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"I'm asking you to go back and tell Congress we're tired of it. We're tired of altering our lives to survive and pay for all this garbage we are handing out," said Harvey.

He also pointed out that the Republicans had both houses of Congress and could have acted on border security prior to the 2018 election. Harvey's line of questioning ended with a round of applause from the audience.

"It is essential that we get control of the border," Walden

He added that while he agrees with strengthening the border, he doesn't agree with precedent that the declaration makes. He also mentioned that the money used for security is coming from military construction projects, but the White House has not specified which ones. He also said that he voted for increased border security funding multiple times recently and only opposed the state of emergency declaration.

"It's sometimes hard to stand up for what you believe are constitutional separations of powers, especially when its your president and you support the cause, but to me the Constitution trumps the cause in this case," said Walden.

Walden's response also garnered a round of applause from the audience.

The Chair of the Baker County Democrats Peter Hall thanked Walden for standing up for the Constitution and voting to overturn the President's declaration, an effort that ultimately didn't succeed.

"There is a right way and a wrong way to do things, a wall isn't the answer, better border security is with better



S. John Collins/Baker City Herald Peter Hall advocates for a health care program for everyone.

The national convention is

set for Oct. 30 to Nov. 2 in

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lean on other people, the

don't do it by yourself."

"In that environment you

farmers and loggers. You just

Bennett said life in the

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With regard to Social Security, Gretchen Stadler makes a plea to Walden to "protect our investment" for us and future generations.

legal immigration systems," said Hall.

Hall also presented Walden with a proposal for a health care system where everyone would receive a voucher to purchase basic health insurance from any company and if they wanted more complex coverage they would have to pay for it themselves.

Though the cap and trade bill isn't a federal issue, Walden was asked for his thoughts on it. He said he believes it would be disastrous for Eastern Oregon, He prefaced that by saying he hadn't studied aside from what he



S. John Collins/Baker City Herald In defense of current immigration practices, Kelsey Eastman says we "'need such a bigger world view." When people have to flee their countries, she asks, "what else are they going to do?"

has seen in the media.

"On this issue of climate I've staked out a position that says I'm for innovation, I'm for conservation, I'm for adaptation and preparation," said Walden.

Gretchen Stadler asked Walden to promise to protect Medicare and Social Security. Walden said he has done that ever since he started in Congress and will continue to

This was the third of seven town halls Walden attended Friday through Sunday across his district.

Matt McElligott, a member of the Oregon Cattleman's Association, said that Eastern Oregon communities could use Walden's help making sure their voice is heard when developing the next Blue



S. John Collins/Baker City Herald Grazing on public forest land was one of the issues for Oregon Cattlemen's Association member Matt McElligott.

Mountain Forest Plan. Recently the U.S. Forest Service retracted its record of decision for the plan after community opposition across Eastern Oregon.

"We need to build a stronger partnership between the local communities and the agencies, whether it's here or elsewhere, so it feels more collaborative," said Walden.

At the beginning of the town hall Boy Scout Troop 444 led the audience in the pledge of allegiance and the presentation of the colors. Walden also presented a signed copy of a bill to address the opioid epidemic in the U.S. to Chuck Hoffman, a Baker City physician who had worked with Walden on developing the bill.

"I would like to accept this on behalf of all the other providers and patients and families who are affected by this terrible disease," said Hoffman.

Walden wasn't asked any questions about the Mueller Report, which has been a consistent topic in the national news since it was submitted earlier this month. He also didn't bring it up on his own accord. His website does have a press release addressing the topic. He and every other member of the House voted to demand the full report be made public.

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compared it to the community

Throughout his career Ben-

nett said he has had many

memorable moments, but his

time here as a drill sergeant

Quiz finalist. • Zack Morrison placed

second in Creed Speaking. • Ty Morrison was a Job

Interview semifinalist and scholarship recipient for the Washington Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C. this summer.

• Ty Morrison, Ron Bobo and Dallas Hardesty were Ag Marketing finalists.

• Ty Morrison, Ron Bobo,

is one that really stands out.

Bennett, a Baker High

School graduate, is the son of

Benny Bennett of Baker City

and Susan Kaser of Redmond.

