

# Business & Ag

## Albertsons re-opens



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The BHS cheerleaders and the BHS band performed in front of Albertsons at the ribbon-cutting. The company donated \$1,000 to the school.

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Safeway/Albertsons Communications Manager and Public Affairs Specialist Jill McGinnis, who was among representatives present for the opening, said, "Compared to some of other grand openings, this is great...Everyone's telling me, 'We're so glad to have a second grocery store in town... It's all been positive. The parking lot's a little bigger; there's a bigger back room, so, that will help to store stock."

District Manager Brian Gilman said, "Good morning, everyone...I want to welcome you all, to our grand opening today, here at Albertsons. We're very excited to be back in the community...I think we've got a great store for you; a lot of variety, a lot of freshness, a lot of organic. I think you're going to love it. But, I want to say a few thanks, before I go any further, because there are some people in the community that did a lot to help us kind of prepare..."

Those thanked included the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center for wagon use, the Hackett family for art work, and the City of Sumpter for antiques.

He handed the microphone to Krantz, whom he said is the "face of the store, the leader, the person who's going to make it happen."

Krantz, who is the former local Safeway Store Director, said, "Thank you so much, everyone, for coming out today, to help us celebrate our grand opening. We have, as Brian said, an absolutely beautiful store for you guys to see... A special thank you to the High School band, and cheerleaders, for helping us celebrate today..."

She thanked numerous individuals and groups,

including the construction team, CFC Construction, the Operations team, Gilman, and the vendor community.

Krantz introduced the Albertsons management team, and she said, "I would like to personally thank this entire management team, for the awesome job, the incredible job that they've done, for the remodel, the grand opening, as well as what they do every single day, for our community. Our store looks absolutely amazing. I'd like to let you know about a few new things, that we have in this store. Our brand new store includes a huge, new, expanded floral department...; a new China Kitchen; in the Bakery department, we have a photo imaging machine, for making cakes; they have an expanded variety, in Organics, and Gluten Free; at the center of the store, we have a lot more variety; we have a huge, Gluten Free section, which is something I know everyone's been asking for; the Starbucks department is huge, it's absolutely beautiful... We're going to have some hot sandwiches you can purchase, along with your coffee, as well; we have a new Special Requests program ... We can also do catering... We're so excited to show you our new store."

Krantz introduced Baker High School band Director Hope Watts, who accepted a check on behalf of Albertsons, for \$1,000.

Krantz said, "You guys are such an important part of the community. We'd like to thank you for the vital role you play in our children's lives..."

Krantz introduced Baker City Mayor Kim Mosier, who said, "Welcome back, to Albertsons. We're glad them back, and we're really pleased with the community commit-



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A line formed around the front of the building and across the parking lot Wednesday as shoppers waited to become among the first in the door.

ment, of the donation to our high school, and we look forward to seeing that continued community commitment. And, we wish you much success here. I realized this morning, as I was listening to the list of services, that we now have another place to shop, to buy groceries, but we also now have another pharmacy (Sav-On, in its former role), and another place to buy flowers, and also, for another place for Starbucks to serve us... This is a great addition to the community, and we welcome you here. Thank you." Gilman presented Mosier with flowers.

Mosier, as well as Baker City Manager Fred Warner, Jr., and the store teams and others, joined Krantz, who had the honor of cutting the ribbon, which was followed by applause and band music, as customers entered the store. Customers were greeted with free cake, lottery tickets, flowers for the ladies, and the popular, weekly coupon flier, this one a "Baker City Grand Opening" edition. Added to the savings is a special 10% off, for shoppers who wear Ducks or Beavers jerseys on Civil War game day.

A new addition to the shopping cart fleet includes something Krantz said was a huge hit in other markets, a sort of "mini" cart for the little ones, with a white flag that reads "Customer In Training."

Chris Taylor's daughter, Allyson, was one of the first ones to give a cart a proper test run.

In the cart area, Gilman pointed out a "Community Board" to showcase pictures and other materials, from local children and students.

The new stone structure outside, on the west end of the store, will be the location for recycling machines, Gilman said.

Local musician Frank

Carlson provided entertainment inside the store, and customers were treated to samples of various products, including tortilla chips made in-store, with guacamole and other dips; meats from Pendleton-based Hill's Farms; foods from the China Kitchen; and three kinds of peanut butter, which is produced by as many machines, via customer interaction (Lyman and Brown enthusiastically tested samples).

A tour of the store revealed wide spaces between displays and other structures, something Gilman said his wife, Libby, suggested, to provide more room for multiple shopping carts.

He said that the remodeled store represents recommendations and suggestions from other customers, as well, and much research has gone into the finished product, to ensure as many bases are covered as possible, to benefit the local community.

New brands have been added to the store's stock, and organization and location of products within the aisles has been improved, including new Organic and Gluten Free sections (two major areas of emphasis, Gilman said).

Efforts have been made to assist customers with determining locations of goods quicker, including labels on the freezer aisle doors, to indicate what's behind each one.

Gilman said that this Albertsons has over 80 employees currently, and between it and Safeway, over 150.

