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Brooklyn raises \$17,000



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Brooklyn's annual taco feed raised \$17,000 with over 1,300 tacos sold.

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The Brooklyn PTO has once again orchestrated an amazing fund raiser in the form of a taco feed and book fair.

The February 5 event, which was held at the Events Center, ran from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Participants could enjoy an all-you-can-eat taco dinner, purchase books, bid on silent auction items and have their name drawn for a prize in the raffle.

Betty Spooner volunteered her time as the emcee. The PTO with its officers—President Angela Robb, Vice President Cindy Chandler, Treasurer Andi Jaca and Secretary Amanda Morgan—started

work on the event in the

This team, along with many other volunteer parents and Brooklyn staff worked throughout the evening.

The Leadership Team was present from Baker Middle School, serving food and waiting tables as well as doing cleanup following the event.

During the weeks before the taco feed, coin jars were placed in the Brooklyn classrooms.

Students could vote, using their coins, on the attire worn by Mrs. O'Neal on the day of the taco feed.

O'Neal, an Oregon State University alum, had hoped the Beaver jars would bring in the most

money, but the students decided that she was to wear the colors of the University of Oregon Ducks.

A good sport, O'Neal conceded and wore the green and yellow with style.

Kids and parents were obviously having fun, and the auction item winners were announced to much in the way of cheers and good natured teasing.

"I've got my pickup, just load it up," shouted one of the non-winning dads about neighbors winning a nice BBQ, "I'll test it out for you, make sure everything works!"

In total, 1,300 tacos were sold, contributing to the \$17,000 raised after expenses.

BHS FBLA ranks high at regional competion



FBLA members show off their award certificates last Thursday in front of the Hoke building on the EOU campus.

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Baker High School's chapter of Business Leaders of America (FBLA) competed in the Regional FLBA competition in La Grande at the Eastern Oregon University Campus.

Several students qualified for the State competition, which will be held in Portland this April.

Results:

Computer Applications: Dawson Vanderwiele, 4th Business Math: Mason Tomac, 1st

Business Communication: Koby Hansen, 5th; Megan Burk, 8th

Intro to Parli Pro -Ashlie Chastain, 5th

Computer Problem Solving: Jesse Johnson,2nd; Ezra Taylor, 4th; Bailey Hill, 5th; Trevor Ball, 8th

Personal Finance -Mason Tomac, 5th; Will Goodwin, 7th

Business Calculations: Will Goodwin, 8th Public Speaking II -

Hollis Robb, 5th Business Law: Koby Hansen, 2nd; Kailyn

McQuisten, 3rd Intro to Business Communication: Josie

Bryan, 7th Agribusiness: Faith Ashby, 3rd; Rory Scilacci, 4th; Meagan Tool,

Management Decision

Making: Rory Scillaci & Kylie Skidgel 2nd Networking Concepts:

Bailey Hill 4th Insurance & Risk Management: Caroline

Dudley 5th Intro to Information Technology: Jesse Johnson 2nd

Desktop Publishing: Kassidy Hertel, 2nd; Bekka Hughes & Dawson Vanderwiele, 6th; Paige Pearce & Desiree Davis, 9th

Impromptu Speaking: Megan Burk 10th

Job Interview: Lindsay Livingston 2nd

Sports & Entertainment Management: Nathan Illingsworth, Draven Pearce, and Dominic Yervasi, 9th; Trevor Ball, Ezra Taylor, 10th

Word Processing: Kaylie Pointer, 9th

Entrepreneurship: Ashlie Chastain & Kailyn McQuisten, 4th; Kassidy Hertel, Ashley Knoll, Lindsay Livingston, 6th; Vicky Ortiz, Meagan Tool, 7th; Josephine Bryan & Caroline Dudley, 8th

Marketing: T.J. Busciglio & Delaney Stone,

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Jesse Johnson, Vicky Ortiz, Carson Lein and Gracee Cross during a testing session at EOU.

7th; Michelle Freese & Emily Tatlock, 8th; Draven Pearce & Dominic Yervasi,

Hospitality Management: Emma Deputy & Amy Wong, 9th

Members who qualify at State have the opportunity to move on to Nationals, which are held at the end of June in Chicago, Illinois.

FFA drive-thru BBQ sells out all 550 meals



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The annual BHS FFA annual drive-through barbecue sold out a full half-hour early this year when all 550 meals went in record time.



