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Turn the Page bookstore reopens with new owners

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In July, Steve Golieb and his wife Crystal moved to Baker City.

Wanting to become a bigger part of their new community, the opportunity to take over Turn the Page Used Books seemed like the right move for them.

"We wanted a place where our kids could come, where we could all be together instead of just being at home all the time," Golieb, who is also a land developer said.

The used book store located at 2009 1st Street has undergone a total renovation according to Golieb.

"I've painted the walls and the ceiling, put in new carpeting. There were shelves everywhere it was hard to get around. We have gone through and reorganized everything and we have created sections with signs for books trying to help patrons find what they are looking for.

"We amplified, added a lot more to the classics and poetry than there was before and the sciences and the history and especially the outdoors and sporting stuff, there wasn't much of that. We also have some new age books and natural healing books offering a lot more variety than I think there was before," he said.

"We are planning to add a children's room and a Christian section soon," he said.

In the back of the store one will find a couch that encourages staying a while and reading one of the wonderful finds the store has.

Out front they have added outdoor tables with chairs for use on nicer days.

A counter with coffee and tea selections has been added with a newly constructed bar for customers to use.

The book store also offers internet for its patrons.

"Our law enforcement, firefighters and teacher get free coffee, tea or hot chocolate in appreciation for all they do," Golieb said.

"That's just a little thing I can do for them," he said.



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Turn the Page Used Books has reopened after undergoing renovations.

Golieb's vision is to create an inviting destination place where people can come and relax and read, have a cup of coffee or tea if they wish.

There are some big plans in the works that would include featuring local authors.

Of course there is still much planning to do and nothing is solid yet.

Golieb is just bouncing around ideas trying to put together the right combination that will be both fun and successful.

"We'd love to eventually have something where we featured local authors like once a month, charge a fee for the evening maybe serve some wine and snacks. Give out copies of the featured author's book, let the author tell the back story to the book. Most book jackets might have some info but it's not the same as having the author right there in front of you telling you the reason behind the book. I think it could be really exciting. There are some amazing back stories to some of these books it is just unbelievable. I am going to be starting for sure what I call 'Too Good To Be Tuesdays,' where everything will be 75% off of what it originally was and I'd love to do a community discussion group maybe every other week, let different people choose the topics."

Turn the Page has a wonderful display of really old books and they have uniquely repurposed the spines of old falling apart



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Owner Steve Golieb offers free drinks to law enforcement, teachers and firefighters in his stor

books into bookmarks and covers of old worn out books into clever post-cards.

They also have some pretty interesting tables made out of old spoils using old books as supports.

Any booklover will find Turn The Page Used Books a comfortable home away from home to lose themselves for a while enjoying the splendid repurposing of all things books and searching through the expansive inventory to find that one special treasure.

In the short time that Steve and Crystal have had the book store he has

been pleasantly surprised by how well they are doing "Either people didn't know it was here before for whatever reason and those that were previous patrons of the store are really happy with the changes."

Discover or rediscover this Baker City business Tuesday through Thursday from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

They are closed Sundays and Mondays.

The store can also be reached by phone at 541.508.3155 and has a Facebook page.

McCarty victorious in lawsuit

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In an earlier interview for *The Baker County Press*, McCarty claimed that those complaints were hand-picked by county investigators and that only one of those complaining neighbors still lived in the area.

During that interview, McCarty also pointed to the fact that past County Commissioner Carl Stiff, who served on the board of commissioners at the time the legal dispute arose, and County Counselor Dan Van Thiel, the attorney trying the case for the county, both live near the McCarty property. Additionally, McCarty mentioned that Stiff and partner Joe Rudi had established a housing development project in

the area. Both facts were seen by McCarty as possible conflicts of interest and motivation for the County to interpret the zoning ordinance against the interests of Columbia Basin Helicopter operating in that area.

The County argued that even though the land use ordinance allows farm use in the Rural Residential zone the county itself has the ability to enforce and interpret that ordinance. The County however, was unable to show in court that the use of helicopters in farming is not a generally accepted agricultural practice.

The evidence presented by McCarty during testimony showed that his use of the helicopters is seasonal and coincides

with farm use.

