

Business & Ag

Unique wooden canes made locally

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Visitors to and locals of Baker City who visit the Chamber of Commerce for information will find on one of their walls a group of unique wood canes hand made by Frank Bishop.

They will also find fishing rods that were also made by him. Bishop has been making the rods and canes for four or five years and has just begun to sell them through the chamber. Bishop explained that there are about ten at the chamber and he has five more he has made and will continue to work on others.

"It's something that occupies my mind and the other thing about it is it's a good product that is very useful," explained Bishop "I've been using a cane for several years and consequently I decided I wanted something unique."

Bishop has been a local man of Baker for 33 years since 1983. He was born and grew up in Vale, Oregon. He spent 39 years in education as an administrator, a teacher in science, biology, earth science, and a variety of other science classes, as well as health and P.E.

He also coached wres-

ting and football before going into administration. He began teaching in Boise, then went to Ontario as a head wrestling coach and assistant football, then head coach, and became an administrator for six years in Weiser, and fifteen years at Baker Middle School until he retired.

The canes he makes are a hobby of his. All of his canes are unique and made out of a dead limb from a tree.

"Consequently, you're not cutting any trees or branches off trees or anything like that that's living," said Bishop. "It's all actually dead limbs. What's interesting about one particular cane that I make is that you'll never find two of them that are alike. Once you get to messing with them and working with them it's really surprising how they change their appearance after they've been dead or de-limbed for a long period of time."

He also refinishes old bamboo rods, usually the older generations from 1900 to 1960. With the fishing rods, he will replace anything that needs to be replaced, such as guides. What he usually does with rods is he will strip them completely and



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Frank and Mary Bishop show off one of their fishing rods and canes.

re-stain them and retie all the guides, re-measuring them according to the rod.

When making his canes, Bishop uses a leather pad to cushion the hand and makes them comfortable to lean on for balance. The canes are also lighter than they appear to be.

Bishop explained that his cane draws conversa-

tions from people who see his cane and ask him questions about it.

"They can contact me directly by calling 541-523-2600," Bishop explained for people who are interested in his canes and fishing rods and would like to ask him about them or having one made.

— WEEKLY HAY REPORT —

Friday, November 4, 2016 — Eastern Oregon

Prices trended generally steady compared to week ago prices. Most demand lays with the retail/stable hay. According to some producers, horse owners are starting to prefer lower sugar, higher protein hay. Recent rainstorms throughout the state have slowed movement, as most buyers and truckers prefer not to move hay when it's raining.

Tons Price Range Wtd Avg

Alfalfa — Large Square Premium	33	155.00-155.00	155.00
Alfalfa/Orchard Mix — Small Square Premium	150	200.00-200.00	200.00
Orchard Grass— Small Square Premium	40	185.00-185.00	185.00

USDA Market News Service—AMS.USDA.gov

— CATTLE MARKET REPORT —

Wednesday, November 2, 2016
Vale, Oregon

Cattle sold through the auction: 1,348

Steer Calves

300-400#	Bulk	147.00 - 165.00	Top 169.00
400-500#	Bulk	121.00 - 143.00	Top 147.50
500-600#	Bulk	114.00 - 128.00	Top 129.00

Heifer Calves

300-400#	Bulk	126.00 - 135.00	Top 139.00
400-500#	Bulk	113.00 - 125.00	Top 126.50
500-600#	Bulk	108.00 - 117.00	Top 117.50

Yearling Steers

600-700#	Bulk	108.00 - 121.00	Top 122.00
700-800#	Bulk	105.00 - 118.00	Top 119.00
800-900#	Bulk	98.00 - 106.00	Top 107.25
900-1,000#	Bulk	95.00 - 104.00	Top 106.50

Yearling Heifers

600-700#	Bulk	103.00 - 115.50	Top 116.25
700-800#	Bulk	101.00 - 110.00	Top 112.00
800-900#	Bulk	94.00 - 101.00	Top 102.00
900-1,000#	Bulk	N/A	Top N/A

Thin Shelly Cows	38.00 - 47.00
Butcher Cows	47.00 - 58.00
Butcher Bulls	52.00 - 62.00
Pairs Young	N/A
Hfretts.	58.00 - 77.00
Stock Cows Young	97.50 - 117.00