"The people in the building are truly amazing... I know I've been challenging them, and pushing them hard, but the outcome is amazing, when you see what happens," he said, speaking about the push to finish the store, prior to its grand opening.

### — WEEKLY HAY REPORT —

Friday, September 9, 2016 — Eastern Oregon

Prices trended generally steady compared to week ago prices. Most demand lays with the retail/stable hay. According to some producers, horse owners are starting to prefer lower sugar, higher protein hay. Many hay producers are selling or have already sold most of their first and second cutting hay, and are working on later cutting(s) resulting in higher volumes of hay moving.

| Tons                           | Price Range       | Wtd Avg |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|---------|
| Alfalfa — Large Square Premium | 300 140.00-140.00 | 140.00  |

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### — CATTLE MARKET REPORT —

Wednesday, September 7, 2016  
Vale, Oregon

Cattle sold through the auction: 379

#### Steer Calves

|          |                      |            |
|----------|----------------------|------------|
| 300-400# | Bulk 141.00 - 159.00 | Top 160.00 |
| 400-500# | Bulk 139.00 - 156.00 | Top 156.50 |
| 500-600# | Bulk 127.00 - 140.00 | Top 141.00 |

#### Heifer Calves

|          |                      |            |
|----------|----------------------|------------|
| 300-400# | Bulk N/A             | Top N/A    |
| 400-500# | Bulk 122.00 - 146.00 | Top 147.00 |
| 500-600# | Bulk 114.00 - 120.00 | Top 122.00 |

#### Yearling Steers

|            |                      |            |
|------------|----------------------|------------|
| 600-700#   | Bulk 119.00 - 127.00 | Top 128.00 |
| 700-800#   | Bulk N/A             | Top N/A    |
| 800-900#   | Bulk N/A             | Top N/A    |
| 900-1,000# | Bulk N/A             | Top N/A    |

#### Yearling Heifers

|            |                      |            |
|------------|----------------------|------------|
| 600-700#   | Bulk 109.00 - 121.00 | Top 122.00 |
| 700-800#   | Bulk N/A             | Top N/A    |
| 800-900#   | Bulk N/A             | Top N/A    |
| 900-1,000# | Bulk N/A             | Top N/A    |

|                  |               |
|------------------|---------------|
| Thin Shelly Cows | 49.00 - 59.00 |
| Butcher Cows     | 62.00 - 68.00 |
| Butcher Bulls    | 64.00 - 79.00 |
| Pairs Young      | N/A           |
| Hfretts          | N/A           |
| Stock Cows Young | N/A           |

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### — LOG PRICE REPORT —

Price per 1,000 board feet: Northeast Oregon

Currently the local log market is flooded with fire salvage logs. The log buyer for Malheur Lumber Co. stated they have all the logs they need under contract and are not accepting any new purchases. BCC/LLC of La Grande has receive so many burned fire salvage logs they are no longer accepting logs at the La Grande log yard. Any additional pine logs have to be delivered to the Elgin Log yard cut in plywood lengths and to a 8 inch top. For these pine logs cut in plywood lengths, BCC is offering \$280.00/mbf. They are also paying \$420.00/mbf for Doug Fir & Western Larch. For White Fir they are offing \$325.00/mbf. At the Pilot Rock Saw Mill BCC is offing \$360.00/mbf for a 12 to 15 inch top, for 16 to 19 inch top \$400.00/mbf & offing \$425.00/mbf for 20 inch plus top

Courtesy of Arvid Andersen,  
Andersen Forestry Consulting

### — PRECIOUS METALS REPORT —

Price per ounce, USD

Gold: \$1,326.10

Silver: \$19.03

Platinum: \$1038.30

Palladium: \$656.53

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## DEQ penalizes Pendleton Grain Growers, Inc.

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality has issued a \$16,737 penalty to Pendleton Grain Growers, Inc. for operating a grain elevator at 31005 Launch Lane in Umatilla without an Air Contaminant Discharge Permit.

Grain elevators used for intermediate storage containing storage of 10,000

tons or more and that are located in population centers of more than 4,000 people are required to obtain the air quality permit. Pendleton Grain Growers did not obtain this permit despite Umatilla's population surpassing 4,000 residents no later than the year 2000.

DEQ issued the penalty

because grain elevators emit dust that can decrease visibility and cause respiratory problems.

The air permit ensures dust is kept to minimal levels.

A vast majority of the penalty is the economic benefit the company obtained by not applying for the permit and paying

annual permit fees.

The company reported the error to DEQ and has since applied for the permit.

Pendleton Grain Growers has until September 29, 2016 to appeal the penalty. To view the notice of civil penalty click <https://www.oregon.gov/deq/nr/091416GrainGr.pdf>

### — AG COMMODITIES —

Corn: \$331.75/bu/USD

Wheat: \$402.75/bu/USD

Soybeans: \$943.25/bu/USD

Oats: \$174.50 bu/USD

Rough Rice: \$9.90/cwt/USD

Canola: \$457.80 CAD/mwt

Live Cattle: \$105.95/lb./USD

Feeder Cattle: \$130.28/lb./USD

Lean Hogs: \$55.10/lb./USD

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