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Cozy Blue Spruce opens in Sumpter



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The new vacation rental in Sumpter: The Cozy Blue Spruce.

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The Cozy Blue Spruce is a new vacation rental in Sumpter, located in the center of town, steps from the highway.

Owner Deena Phillips says she decided to have the rental property when she saw how much fun her property manager, Tori Brown, had with hers.

Phillips said when she's not using it, she wants to let others enjoy the place just as much as she does.

Phillips' grandparents and parents lived in Sumpter. Her grandparents, Wayne and Ardis Rogers, owned the store

that is now the Sumpter Museum. Her grandfather owned the very first backhoe in Sumpter.

Phillips became interested when she saw the Spruce property for sale. After her husband said he would never buy property in Sumpter, they bought it within a week. Phillips laughed and said it was meant to be.

Phillips originally planned to call the property "The Cabin" but her cousin's wife, up from Portland, suggested instead "The Cozy Blue Spruce" named for the tree outside the house.

The home has been available for rentals since October. Phillips said it's

been quiet and she's praying for snow, for the sake of all the local businesses. Meanwhile, the property is her home away from home and she loves spending time there.

They held an open house the day of Sumpter's Christmas parade and holiday bazaar. Phillips said the Christmas Parade was amazing, and whether the property is rented or not, they will be coming up for the event from now on.

Phillips said Sumpter is an awesome place to visit and the Cozy Blue Spruce is equipped to meet any need from a family vacation—with two bedrooms and an additional queen blow-up mattress, the

house can potentially sleep seven—to a couple's getaway.

Set in the heart of Sumpter, the house is walking distance to local attractions. It's a great starting point for a beautiful drive the back way up to Anthony Lake, via Granite.

The home has a fully equipped kitchen, washer and dryer, and is fully stocked with towels and linens. Internet is available. Rental rates are \$150 per night with a two-night minimum stay. The property is open all year and can be booked via vrbo.com/1197598.

— WEEKLY HAY REPORT —

Friday, January 5, 2018 — Eastern Oregon

Prices trended generally steady in a limited test. Retail/Stable type hay remains the largest demanded hay. Feeder alfalfa (rain damage) sales have increased compared to last report. Many hay producers have sold out for the growing year.

Tons	Price Range	Wtd Avg
Alfalfa Large Square	800 125.00-125.00	125.00
Alfalfa/Orchard Mix Small Square	35 175.00-185.00	182.50

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— CATTLE MARKET REPORT —

Wednesday, December 20, 2017
Vale, Oregon

NO NEW SALES NUMBERS DUE TO HOLIDAYS
Cattle sold through the auction: 924

Steer Calves

300-400#	Bulk 161.00-204.00	Top 208.00
400-500#	Bulk 166.00-200.00	Top 205.00
500-600#	Bulk 138.00-155.00	Top 157.00

Heifer Calves

300-400#	Bulk 154.00-172.00	Top 178.00
400-500#	Bulk 142.00-159.00	Top 160.00
500-600#	Bulk 138.00-151.00	Top 153.00

Yearling Steers

600-700#	Bulk 132.00-147.00	Top 152.00
700-800#	Bulk 127.00-141.00	Top 143.00
800-900#	Bulk N/A	Top N/A
900-1,000#	Bulk 106.00-114.00	Top 116.00

Yearling Heifers

600-700#	Bulk 129.00-138.00	Top 139.00
700-800#	Bulk 121.00-125.00	Top 127.00
800-900#	Bulk N/A	Top N/A
900-1,000#	Bulk N/A	Top N/A

Thin Shelly Cows	36.00- 49.00
Butcher Cows	53.00- 63.00
Butcher Bulls	64.00-71.00
Stock Cows	1000.00-1500.00
Younger Hfrts.	78.00-94.00
Stock Cows Running Age	825.00-1125.00
ProducersLivestock.com	
541-473-3136	

EORT celebrates 15 years with a party

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Sunday, December 31st, Eastern Oregon Regional Theatre (EORT) held a celebration for the theatre's 15th Birthday, New Year's, and an open house.

