

Business & Ag

Hearts & Petals Flower Shoppe opens on Main Street

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Hearts & Petals Flower Shoppe opened this week in Baker City in what owner Denise Harmon called a soft opening.

This month she will focus on Christmas—and plans to hold a Grand Opening event in January. She explained that Christmas is very important to her and Christmas is her favorite holiday.

Alisa Anderson, who has worked the past year and a half with Harmon designing floral arrangements at The Sycamore Tree, agreed to follow her over to the flower shop.

Anderson explained, “She asked and of course, I said yes.”

Harmon said as well as being friends, they work well together and compliment each other.

Harmon has had the dream of owning her own shop since she graduated from floral design school. She has worked for other companies and said she recently “took a leap of faith.”

The building became available and everything came together for her to realize her dream.

Hearts & Petals is a full-service store.

Harmon said they do arrangements for funerals, weddings, get-well wishes, a new baby, and other events. They can send flowers across the world or across town. In addition, Harmon said she will offer various specials. December will feature 2-for-1 roses on Fridays.

As far as weddings, Harmon said she would prefer to have six weeks to two months advance notice, as the more notice she has, the more guarantee that she can provide exactly what is wanted.

However, she said she has provided arrangements for spontaneous occasions as well.

Harmon said the “Hearts” in the name of her shop is very important to her. She said she puts her heart into her work, as does Anderson, no matter whether that is visiting with a family after a death, providing great customer



L-R: Denise Harmon and Alisa Anderson.

service, creating floral arrangements, or running deliveries.

Anderson agreed, saying she loves the customers and making people happy. She said for example, delivering Mother’s Day flowers to a mom whose family lives out of the area, seeing the look on the mom’s face, and hearing “Oh, for me?” makes her day. She said even with funerals, just to be there for the family means a lot.

Harmon said they personalize funeral arrangements according to the legacy of the deceased. Anderson said they work to have the arrangements reflect the person the deceased was to the family.

For example, they have made arrangements with fishing rods, saddles, or music notes.

Anderson said in memory of one person who was “outdoorsy,” they did an arrangement of rope and evergreens.

Floral delivery times are 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 1 p.m. on Saturday.

Deliveries are free to the mortuaries or to patients in the hospital, and are just \$4 to the local schools. Delivery to local areas outside of Baker City is also available. Harmon said to keep an eye out for the floral delivery van, which features a “Run, Florist, Run” logo on the



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Hearts and Petals Flower Shoppe is located at 1788 Main Street next to the Little Bagel Shop.

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Aside from floral arrangements, Harmon offers a small gift line. She said she does not carry anything mass-produced in China. She offers several quality lines of local and U.S.-made items, including items from the Little Pink Hammer line, Signs of Wonder, Jersey cow soaps from Ranch Wife and quilted stockings and soy and beeswax candles from Alisa Anderson’s Home-made Treasures.

Harmon said she has been truly blessed by the people in Baker City and feels incredibly supported by the community. Family

and friends have provided hours of assistance, whether pulling up carpet or helping arrange and decorate.

Harmon said husband Bill has spent many hours alongside her, doing everything from remodeling to flooring repairs. She said, “I am blessed to have him with me.”

Hearts & Petals Flower Shoppe is located at 1788 Main Street (next to the Little Bagel Shop) and is open 8:30-5:30 Monday through Friday and 10-2 on Saturday.

Their phone number is 523-9434 and walk-ins are welcomed and encouraged.

— WEEKLY HAY REPORT —

Friday, November 20, 2015 — Eastern Oregon

Note: report is repeated due to last week’s holiday. Prices trended generally steady compared to week-ago prices. The upcoming holidays have slowed sales. Many producers have decided to hold on to their hay for now, in hopes for higher prices. Snow has hit some of the hay producing areas.

Tons	Price Range	Wtd Avg
Alfalfa — Small Square, God	100 190.00-190.00	190.00

Last week:

Alfalfa — Large Square, Fair	200 130.00-130.00	130.00
Alfalfa / Orchard Mix — Small Square, Premium	50 215.00-215.00	215.00
Alfalfa / Orchard Mix — Small Square, Premium	40 200.00-200.00	200.00

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— CATTLE MARKET REPORT —

Wednesday, November 18, 2015

Vale, Oregon

Cattle sold through the auction: 1,785

There was no sale last week due to the holiday.