Dawn Arden is the Managing

Editor for the Guidon in Fort

Leonard Wood, Missouri.

Brogan Lewis and Justin Eskew were recipients of the Oregon FFA State Degree.

• Zack Morrison placed second in the Architectural Photography competition.

LOCAL BRIEFING

Garden Club speaker to talk pruning

The Baker County Garden Club will host guest speaker Anna Stafford on Wednesday, April 3, at 10:30 a.m. Stafford, an arborist and applicator, will present a program about pruning bushes and shrubs at the Sunridge

Both new and current members are welcome.

Ladies Golf and Bridge luncheon April 3

The Baker Ladies Golf and Bridge association will have its season-opening luncheon on Wednesday, April 3 at Quail Ridge Golf Course. Weather permitting, golf will start at 8:30 a.m., with lunch at 12:30 p.m. followed by bridge. Cost is \$9 for lunch, a one-time charge of \$5 for the membership fee and \$1 for the social club fee.

To reserve a place for lunch, call Dianne Ellingson at 541-523-4553 or 541-519-4703 by Tuesday, April 2.

Mothers of preschoolers plan yard sale

The annual yard sale for MOPS — Mothers of Pre Schoolers — is set for April 13 from 8 a.m. to noon at the Nazarene Family Life Center, 1250 Hughes Lane. Spots are available for tables, at \$10 per space, and MOPS asks that people who have a table donate 10 percent of their proceeds to the organization.

More information is available by calling Kimberley Godes at 541-403-3174.

BMS soliciting donations for spring carnival

The Baker Middle School Leadership class is soliciting donated items, and cash contributions, for its annual Spring Carnival on April 19. The event is the primary fundraiser for BMS students.

Donations can be brought to BMS, 2320 Washington Ave., or students will be collecting donations the week of April 15. More information is available by calling Jebron Jones, Leadership teacher, at 541-524-2500.

Dinner theater event scheduled April 6

Actors Studio Inc. is presenting a dinner theater event "Eclipsed" to benefit Cancer for College, a nonprofit that awards scholarships to cancer survivors.

Isabella Evans of Baker City has received one of these scholarships, and organized this fundraiser to give back to the foundation. The event is Saturday, April 6, at the Baker Elks Lodge,

1896 Second St. (An Elks membership is not required to attend.) Tickets are \$35 for individuals or \$60 per couple. These must be purchased in advance by 4 p.m. April 4.

Tickets are available at Random Resales and Betty's Books in Baker City, and online at www.actorsstudio.com Doors open at 6 p.m., and the show starts at 6:30

Dinner includes steak, potato, vegetables, salad and dessert. The evening also includes a silent auction.

The play's plot is about a fundraiser for a charity. Those attending will become the guests for Lord and Lady Moon at the annual Moonlight Masquerade Charity Gala.

But then a diamond Tiffany necklace disappears, and someone turns up dead. Who could be responsible? Can the audience help solve the crime?

Clay class to be offered at Crossroads

Mo Quinn will offer a clay class on April 8 and April 15 at Crossroads Carnegie Art Center, 2020 Auburn Ave.

Each session is from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. All ages are welcome (students age 8 to 12 need to bring an adult helper). Cost is \$40 for members or \$60 for nonmembers. Clay is provided and included in the class cost.

This workshop will focus on closed forms such as piggy banks, rattles or a frog. It is designed to be an introductory class. To register, call 541-523-5369 or go online at www.crossroads-arts.org

BILL

Continud from Page 1A The bill had a public hearing in the Senate Committee for Business and General Government and is scheduled to have a work session on April 9.

The commissioners had previously supported two bills in Legislature, SB393 and SB394, both of which are yet to be approved by the lawmakers.

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They are also scheduled to discuss dues for the Eastern Oregon County Association, have a public hearing to discuss the fee schedule for the Food Borne Illness Prevention Program and hear and an update on the

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Eagle Valley Fire Station. The Commission will also approve unanticipated funds in the County Health fund, correct the account line for unanticipated funds in the Museum Fund and reappoint three members to the Baker County Weed Board.

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