

## **Baca County Economic Development to Hold Business Appreciation for Walsh Community Grocery Store**

The Baca County Economic Development will hold a business appreciation open house for the Walsh Community Grocery Store on Dec 13 during the Walsh Community Christmas Craft Fair. The open house will be held from 9:00-11:00a.m. at the grocery store where free donuts and hot chocolate will be served to all who come in. The grocery store will be hosting some of their Christmas specials at the open house such as: Prime Rib cut to order, Bulk Beef bundles custom cut to your request, Fruit baskets and veggie trays available for order around the holiday season. The BCEDC will also hold a drawing for a \$50 gift certificate to the Walsh Grocery Store. To enter the drawing come by that morning between 9:00 and 11:00a.m. and sign up while shopping the specials.

The Walsh Community Grocery Store was opened June 26, 2007 and is a testament to the strength and tenacity of the population of Baca County and the true value of rural America. When the previous grocery closed, it was the first time since 1928 that there was no grocery store in the town of Walsh. Over 300 stockholders came together to find a solution and re-open the store. "Re-opening our grocery store was a matter of economic survival for the town of Walsh" says major Clarence Jones, " We have an aging population, many of which aren't able to drive 20-30 miles to get groceries." Walsh Grocery is a full-line grocery store stocking everything from fresh meats to produce, canned goods and breads. The store even carries specialty items such as Pyrex glass ware and cards. The store is open 7:00a.m. to 7:00p.m. Monday through Saturday and from noon to 5:00p.m. on Sunday. Even now, a year and a half later, the store still has volunteers who come in to stock shelves and help out. Thank you Walsh community for giving us such a fine example of the value of a rural community.

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