorn Mountains during the weekend for "very dangerous avalanche conditions" due to

heavy snow and strong winds.

That warning remains in effect today.

According to the advisory issued this morning by the Avalanche Center in Joseph: "Natural avalanches are likely and human triggered avalanches are very likely on all aspects and elevations. Travel

in avalanche terrain is not recommended, as very dangerous avalanche conditions exist."

The warning advises backcountry travelers to "avoid all avalanche terrain including valley bottoms that are connected to open slopes at high elevations."

OBITUARY

Wayne Wilson

Richland, 1936-2019

Wayne Wilson, 83, of Richland, and formerly of Prairie City, John Day Valley and Long Creek, died on Dec. 16, 2019, at St. Luke's Regional Medical Center in Boise.

His memorial service will take place Saturday, Jan. 18 at 2 p.m. at the Pine Baptist Church in Halfway. Friends are invited to join the family for a reception to be held immediately following at the church.

Wayne Kenneth Wilson was born on March 15, 1936, at Parma, Idaho, to Guy and

Maud Wilson.

He was raised in Idaho, Missouri, and the John Day Valley. He graduated from high school in 1954 at Mount Vernon, Oregon.

Wayne and Gloria met while going through school together. They were married on Aug. 8, 1954, and had two daughters.

Wayne spent many years (40) working in the woods in Grant County. He had a love of falling trees. He spent the last 7 years before retirement working for the City of Prairie City. He and Gloria moved to Richland in the spring of 2007 in the home of Kurt and Joan Hills to provide many family fishing outings as a bed and breakfast with all six

bedrooms filled and Wayne as chief breakfast cook and dishwasher.

He enjoyed fishing, camping, gardening and cooking. He enjoyed high school and college basketball. Wayne's favorite season was fishing season. Memorable times for Wayne included having his family around him and would be remembered most for his love for his kids.

Wayne is survived by his wife, Gloria; his daughters, Debra Jean Wells and her husband, Peter of the Tri-Cities, West Richland, Washington, Joan Marie Hills and her husband, Kurt, of Baker City; his grandsons, Christopher Wells and his wife, Crystal, Michael Wells, and Doug Hills and his wife, Alicia; his great-grandchildren, Christian, Wilson and

Evelyn Wells, and Alena and Kyra Hills; his sister, Ruth; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Wayne was preceded in death by his parents; his sisters, Helen, Norma, Lois and Lucille; his brothers, Les and Leck; and his granddaughter, Jody Hills.

For those who would like to make a memorial donation in memory of Wayne, the family suggests the Pine Baptist Church through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services, P.O. Box 543, Halfway, OR 97834. Online condolences can be made at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com

NEWS OF RECORD

POLICE LOG

Baker City Police Arrests, citations
CRIMINAL TRESPASSING: Todd Mitchell Post, 56, transient, 7:41 p.m. Sunday, in the 800 block of Campbell Street; cited and released.

VIOLATION OF PRETRIAL RELEASE (Ada County, Idaho, warrant): Marilu Catalina Sotelo, 38, of Redding, California, 12:08 p.m. Friday, on Interstate 84 at Baker City; jailed.

CONTEMPT OF COURT (Baker County Justice Court): Stacy Lee Lindstrom, 40, of 1020 Resort St., 2:19 a.m. Saturday, at Court Avenue and Main Street; jailed.

Baker County Sheriff's Office

Arrests, citations
ATTEMPTING TO ELUDE POLICE (two counts) and WASHINGTON FUGITIVE WARRANT: Mathew Deon Johnson, 25, transient, 11:20 a.m. Friday, at the sheriff's office; jailed.

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BOMBSHELL
FRI: (4:00) 7:00
SAT & SUN: (1:00) (4:00) 7:00
MON-THURS: 7:00

STAR WARS: THE RISE OF SKYWAKER PG-13
FRI: (3:30) 6:30
SAT & SUN: (12:30) (3:30) 6:30
MON-THURS: 6:30

JUMANJI: THE NEXT LEVEL PG-13
FRI: (3:45) 6:45
SAT & SUN: (12:45) (3:45) 6:45
MON-THURS: 6:45

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Weekly Specials January 13-19

Monday	Meatloaf.....	\$8.95
Tuesday	All You Can Eat Spaghetti.....	\$8.95
Wednesday	Liver & Onions.....	\$8.95
Thursday	Chicken Fried Steak.....	\$9.95
Friday	All You Can Eat Mini Shrimp.....	\$9.95
	Steak & Shrimp.....	\$10.95
	Pan Fried Oysters.....	\$10.50
Saturday	Prime Rib.....	\$14.95 / NY Steak.....\$13.95
Sunday	Breaded Pork Loin.....	\$9.50/8.95 sr

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