Theatre members welcomed people to join them for cake, meatballs, and other foods and beverages to celebrate.

"We moved into our new location and it's our fifteenth year and people need to know we are there," explained Leanne Hinkle. "We started in January 2003 and January 2018 is our fifteenth birthday."

Members and actors of EORT dressed as characters from different plays they had performed in.

Characters such as Opal and Rosie, played by Hinkle and Lisa Ensworth, from "Opal's Million Dollar Duck," Isabella Evans dressed as the queen from the upcoming play "The Princess and the Pea," and the assistant director Ellie Lamb also dressed as one of the characters.

Ms. Warren and Ms. Finkle from "Camp Omigosh" were among those who greeted guests.

In the play, "Opal's Million Dollar Duck," Rosie did fortune-telling and had a meatball stand, inspiring the meatballs served at the event and Ensworth, as her character Rosie, told fortunes for those attending.

A slide show made from different pictures from



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Lisa Ensworth telling Ellie Lamb's fortune with Isabella Evans watching.

past performances showed played for those attending.

The event allowed the theatre to show locals their new location on Main Street and have the opportunity to speak with actors and board members.

People were also able to sign up to receive news on plays and the theatre.

The next upcoming play is the "Princess and the Pea," directed by Hinkle.

This production is a short play, with six characters and introduces four new kids to the theatre. It will only be 40 to 45 minutes long.

"It's a cute little play," said Cherie Evans. "I think it's a good one because it is only one act for kids

and it's kind of a familiar story."

Help Wanted

Baker Heritage Museum is hiring an event coordinator for three events over the course of 2018. Each event will celebrate the 50th anniversary of Paint Your Wagon. For a complete position posting visit www.bakerheritagemuseum.com/careers.html. Please submit resumes to Carly Annable: cannable@bakercounty.org or call the museum at 541-523-9308.

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— LOG PRICE REPORT —

Prices are based on the majority of saw mills in Northeastern Oregon and Central Idaho. The prices listed below are a composite prices of various sawmills willing to visit with me about this topic.

Ponderosa Pine—small diameter class 8-11 inches diameter class \$250 per mbf. Only one sawmill was willing to buy small diameter pine at this time.

Ponderosa Pine—medium diameter class 12-17 inches diameter class \$300 to \$350 per mbf

Ponderosa Pine—large diameter class 18 plus inches diameter class \$380 to \$410 per mbf

The Pine prices are still approximately \$40 per mbf below average lumber/log market due to 2017 fire salvage

Doug Fir & Western Larch—\$380 to \$420 per mbf. Normal prices typically ranged between \$425 to \$475 per mbf.

White Fir—\$300 per mbf. Normal prices typically ranged between \$340 to \$360 per mbf.

Engelmann Spruce—\$350 at one Idaho sawmill, other sawmills including with White fir prices.

In general, the log prices still impacted from 2015 fire season and fire salvage that resulted. Sawmills are starting to get log yard inventory in line with sawmill production needs. With a new Administration as of 1/20/2017, a more normal economic environment should result and hopefully a more healthy housing situation will result in a better climate for Northeast Oregon Sawmill and private forest landowners.

Courtesy of Arvid Andersen,
Andersen Forestry Consulting

— PRECIOUS METALS REPORT —

Price per ounce, USD

Gold: \$1,317.60

Silver: \$17.00

Platinum: \$971.75

Palladium: \$1086.30

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Corn: \$349.00/bu/USD

Wheat: \$434.25/bu/USD

Soybeans: \$955.00/bu/USD

Oats: \$251.00 bu/USD

Rough Rice: \$11.91/cwt/USD

Canola: \$493.30 CAD/mwt

Live Cattle: \$118.68/lb./USD

Feeder Cattle: \$142.73/lb./USD

Lean Hogs: \$75.78/lb./USD

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