

Business & Ag

Coughie Pot—possibly with pot—to open in Sumpter

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The Farnsworths, owners of the former Scoop N' Steamer, are planning to open a recreational marijuana store in the building. Carson Farnsworth, helping his mother out as spokesman for the business, said they have passed their final OLCC inspection. He was not sure of an opening date, saying they are trying to work things out with the City.

The building will be closed until they hear what the City deems best. Meanwhile, they have built an addition onto the building to house a marijuana sales floor. Security cameras are up, and the flooring is in. Cabinets will be in soon and point-of-sales units are ready to go in. They also have an alarm system on the building.

The business will be called the Coughie Pot. Farnsworth explained he

was thinking of a place in Amsterdam where marijuana can be purchased and is actually a coffee shop. He started playing with the idea, changing the letters around in his head and came up with the name.

Farnsworth also emphasized that they do not want the business to appeal at all to children. Due to current regulations and the way the sales floor is sectioned off, the entire building will be open only to those 21 and older.

The entrance to the business will remain the same. Customers will be met by a greeter who will get their names into the system so they can wait their turn to be assisted by a bud tender on the sales floor.

Farnsworth said they are planning to offer coffee and ice cream for waiting patrons. They are retaining their commercial kitchen license, as he said, "Anything can happen in the future."

Farnsworth had originally approached City Council about a medical dispensary, but said the recreational marijuana is under the same scrutiny as medical, so consumers are still getting a quality product. He explained that as a medical marijuana user, he looked at the money to do medical and realized that health-wise he isn't buying enough to make up for the higher tax percentage.

Aside from marijuana, the business will sell some glass products and other little items people usually purchase such as rolling papers.

Farnsworth said the family is from Utah and owned several businesses there. They sold their businesses and moved to Sumpter, wanting to slow down the pace they were living at. He said the mining and prospecting drew them to the area as they are really into those activities.

He is optimistic about

the marijuana business saying it's a proven model, though not for the area and that this is a destination rather than retail area. He said where the business will pull customers from remains to be seen, though he anticipates definitely getting business from Baker City, La Grande, and those who happen to be traveling through.

Farnsworth anticipates they will need to hire some outside help, providing local jobs. He mentioned that the business will help provide additional security with cameras around the building. Any cannabis in the building will be under surveillance with tapes kept up to 90 days, unless there is any type of issue. Then the security tapes are retained for a longer period of time.

Farnsworth said he sees the business as a good thing and hopes it helps the city, the local economy, and citizens.

Relay for Life

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Farnsworth says that while her focus currently is securing volunteers for the Relay for Life, there are many areas where volunteers could be utilized.

One example is the Look Good, Feel Good program, a free program designed to help women undergoing radiation or chemotherapy with hair loss and skin changes.

Workshops are held that help women manage appearance related side effects.

Trained volunteers teach simple techniques for skin care, nail care and makeup that help build confidence and self-esteem allowing for a more confident approach in fighting their illness.

Other important programs include a clinical trial matching service, The Road to Recovery transportation service, in which cancer patients are offered free transportation to and from cancer-related ap-

pointments, this is usually provided in the volunteer's personal vehicle.

Then there is the Hope Lodge program, a program which provides free overnight lodging for the patient and an accompanying caregiver.

The American Cancer Society also partners with numerous lodging institutions allowing for reduced rate rooms for any cancer patient and their caregiver travelling for treatment.

Other support options include a breast cancer Reach to Recovery program that matches those facing breast cancer with trained breast cancer survivors.

There is even a Patient Navigator Program to help with guidance through the cancer experience for the patient, caregivers and family.

The American Cancer Society urges anyone afflicted with cancer, caregivers and family to contact them anytime 24/7 365 days per year at cancer.org or 1.800.227.2345, you are not alone they can help and

answer questions about any programs and services offered and direct you to local resources available.

The biggest most publicized event however, is the Relay for Life. Farnsworth says "By becoming a Relay for Life event volunteer you have the opportunity to make a tangible impact in the fight against cancer, gain valuable leadership skills, and receive the honor and satisfaction of helping others in your community enjoy a memorable experience."

The Relay for Life is a 24-hour event in which teams work together, camping out at the event venue and each taking turns walking or running laps for a 24-hour period. The teams are sponsored and all the proceeds raised go to cancer research.

The event begins with opening ceremonies followed by a survivor lap and a caregiver's lap.

As evening falls a luminary ceremony is held lighting a candle inside a decorated bag honoring those that have lost the

battle and those that are fighting the battle, it is a quite a moving and emotional ceremony.

Throughout the night individuals continue walking or running as the relay community participates in family games and activities and often there's entertainment as well.

As the event begins to wind down a "fight back" ceremony is held as participants take a final lap pledging that they will take action and spread awareness of research, treatments and prevention.

An estimated \$400 million is raised at relay for life events annually. Community members are urged to contact Farnsworth to inquire about volunteering in our local Relay for Life, generally held in late spring or early summer.

Farnsworth can be reached by email at heather.farnsworth@cancer.org or by phone at 509.783.1574. Farnsworth says she is happy to answer any questions and help anyone interested find the right fit for volunteering.

Million-dollar prize left unclaimed in Oregon Lottery

Check your glove box, wallet, purse, fridge door or desk drawer—anywhere you store your Mega Millions tickets. Someone purchased a ticket worth \$1 million in Newport for the January 15 Mega Millions drawing, and has one month to claim that prize.

