

Business & Ag

Business aims for Mass appeal

• DR. JAY BOYD
ALTERS ALTARS
BEAUTIFULLY

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“I want to beautify Catholic altars, because too many of them these days look like a dining room table with Grandma’s table cloth spread over the top, ready for a buffet; and that is not what the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is about!” said Baker City’s Jay Boyd.

Boyd, who has been making altar antependia for about ten years, started treating her hobby as more of a business at the start of this year.

An antependium is a hanging for the front of an altar, pulpit, or lectern—exactly the locations Boyd’s new venture, Altarations, focuses on.

Boyd creates and markets, “Custom traditional Roman Catholic paraments at an affordable price,” according to her site, <http://altarations.blogspot.com>.

When asked how she moved from hobby to business, Boyd said, “Well, a priest friend who has a small chapel of his own showed me how to make them, and he also educated me as to the purpose and symbolism of them. I made a couple for him, as well as for another small chapel, and for the Catholic church in La Grande (Our Lady of the Valley)—always for the cost of the materials. Then, last January, my priest friend was asked to make a set of four antependia (the liturgical colors required in the Catholic Church are green, white, red, and purple), but he didn’t have time to do it. He passed the job on to me, and I charged a small amount for my labor. That gave me the idea to start a small business and see if I could drum up some more work.”

In 2013, Boyd altered the look of the Cathedral altar in Baker City for the cost of materials, with her labor donated.

“Fr. Greiner graciously

allowed me to do the project,” she said.

Her work seems to be catching on.

“I’ve made antependia for five different churches, and for a couple of small chapels. The farthest distance was a parish in Ketchikan, Alaska; that parish purchased a set of four antependia, and shipping to them was an adventure—it takes a while to get from Baker City to Ketchikan! The most recent antependium was purchased by St. Eugene’s Cathedral parish in Santa Rosa, California.”

Not only is her client base growing, but so is her list of offerings.

Said Boyd, “A woman in Lakeview, Oregon asked if I could make purificators for her parish.”

As she explained, purificators are linen cloths used to cleanse the rim of the chalice after each individual receives the Precious Blood of Christ at Holy Communion.

She added, “I had not made purificators before, but it’s a pretty simple process, so now I make purificators, too!”

Through careful selection, she has been able to locate some affordable fabrics and trims—and keeps the prices of her end-product low.

She said, “I charged \$250 for the antependium I made for the parish in Santa Rosa, and the secretary asked me if I’d made a mistake in placing the decimal point, because she expected to pay a lot more. But my goal is to help parishes properly vest their altars; the altar is a representation of Christ, and as such should be clothed in fabrics and designs that emphasize His majesty and glory, and which draw attention to the altar as something toward which we show reverence.”

Boyd explained, “The altar is also supposed to be covered with three 100% linen cloths (two of them just cover the top of the altar, and the third covers the altar from floor-to-floor, lengthwise), and I make those, too.”

100% linen, not a



Submitted Photo.

Dr. Jay Boyd works on a new creation.



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An altar beautifully draped with Boyd’s design.

cheaper blend, is used in every design.

Boyd said, “I tend to use a similar design for all the antependia I make; it’s just a sort of classic, traditional design that I learned from my priest friend. I am a great proponent of bringing back more Catholic tradition to our church architecture, furnishings, and paraments. We have lost much of the symbolism that existed prior to changes that occurred 50 years ago, and in losing the symbolism, we have lost some of our Catholic identity, and our understanding of our own worship (or liturgy). Vesting the altar appropriately is one way to bring back some of the traditions that have fallen by the wayside.”

Boyd works alone on each project. “I do create these antependia all by myself,” she affirmed. “I

enjoy the work very much; there is a lot of hand-sewing involved, which I find very meditative. I love to see a finished product on an altar that lends a sense of reverence to the sanctuary.”

Boyd, 61, lives with her husband, Jerry, in Baker City. She holds a PhD in Psychology from U. C. Santa Barbara, and has taught Psychology at both the high school and college level. She has authored two Catholic-related books and numerous articles on the Catholic faith. She’s the mother of two grown children, and is a strong proponent of homeschooling.

More photos and information about Altarations are available at <http://altarations.blogspot.com> or by emailing drjayboyd@msn.com.

— WEEKLY HAY REPORT —

Friday, May 22, 2015 — Eastern Oregon

Prices trended generally steady compared to the same quality last week. Trade activity and demand was slow this week. Most producers are sold out for the season. All prices are in dollars per ton and FOB unless otherwise stated.