Also working in McCarty's favor the fact that not long after he'd purchased the five acres in 1994 and an additional six acres in 1997, the County permitted him to construct a large agricultural building on the property for the purpose of housing farm animals and storing farm use equipment.

After approving the building and after McCarty made the investment to construct the building, the county then interpreted the land use ordinance to not include a commercial helicopter aerial spraying business.

Judge Pahl determined that flights to and from the McCarty property are regulated by the Federal Aviation Administration

(FAA) and that McCarty was in compliance with FAA requirements.

Judge Pahl entered a decision within one sentence, "Based upon the Oregon law and the credible facts at trial, this Court will find in favor of Respondent (McCarty) and he is not in violation of County land use laws."

Judge Pahl did not however award attorney fees to McCarty, which are quite substantial considering the nearly half-decade duration of the legal dispute.

McCarty did not disclose the amount he's spent on legal fees but admitted that it was into the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Baker County retains the right to appeal the court decision.

— WEEKLY HAY REPORT —

Friday, March 13, 2015 — Eastern Oregon

Prices trended generally steady compared to the same quality last week. Trade activity and demand continue to be slow. The continued good weather in several areas of Oregon has slowed down demand, as pasture grasses are growing causing end users to be able to turn animals out on pasture rather than purchase and feed additional hay. Few containers available at the shipping ports has slowed down the ability to export hay overseas. Several producers have sold all that they plan to sell for this season.

Baker County: No new sales confirmed

USDA Market News Service—AMS.USDA.gov

— CATTLE MARKET REPORT —

Wednesday, March 11, 2015
Vale, Oregon

Cattle sold through the auction: 821

Steer Calves

300-400# Bulk 277.00 - 319.00 Top 330.00
400-500# Bulk 259.00 - 311.00 Top 313.50
500-600# Bulk 235.00 - 285.00 Top 289.00

Heifer Calves

300-400# Bulk 268.00 - 296.00 Top 297.00
400-500# Bulk 234.00 - 279.00 Top 283.00
500-600# Bulk 237.00 - 259.00 Top 260.00

Yearling Steers

600-700# Bulk 227.00 - 243.00 Top 250.00
700-800# Bulk 206.00 - 217.00 Top 218.00
800-900# Bulk N/A Top N/A
900-1,000# Bulk N/A Top N/A

Yearling Heifers

600-700# Bulk 204.00 - 222.00 Top 226.00
700-800# Bulk 179.00 - 196.00 Top 197.00
800-900# Bulk N/A Top N/A
900-1,000# Bulk N/A Top N/A

Thin Shelly Cows 86.00 - 98.00
Butcher Cows 102.00 - 111.00
Butcher Bulls 103.00 - 129.00
Stock Cows 1560.00 - 2000.00
Younger Hfrts. 119.00 - 152.00
Stock Cows Yng. - N/A

ProducersLivestock.com
541-473-3136

— LOG PRICE REPORT —

Price per 1,000 board feet: Northeast Oregon

Delivered to Elgin

Doug Fir / Larch 6"+ \$370/m
White Fir/Sp 6"+ \$380/m
LPP 6"+ \$350/m

Delivered to La Grande

P. Pine 6-11" \$290/m
12-17" \$340/m
18-23" \$390/m
24'+ \$420/m

Delivered to Pilot Rock

12-17" \$390/m
18-23" \$440/m
24'+ \$480/m

Delivered pulp

\$28/ton to Elgin
\$28/ton to La Grande
Courtesy of Arvid Andersen,
Andersen Forestry Consulting

— PRECIOUS METALS REPORT —

Price per ounce, USD

Gold: \$1147.00

Silver: \$15.52

Platinum: \$1,095.75

Palladium: \$764.00

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Corn: \$371.25/bu/USD

Wheat: \$506.75/bu/USD

Soybeans: \$957.50/bu/USD

Oats: \$272.50 bu/USD

Rough Rice: \$10.58/cwt/USD

Canola: \$456.90 CAD/mwt

Live Cattle: \$145.98/lb./USD

Feeder Cattle: \$208.20/lb./USD

Lean Hogs: \$76.30/lb./USD

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