The ticket was purchased the morning of Jan. 13 in Newport and had the winning numbers of 29-41-53-54-70. The winning ticket matched all five numbers but missed the Mega Ball number of 12. The jackpot for the drawing was \$22 million.

As of Thursday, December 15, no one had claimed the prize. The ticket is valid until Jan. 15, 2017, a year from the date of the drawing.

"Who knew the catch of the day last January 15 was a \$1 million Mega

Millions ticket!" said Patrick Johnson, winner and promotion specialist with the Oregon Lottery. "Whether you live in Newport, or were visiting last January, check to make sure you aren't sitting on a \$1 million ticket. If you have the winning ticket, sign the back immediately and call the Oregon Lottery ahead of time to schedule a time to come in to claim the prize."

All unclaimed prizes go into the state's Economic Development Fund. In fiscal year 2015, more than \$5.9 million in unclaimed prizes were transferred to the fund. In the timespan between July 1 and November 30, more than \$1.66 million in prizes have gone unclaimed in this fiscal year.

Johnson said the last Mega Millions player to win \$1 million was

Charles Beatty from Prineville. Beatty won \$1 million in May 2016 and purchased his ticket from The Towne Pump & Pantry, also in Prineville. He was Oregon's fourth Mega Millions winner since the game was offered in Oregon in 2011. If someone claims the unclaimed \$1 million prize, they will be Oregon's fifth \$1 million Mega Millions winner. While Oregon Lottery officials are still waiting for the state's first Mega Millions jackpot winner, Oregon Mega Millions players have won more than \$8.8 million in prizes of more than \$10,000 since the game has been offered.

There are also two Powerball and a Keno prizes that have gone unclaimed. A winning \$100,000 Powerball ticket was sold in Hillsboro on Oct. 12 and another \$50,000 winning

Powerball ticket was sold on Oct. 29 in Hubbard. Earlier this month a winning Keno ticket was sold in Portland that is worth \$150,000.

Lottery officials recommend that you always sign the back of your tickets with each Oregon Lottery game you play, to ensure you can claim any prize you may win.

The Oregon Lottery reminds players to always sign the back of their Lottery tickets, regardless of the game. In the event of winning a jackpot, they should consult with a trusted financial planner or similar professional to develop a plan for their winnings. Prize winners of more than \$50,000 should contact the Lottery office to schedule an appointment to claim their prize.

— WEEKLY HAY REPORT —

Friday, December 9, 2016 — Eastern Oregon

Prices trended generally steady in a limited test compared to week ago prices. Most demand lays with the retail/stable hay. According to some producers, horse owners prefer lower sugar, higher protein hay. Many hay producers are looking forward to upcoming snow in the forecast as hay sales tend to increase as the snow comes. Hay producers this week were difficult to get ahold of.

Tons	Price Range	Wtd Avg
Alfalfa — Large Square Good/Premium	30 140.00-140.00	140.00
Alfalfa/Orchard Mix — Small Square Premium	30 180.00-200.00	193.33
Barley Straw — Small Square Utility	1 90.00-90.00	90.00

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— CATTLE MARKET REPORT —

Wednesday, December 7, 2016
Vale, Oregon

Cattle sold through the auction: 2,922

Steer Calves

300-400#	Bulk 153.00 - 190.00	Top 192.00
400-500#	Bulk 141.00 - 186.00	Top 190.50
500-600#	Bulk 126.00 - 143.00	Top 147.50

Heifer Calves

300-400#	Bulk 125.00 - 155.00	Top 160.50
400-500#	Bulk 123.00 - 148.00	Top 158.00
500-600#	Bulk 115.00 - 128.00	Top 131.00

Yearling Steers

600-700#	Bulk 115.00 - 129.00	Top 133.00
700-800#	Bulk 120.00 - 121.00	Top 124.25
800-900#	Bulk 110.00 - 118.00	Top 121.50
900-1,000#	Bulk 101.00 - 115.00	Top 122.00

Yearling Heifers

600-700#	Bulk 110.00 - 119.00	Top 123.00
700-800#	Bulk 102.00 - 107.00	Top 109.50
800-900#	Bulk 98.00 - 106.00	Top 109.00
900-1,000#	Bulk 80.00 - 96.00	Top 104.00

Thin Shelly Cows	39.00 - 49.00
Butcher Cows	51.00 - 58.00
Butcher Bulls	52.00 - 65.00
Pairs Older	N/A
Hfretts.	65.00 - 84.00
Stock Cows Young	950.00 - 1150.00

ProducersLivestock.com
541-473-3136

— 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,
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— PRECIOUS METALS REPORT —

Price per ounce, USD

Gold: \$1,160.10

Silver: \$16.97

Platinum: \$935.65

Palladium: \$729.35

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Corn: \$361.00/bu/USD

Wheat: \$417.50/bu/USD

Soybeans: \$1028.00/bu/USD

Oats: \$232.50 bu/USD

Rough Rice: \$9.79/cwt/USD

Canola: \$516.00 CAD/mwt

Live Cattle: \$113.98/lb./USD

Feeder Cattle: \$128.98/lb./USD

Lean Hogs: \$61.75/lb./USD

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