Steer Calves

300-400#	Bulk 231.00 - 261.00	Top 275.00
400-500#	Bulk 187.00 - 243.00	Top 249.00
500-600#	Bulk 174.00 - 199.00	Top 209.00

Heifer Calves

300-400#	Bulk 187.00 - 201.00	Top 203.00
400-500#	Bulk 163.00 - 211.00	Top 213.00
500-600#	Bulk 157.00 - 178.00	Top 182.00

Yearling Steers

600-700#	Bulk 161.00 - 182.00	Top 183.50
700-800#	Bulk 143.00 - 164.00	Top 165.00
800-900#	Bulk N/A	Top N/A
900-1,000#	Bulk 144.00 - 150.00	Top 151.00

Yearling Heifers

600-700#	Bulk 142.00 - 163.00	Top 164.00
700-800#	Bulk 135.00 - 148.00	Top 149.00
800-900#	Bulk N/A	Top N/A
900-1,000#	Bulk 121.00 - 128.00	Top 131.00

Thin Shelly Cows	51.00 - 62.00
Butcher Cows	63.00 - 69.00
Butcher Bulls	66.00 - 83.00
Stock Cows Yng.	1385.00 - 1700.00
Younger Hfrts.	94.00 - 127.00
Stock Cows Older.	975.00 - 1285.00

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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.

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Andersen Forestry Consulting

— PRECIOUS METALS REPORT —

Price per ounce, USD

Gold: \$1,067.30

Silver: \$14.12

Platinum: \$837.93

Palladium: \$543.65

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— AG COMMODITIES —

Corn	\$373.75/bu/USD
Wheat	\$471.50/bu/USD
Soybeans	\$889.25/bu/USD
Oats	\$236.75/bu/USD
Rough Rice	\$11.72/cwt/USD
Canola	\$471.30 CAD/mwt
Live Cattle	\$134.80/lb./USD
Feeder Cattle	\$164.83/lb./USD
Lean Hogs	\$59.78/lb./USD

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Economic development

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The FBLA members presented a slide show and provided details about the FBLA National Convention they attended in Chicago this summer, as a condition for receiving partial funding for the trip from the EDC. The remainder of the funding came from work the members performed, fundraising, and parents.

Key points regarding what the members learned were: working together as a team; navigating through a large city, and attending appointments on time; communicating with others properly, including new people; and representing oneself professionally and responsibly to others.

As part of a Commissioner update, Harvey said

that efforts are being made to encourage government agencies to provide salvage logging opportunities, but, it’s been a difficult process. He said that the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) has been the most cooperative thus far.

Nelson provided a SBDC update, stating that the Hatch Oregon component (to promote Community Public Offerings) that’s scheduled to be operational possibly on January 1, 2016, in the upstairs room of the Chamber of Commerce, is the only one in eastern Oregon. He also said that the hiring process for a new Director of Commerce Director, to replace current Director Debi Bainter, is continuing, and there are well-qualified candidates.

Koopman introduced

himself to the group, and discussed some employment issues, including improving opportunities for health care professionals. He stressed the importance of business education, and the continuing need to provide high-quality online education instruction. Nelson mentioned the shortage of CDL drivers, and he said that effort will be made to implement a program locally, to aid in resolving that shortage.

Peacock said that the BTI tours are going well, and, BTI should be receiving grant funding to improve shop facilities. He said more emphasis needs to be placed on teaching students “soft skills,” in addition to technical skills.

Smith discussed with the group what effects there would be with increasing the State minimum

wage to \$15, a prospect the EDC does not support, emphasized by Harvey’s comment, “No, and, hell no.” The following statement, titled “Baker County Economic Development Council Statement In Opposition To \$15 Per Hour Minimum Wage,” was released by Baker County Economic Development on Monday:

“BAKER CITY, Ore.—Today the Baker County Economic Development Council approved the following statement in opposition to the proposed ballot initiative that would increase the minimum wage to \$15.00 per hour. The proposal is anticipated to be on the November 2016 ballot.

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