

Business & Ag

Small local stores ready to take on grocery customers

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With the Baker City Haggen store officially closing later this month, the unique offerings of the smaller groceries around town will become even more vital for area consumers. These offerings include York's drive through service, Kennedy's quick stop shopping, and the Baker Food Co-op's deals on bulk foods.

Teresa Perkins, owner of Kennedy's Eastside Grocery on Washington Street, said that Kennedy's is best known for the cheapest soda in town, with prices for all fountain drinks under a dollar.

But Perkins said she also carries grocery items such as milk, bread, eggs, cereal, condiments, and other emergency staples in a convenient quick-stop setting.

The Baker City Food Co-op carries many staples in bulk, including beans, grains, flours, and herbs and spices. Carol Morrison, manager, said for example, "We have wonderful organic and nonorganic spices. You can get as much or as little as you need at a good price."

She said fresh organic foods come in every Tuesday. Co-op membership is not required to shop there, though members do receive a discount on purchases. In addition,



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Laura Miller and Donna Landon browsing spice collection at the Baker Food Co-Op.

the Co-op offers a "buy more, save more" feature. Nonmembers receive a 5% discount when purchasing full cases or bulk bags and nonworking members receive a 10% discount for these purchases.

York's offers a drive-through service for customers. Owner Marilyn Logsdon explained, "We will gladly do a little bit of shopping [for customers]."

York's carries such daily essentials as bread, milk, butter, eggs, and cheese. Everything is available for purchase at the drive-through window except for lottery tickets and beer.

Logsdon said bread is delivered from Western

Farm every Wednesday, so Wednesday evening or Thursday is a terrific time to pick up fresh bread for the week.

Though retaining the same variety of bread, York's will be increasing the amount of their bread inventory. Logsdon said if they start running out of other items quickly, they will beef up inventory to accommodate customers.

Although Haggen's neighbor, Bi-Mart, is not planning to expand its inventory specifically related to the closure, Vice President of Advertising and Marketing Don Leber said that Bi-Mart in general does continue to expand their offerings in food,

beverages, and snacks.

Leber explained that along with grab-and-go type items, Bi-Mart offers products such as milk, butter, and juices in coolers at the front of the store. Essentials for food preparation for breakfast, lunch, and dinner are also offered in the stores.

Safeway's Public Relations representative did not respond to requests for comment on Safeway's preparations for additional customers.

An official closing date for Haggen has not been announced, but the store is currently offering going-out-of-business sales prices of 10-30% off storewide.

Masquerade Ball fills the Geiser Grand on Halloween



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Vampire Suzan Ellis Jones and knight in real 50-lb. chainmail Keith Jones danced the night away.



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L-R: Author Angela Steed from West Virginia, publisher Kerry McQuisten and author Kimberly Adkins from Ohio pose before the authors' book signing.



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Looking down from above, the dance floor beneath the stained glass ceiling drew a crowd.



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Two gorgeously masked guests arrive early on at The Geiser Grand.

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Guests came from as far as West Virginia, Ohio, Idaho, Washington and all across Oregon—and as near as just down the street on Halloween night to attend the Wicked Ways

Masquerade Ball at the Geiser Grand Hotel.

The ball was the result of a partnership between Black Lyon Publishing (*The Baker County Press*) and The Geiser Grand Hotel with owner Barbara Sidway.

Guests were able to mill

around the expanse of the hotel, dance, then head to the cellar for palm readings or back upstairs for a book signing or professional photographic portraits.

The crowd was perhaps the most impressive part of the evening with a variety of masks and opulent

costumes.

The ball will become an annual event—next year's to be held on October 29, 2016. Organizers hope to add additional activities to the event for guests to enjoy while retaining all the gothic qualities of this year's event.

— WEEKLY HAY REPORT —

Friday, October 30, 2015 — Eastern Oregon

Prices trended generally steady compared to week ago prices. Export sales have picked up slightly. Retail/Stable demand for all types of hay from Crook, Deschutes, Jefferson, Wasco counties continues to be good. Many producers have decided to hold on to their hay for now, in hopes for higher prices. Some producers are have had their water rights cut off due to the drought.

Tons	Price Range	Wtd Avg
Alfalfa — Large Square, Premium	200 200.00-200.00	200.00
Orchard Grass — Small Square, Good	20 190.00-190.00	190.00
Timothy Grass — Small Square, Good	10 190.00-190.00	190.00

Last week:

Wheat / Barley Straw — Small Square, Utility	400 45.00-45.00	45.00
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— CATTLE MARKET REPORT —

Wednesday, October 28, 2015

Vale, Oregon

Cattle sold through the auction: 1,642

Steer Calves

300-400#	Bulk 279.00 - 312.00	Top 315.00
400-500#	Bulk 197.00 - 273.00	Top 284.00
500-600#	Bulk 182.00 - 216.50	Top 218.50

Heifer Calves

300-400#	Bulk 223.00 - 243.00	Top 249.00
400-500#	Bulk 186.00 - 226.00	Top 227.00
500-600#	Bulk 158.00 - 186.50	Top 188.60

Yearling Steers

600-700#	Bulk 173.00 - 197.00	Top 198.00
700-800#	Bulk 163.00 - 192.00	Top 194.50
800-900#	Bulk 172.00 - 186.00	Top 188.00
900-1,000#	Bulk 149.00 - 161.00	Top 163.00

Yearling Heifers

600-700#	Bulk 162.00 - 178.00	Top 179.50
700-800#	Bulk 149.00 - 174.00	Top 180.00
800-900#	Bulk 143.00 - 162.00	Top 164.50
900-1,000#	Bulk 132.00 - 145.00	Top 147.00

Thin Shelly Cows	52.00 - 65.00
Butcher Cows	66.00 - 76.00
Butcher Bulls	74.00 - 89.00
Stock Cows Yng.	N/A
Younger Hfrts.	113.00 - 136.00
Stock Cows Older.	98.00 - 126.00

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— LOG PRICE REPORT —

Price per 1,000 board feet: Northeast Oregon

Doug Fir is	\$415.00/mbf
White fir is	\$365.00/mbf
Ponderosa Pine is	brought sold on diameter splits
6 to 11 inch dib	\$300 to \$310/MBF
12 to 17 inch dib	\$350 to \$375/MBF
18 to 23 inch dib	\$400 to \$430/MBF
24 inch plus dib	\$450 to \$500/MBF

DIB is diameter inside bark at small end of log.

MBF is thousand board feet lumber, net scale.

People interested in selling logs should call and get specific quotes from saw mills.

Courtesy of Arvid Andersen,
Andersen Forestry Consulting

— PRECIOUS METALS REPORT —

Price per ounce, USD

Gold: \$1121.60

Silver: \$15.30

Platinum: \$965.75

Palladium: \$647.05

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Corn: \$379.00/bu/USD

Wheat: \$513.00/bu/USD

Soybeans: \$881.15/bu/USD

Oats: \$223.00 bu/USD

Rough Rice: \$12.25/cwt/USD

Canola: \$475.80 CAD/mwt

Live Cattle: \$140.23/lb./USD

Feeder Cattle: \$182.18/lb./USD

Lean Hogs: \$58.23/lb./USD

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