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Candidates forum shows major differences

• FILED DEEDS CONTRADICT KEY RESPONSE BY BRUCE NICHOLS

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About 165 Baker County voters headed to the Sunridge to hear what Republican candidates for Baker County Commissioner Kody Justus, Jeff Nelson

and Bruce Nichols had to say Tuesday night. The forum, sponsored by The Baker County Republicans and this newspaper, gave the three candidates the opportunity to field questions from the general public.

From nearly the first question it became apparent that though all three men are Republican, their backgrounds and political ideologies vary greatly. Justus's background

includes ranching, the military and time on the Natural Resource Advisory Committee.

Nelson's area of expertise is small business development and involvement on several local boards. Nichols is a strong auditor with a financial background due to his career as a CPA. He has also belonged to a number of local boards.

Justus and Nelson expressed repeatedly the

desire to fight against Federal overreach by utilizing existing Coordination law, even initiating legal action to protect local rights as needed. Nichols, by contrast, believes such a fight is not possible—an expensive losing battle.

That difference in perspective carried throughout the evening—and the questions were calm in tone—with the exception of one or two.

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L-R: Kody Justus, Jeff Nelson and Bruce Nichols.

Patriots' Day celebrated



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Residents from all corners of Baker County, as well as Malheur and Union Counties, turned out Sunday to celebrate Patriots' Day.

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Patriots' Day was established on April 19, commemorating the Battles of Lexington and Concord in 1775, and this year it was celebrated in Baker County for the first time.

An assortment of individuals from across the county reserved the Geiser-Pollman Park on Sunday for what was a promoted as a family-friendly day.

Emcee David McQuisten introduced several guest speakers, including gubernatorial candidate Bruce Cuff, County Commissioner candidate Kody Justus, County Commissioner Bill Harvey, radio talk show host Leo Castillo, and others who had traveled from out of the area.

Ed Hardt, Bobbie Danser and Chuck Chase served up free hotdogs to the pub-

lic—they'd come prepared with 500.

Kadie Cosby organized games for kids including a fish for prizes booth, face painting, and a bag toss.

Boxes of pocket constitutions and Bibles were on hand, with both books given away for free to anyone who might want a copy of either.

A core group of about 50 people sat around the park listening to the speakers while dozens of others continually milled through the event.

In total, the event lasted about six hours.

The Patriots' Day holiday also marks the first bloodshed of the American Civil War in the Baltimore riot of 1861.

The day is not to be confused with the September 11 remembrance day, sometimes referred to as Patriot Day.



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This young man from Halfway plays a game of football while in the background gubernatorial candidate Bruce Cuff talks with event emcee David McQuisten.

Tasty Bake's problems grow

• LAWSUITS NOW PLAGUE THE BELEAGUERED COMPANY

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Two lawsuits filed earlier this year underscore the far-ranging impacts of ongoing legal and other issues with the new ownership of Baker City-based Tasty Bake, which has abruptly halted the distribution of its pizza dough products and reduced its workforce by nearly 100%.

Lesaffre Yeast Corporation of Wisconsin filed a lawsuit on March 2, 2016, in Baker County Circuit Court, seeking at least \$21,082.75 from Tasty Bake, claiming that baking ingredients were supplied to the company for which Lesaffre Yeast Corporation received no compensation. Lesaffre Yeast Corporation is represented by The Smith Firm, P.C., of West Linn.

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County Clerk gives election tidbits

SUBMITTED BY CINDY CARPENTER

Every two years voters have the opportunity to participate in the Oregon Primary Election, held in the even-numbered year on the third Tuesday in May. This year Oregon's Primary Election is May 17, 2016.

The Primary Election always brings interesting questions. Below is information on some popular topics about the upcoming Primary Election:

1. Will anyone in Oregon receive ALL the candidates on their Primary ballot?

No. Voters who are registered as a member of the Democrat, Independent or Republican Party will receive a ballot that includes all nominating candidates for that specific party, along with all nonpartisan contests. Voters registered in any of the minor parties or as a non-affiliated voter (not a member of a political party) will receive a ballot for the primary election that includes the nonpartisan contests only.

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	Friday	Mostly cloudy with a chance for showers/t-storms. Chance of precipitation is 40%. Highs in the lower 70s.
	Saturday	Mostly cloudy with a chance for showers then a threat of afternoon thunderstorms. Chance of precipitation is 40%. Highs in the lower 60s.
	Sunday	Mostly cloudy with a threat of showers. Chance of precipitation is 20%. High in the upper 50s.

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