ProducersLivestock.com
541-473-3136

— LOG PRICE REPORT —

Price per 1,000 board feet: Northeast Oregon

Currently the local log market is flooded with fire salvage logs. The log buyer for Malheur Lumber Co. stated they have all the logs they need under contract and are not accepting any new purchases. BCC/LLC of La Grande has receive so many burned fire salvage logs they are no longer accepting logs at the La Grande log yard. Any additional pine logs have to be delivered to the Elgin Log yard cut in plywood lengths and to a 8 inch top. For these pine logs cut in plywood lengths, BCC is offering \$280.00/mbf. They are also paying \$420.00/mbf for Doug Fir & Western Larch. For White Fir they are offing \$325.00/mbf. At the Pilot Rock Saw Mill BCC is offing \$360.00/mbf for a 12 to 15 inch top, for 16 to 19 inch top \$400.00/mbf & offing \$425.00/mbf for 20 inch plus top

Courtesy of Arvid Andersen, Andersen Forestry Consulting

— PRECIOUS METALS REPORT —

Price per ounce, USD

Gold: \$1,275.90

Silver: \$18.37

Platinum: \$1002.95

Palladium: \$665.70

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— AG COMMODITIES —

Corn: \$354.25/bu/USD

Wheat: \$415.25/bu/USD

Soybeans: \$1011.25/bu/USD

Oats: \$225.75 bu/USD

Rough Rice: \$9.75/cwt/USD

Canola: \$510.40 CAD/mwt

Live Cattle: \$102.58/lb./USD

Feeder Cattle: \$119.23/lb./USD

Lean Hogs: \$46.98/lb./USD

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Smoke alarms donated to BCFD

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For the last year, Baker City Fire Department has been working diligently with the State Fire Marshal on a program that provides smoke alarms free of charge to those in need.

Although the State Fire Marshal didn't have specific statistics Baker City Fire Chief Mark John noted Baker Fire and Rescue has been recognized as one of nine Oregon Fire Departments that has provided between 300-500 smoke alarms.

John and his department were determined to surpass the 500 mark.

As John and Dan Curtis, Assistant Chief, were preparing to begin solicitations for an additional 100 smoke alarms, organizers of the annual Baker City Bronc and Bull Riding, held during the Miner's Jubilee, contacted them about helping them reach their goal.

John said, "Because of the (medical/ambulance) services we provide them (during the Bronc and Bull Riding Event) they wanted to help out. I told them, 'We'd Be thrilled if you contributed.' Then we talked about it and they just went directly to Scott Thatcher, owner of Thatcher's Ace Hardware and wrote a check.

"Then Mary Jo Grove and the Grove team did the same thing. Thatcher's Ace Hardware made up the difference and we were actually able to buy 120 smoke alarms. Now the crews will begin the task of installing those."

Once the department had depleted their original 400 smoke alarms from the State Fire Marshal, Curtis began placing names on a list of citizens that were in need.

Those on the list will

be contacted and arrangements made to install those alarms.

John said, "The majority of the 120 smoke alarms have been spoken for."

Once installed, they will have surpassed their 500 goal.

"To have installed the amount of smoke alarms we have in a community this size is monumental," John said in amazement. "There is no question, no doubt in my mind that these detectors save lives. Sooner or later."

John said he read an article just the other day about a mother and her

three children who almost perished in their home during a fire.

The mother went back in for her kids. Two of them have been hospitalized with burns.

It was a home with no smoke alarms.

"So, for us to install 500 plus detectors in Baker City is huge. The program, it's just been remarkably successful, for a community this size," he said.

As John prepares to leave his position with Baker City Fire and Rescue for a new opportunity in Spokane, the success of this program is an incred-

ible legacy to leave this community with.

John humbly and with a hint of emotion said, "I'm so thankful for my experience here."

Baker City Fire and Rescue want to remind everyone that smoke alarms have an expiration date and are only good for 10 years.

Please contact the Department at 541.523.3711 if you are in need of smoke alarms.

As the theme for this year's Fire Prevention Week advises: "Don't Wait, Check The Date."

It could save your life.

Saint Alphonsus Foundation—Baker City Invites you to . . .

Festival of Trees 2016

Preview Among The Trees

Thursday, December 1, 2016

6:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$15 per person

Hors d'oeuvres

No-host Bar

Silent Auction

Gala

Friday, December 2, 2016

5:30 p.m.—11:00 p.m.

Cocktails 5:30 p.m. ~ Dinner 6:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$55 per person

Buffet Sit Down Dinner

No-host Bar

Silent & Live Auction

Following the auction, dance to the live music of "Wasteland Kings"

Events are held at the Baker County Event Center—2600 East Street Baker City, Oregon

📄 Tickets Available at Betty's Books, The Sycamore Tree and Saint Alphonsus Medical Center—Baker City

Family Day—Saturday, December 3, 2016

Viewing of the Trees

"Make It, Take It" ~ Sponsored by Crossroads Art Center

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For more information contact
Laura Huggins at 541-523-8102.

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