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Live from the RNC!

• BAKER COUNTY'S FIRST DELEGATE TO THE NATIONAL CONVENTION SHARES EXPERIENCE

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As reported in *The Baker County Press* three weeks ago, the slate of 28 delegates and their alternates from Oregon to represent at the Republican National Convention (RNC), includes for the first time a Baker County resident, Suzan Ellis Jones. Jones is

chair of the Baker County Republicans.

The convention is where delegates from around the U.S. gather to cast the votes for president in order for the party to have an official nominee.

On Tuesday, that nominee was announced as Donald J. Trump.

"He may not have been my personal choice, but unless we want Hillary Clinton as President, the party needs to support him," said Jones.

Delegates are bound (meaning they can't simply select a candidate of their own choosing) to cast their votes on behalf of

how voters in Oregon cast their votes. Jones and four others were initially bound to place a delegate vote for candidate Kasich, but later became "unbound" after Kasich was no longer a possibility for nominee. Kasich didn't appear at the convention.

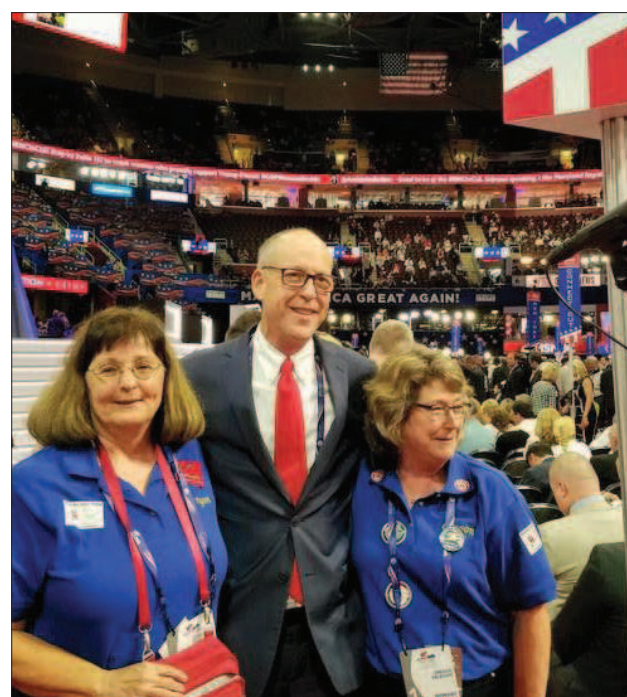
The convention, held at the Quicken Arena in Cleveland, Ohio, has fierce security, says Jones who arrived there last Saturday.

She said two, 8-foot fences have been constructed near the venue. Delegates from around America are being transported to the arena from a mile away or more on

secure busses. Snipers are present on boats out in Lake Erie behind the venue. Other snipers are positioned 24/7 along the rooftops. Federal agents accompany the delegates in secure busses to and from the venue. Approximately 500 police canines are also present, many trained to sniff out bombs, and utilized constantly. The number of law-enforcement officers present is immense, according to Jones, and helicopters are always circling.

"The protestors are so far back that we don't see them," she said.

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Submitted Photo.

Suzan Ellis Jones (left) on the floor near the main stage prior to televised coverage with Rep. Greg Walden.

Celebrities, political figures join Jubilee parade



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Jim Thurber and Jack Hoffman of 'Gold Rush' along with editorial assistant, Vivien McQuisten.

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Last Saturday's Miners Jubilee parade was filled with guests from out of town, including Jim Thurber and Jack Hoffman from the Discovery Channel's hit show "Gold Rush." Todd Hoffman was originally scheduled to appear, but was unable to return from a trip on time.

Thurber and Hoffman said they've been spending most of their time in the southern part of Baker County. Thurber said, "It's nice to get into town."

Hoffman said production on the show is moving along, with some serious sluicing—involving a literal mountain of dirt—scheduled out on the mine

for this week.

After the parade, the two walked to the Geiser-Pollman Park to sit with the Baker County Republican booth, where they took pictures with fans.

Also fresh off the Republican parade float and in the same booth, a variety of elected officials and candidates in the upcoming general election gathered.

Sen. Ted Ferrioli of John Day and Representative Cliff Bentz of Ontario participated. Congressman Greg Walden, candidate for Oregon State Treasurer Jeff Gudman, and candidate for Secretary of State Dennis Richardson gave an exclusive group interview together to this newspaper.

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L-R: Congressman Greg Walden, candidate for Treasurer Jeff Gudman and candidate for Secretary of State Dennis Richardson.

'House Hunters' films here

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A film crew from the hit Home and Garden Channel (HGTV) show "House Hunters" shot footage in Baker City last week with the crew and a couple of potential buyers being seen along with a local realtor all over the downtown area.

Per a nondisclosure agreement, that realtor asked to have her name withheld from all media mention.

According to the "House Hunters" web site, the show "takes viewers behind the scenes as individuals, couples and families learn what to look for and decide whether or not a home is meant for them. Focusing on the emotional experience of finding and purchasing a new home, each episode shows the process as buyers search for a home."

According to HGTV, once shot, episodes take several months to finalize and eventually air.

Chinese exchange students welcomed



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The Doucette family was one host family to welcome exchange students into their home.

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Traveling from Ankang Shaanxi, China, six students from high school, two from middle school and two teachers are currently the visiting Baker City, La Grande, and Boise areas. Ankang Shaanxi is a small town that is a day by train away from Bei Jing and is considered a rural town.

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	Friday	Sunny and warm. Highs in the mid 80s. Clear and cooler at night. Lows in the mid 40s.
	Saturday	Sunny and warmer. Highs in the upper 80s. Mostly clear and cool at night. Lows in the upper 40s.
	Sunday	Sunny and hot with highs near 90. Mostly clear and mild at night. Lows near 50.

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