Tons Price Range Wtd Avg

Alfalfa/Orchard Mix
Small Square - Good
20 170.00-170.00 170.00

Alfalfa/Timothy Mix
Large Square - Premium
25 200.00-200.00 200.00

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— CATTLE MARKET REPORT —

Wednesday, May 20, 2015

Vale, Oregon

Cattle sold through the auction: 908

Steer Calves

300-400# Bulk N/A Top N/A
400-500# Bulk 251.00-288.00 Top 289.00
500-600# Bulk 236.00-264.00 Top 275.00

Heifer Calves

300-400# Bulk N/A Top N/A
400-500# Bulk 242.00-261.00 Top 267.00
500-600# Bulk 209.00-229.00 Top 234.00

Yearling Steers

600-700# Bulk 226.00-236.00 Top 239.00
700-800# Bulk 207.00-217.00 Top 220.00
800-900# Bulk N/A Top N/A
900-1,000# Bulk 172.00 - 181.00 Top 183.00

Yearling Heifers

600-700# Bulk 211.00-228.00 Top 231.00
700-800# Bulk 194.00 - 210.00 Top 212.00
800-900# Bulk N/A Top N/A
900-1,000# Bulk N/A Top N/A

Thin Shelly Cows 83.00 - 97.00

Butcher Cows 101.00 - 109.00

Butcher Bulls 122.00 - 143.00

Pairs BM 1625.00 - 2375.00

Younger Hfirts. 119.00 - 147.00

Young Pairs - 2400.00 - 2925.00

ProducersLivestock.com

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— LOG PRICE REPORT —

Price per 1,000 board feet: Northeast Oregon

Doug Fir is \$415.00/mbf

White fir is \$365.00/mbf

Ponderosa Pine is brought sold

on diameter splits

6 to 11 inch dib \$300 to \$310/MBF

12 to 17 inch dib \$350 to \$375/MBF

18 to 23 inch dib \$400 to \$430/MBF

24 inch plus dib \$450 to \$500/MBF

DIB is diameter inside bark at

small end of log.

MBF is thousand board feet lumber, net scale.

People interested in selling logs

should call and get specific

quotes from saw mills.

Courtesy of Arvid Andersen,
Andersen Forestry Consulting

— PRECIOUS METALS REPORT —

Price per ounce, USD

Gold: \$1188.00

Silver: \$16.73

Platinum: \$1,125.93

Palladium: \$783.63

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— AG COMMODITIES —

Corn: \$355.00/bu/USD

Wheat: \$493.50/bu/USD

Soybeans: \$922.25/bu/USD

Oats: \$238.50/bu/USD

Rough Rice: \$9.42/cwt/USD

Canola: \$468.70 CAD/mwt

Live Cattle: \$150.63/lb./USD

Feeder Cattle: \$219.60/lb./USD

Lean Hogs: \$82.80/lb./USD

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County's Natural Resource Advisory Committee has new chair appointed

• DONI BRULAND
TO HEAD NEWLY
EXPANDED NRAC

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On Tuesday, May 26, 2015, at 3 p.m., the Baker County Natural Resource Advisory Committee (NRAC) convened for its first monthly meeting this year, in the Commission Chambers of the Baker County Courthouse.

Present from the Baker County Commission were Chair Bill Harvey and Executive Assistant Heidi Martin.

Present from the NRAC were newly appointed NRAC Chair Doni Bruland, Chuck Chase, Page Frederickson, Craig Ward, Alice Knapp, Laurene Chapman, Jan Kerns, Cynthia Long, Emily Braswell, Jan Alexander, Dick Fleming, Eileen Gyl-

enberg, George Keister, Lane Parry, Kody Justus, Lyle Defrees, Ken Anderson, and Jake Bingham. Gyllenberg, Bingham, Justus, Long, Keister, Frederickson, Chase, Ward, Bruland, Braswell and Anderson, the newest NRAC members, were appointed on Wednesday, April 15, 2015, during the regular County Commission session.

Guests included Representative Greg Walden’s assistants Kirby Garrett and Jordan Noyes, Gary Dielman, Bobbie Danser, John Creighton, and Craig Bruland.

Harvey called the meeting to order, and introductions were made shortly after that. He said, “I’d like to thank Jan Kerns (outgoing NRAC Chair) for the many years she spent serving Baker County,” which was followed by applause from the group. He introduced Bruland as the newly appointed Chair,



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Standing, Kirby Garrett from Congressman Walden’s La Grande office.

and outlined the goals of the NRAC.

“Our main goal, right off the bat, is to fine-tune the Natural Resource Plan (Baker County Natural Resources Plan, NRP), which you guys have worked on through the years. The reason being, we’re at the

point where we need to finalize it, if there are any changes, if you’d like... Once we introduce it into our Comprehensive Plan (Baker County Comprehensive Land Use Plan), and have public hearings, we can’t change it.”

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