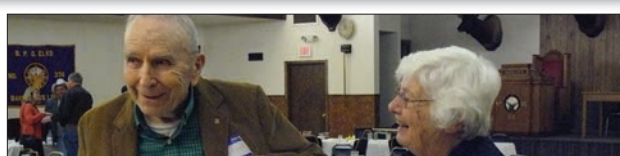


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CATTLEWOMEN AND CATTLEMEN SERVE UP LUNCH AT SOUTH BAKER

Beef: it's what's for lunch



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Bert White barbecues some juicy beef, while Bob Harrell mans the second grill in the background.

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The Baker County Cattlewomen and Cattlemen joined forces to serve over 300 people, including students, parents and faculty, a barbecue beef tri-tip lunch as part of an annual tradition in its 6th year, last Thursday, March 19th, at South Baker Intermediate.

The group of volunteers included Susan Nelson, Kate Rohner, Becky and

Bob Harrell, Beth and Wannie Mackenzie, Carol Hummel, Bert White and Bob McKim, and in the kitchen were full-time school employees Alita Arndell and Debbie Koontz.

Rohner introduced an informational video the Cattlewomen presented, the main focus of which was beef, to the students, 4th through 6th graders, while the Cattlemen prepared the tri-tip roasts outside on two portable

grills. The video included children of different ages, explaining their daily ranching and farming routines and responsibilities, and the nutritional benefits of consuming beef.

Rohner talked to the students about the process from calf to beef product, and asked, "Who likes hamburger?" Not surprisingly, the majority raised their hands, and she had a lively interaction, explaining the bi-products from

cattle like leather shoes, lotions, and makeup, while the volunteers handed out beef jerky to the students.

She introduced another video produced by the Peterson Farm Brothers, titled "Chore," a farm-themed parody of the Katy Perry song and video "Roar." The video, one in a series by the Petersons, was also well-received by the students.

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Walden speaks at two events

TOWN HALL, BANQUET
DRAW AROUND 150 PEOPLE



Kerry McQuisten / The Baker County Press

Volunteers from the local Boy Scouts brought in the colors to start the town hall last Saturday.

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Last Saturday was a full evening for Congressman Greg Walden who held a town hall at the VAOI on Main Street just prior to attending the Baker County Republicans' Annual Banquet just down the street.

Roughly 35 people attended the town hall, an unusual mix of local Democrats and Republicans including the County chairs of both parties, as well as many welcome new faces representing several political affiliations.

After the town hall, an annual banquet, which is one of the local Republican party's fundraisers, filled the Elks Lodge with around 115 people in attendance. The panel of guests, a prime rib dinner, and Walden as keynote speaker drew applause several times during the evening.

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Museum display honors men and women in uniform

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There are some important dates in history coming up and the Baker Heritage Museum is preparing to acknowledge and celebrate them with a new display honoring those who have served.

The exhibit is aptly named "Honoring those that served." Mindy Sherrieb, one of the volunteers at the museum who is working on the exhibit, which officially opened in the main gallery of the museum Saturday, March 21, said, "It will continue to be a work in progress with completion not expected until close to Memorial Day. It is a two-year exhibit."

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Part of the museum's new display honoring local veterans includes uniforms and a plaque listing the names of some WWII veterans who were Elks.

Fire Chief focuses on fire prevention

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Mark John has only been at the helm as the new Baker City Fire Chief since January, but since taking on his new endeavor he has been doing a lot of evaluation of the Baker City Fire Department's systems and processes.

One of the areas that he is planning on taking immediate action on is building inspections with the focal point being downtown.

"Many of those occupancies have not been inspected for a very long time," said John.

The department has had a long-standing fire prevention program that as of today is underutilized. There are a couple of purposes for restarting and making a priority this inspection process. The obvious being education and prevention.

"By getting into buildings and identifying areas that could in the future cause a problem and getting it corrected is essential. Letting business and building owners know where problems lie and what the ramifications could be, suggest areas for improvement and support those efforts," he said.

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Friday Mostly clear and sunny with highs around 68. Slight chance of rain showers overnight with lows in the mid 40s.

Saturday 40% chance of rain showers, otherwise mostly clear in the later parts of the day. Highs in the low 50s. Lows in the mid-20s at night.

Sunday A wealth of sunshine with highs in the upper 50s. Partly cloudy and cool at night, warmer than the night before though. Lows around 35.

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