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Western Auto now Appliances & More LLC with new owners

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Jay and Kristin Wilson are the new owners of Appliances & More LLC, previously called Western Auto.

The previous owner, Charlie and Linda Rich, have retired and the Wilsons became the official owners on May 1.

Rich has been in Baker City for over 40 years and had been in the building on Main Street since 2002.

Appliances & More LLC is the first business the Wilsons have owned. Kristin has known the Rich's all her life and grew up with the Riches' children.

Jay and Kristin previously worked in an appliance store in Arizona in 2001 after they were married.

They worked in the store for seven to eight years before going into the medical field. Jay is a paramedic firefighter and Kristin worked at a hospital as a unit secretary.

Jay still works as a paramedic and firefighter, volunteering with the North Powder Fire Department and drives an ambulance for Med Transport, a non-emergency inter facility



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L-R: Jay and Kristin Wilson and Linda and Charlie Rich, the previous owners.

Transport Company.

"We came in and bought a dishwasher one time from Charlie," explained Kristin, "and said, 'Charlie, do you think you'll ever retire?' And he said, 'Actually, I'd love to retire.' So, Jay and I went out and got a loan and purchased the business from him."

Kristin explained that

in Arizona they only sold used appliances and they are now selling new appliances.

They also offer services and parts.

Kristin explained they also have a stove room and a dishwasher room in the building.

They also sell Bosch mixers and attachments, they have dehydrators,

bricks and pellets, they have added ice makers and they are working to get more brands such as Speed Queen and others.

They hope to bring in microwaves and air-conditioning units.

Kristin said, "We can pretty much bring in whatever brand anybody wants."

— WEEKLY HAY REPORT —

Friday, May 26, 2017 — 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 producers are sold out for the year, and are busy out in the fields preparing for new crop.

No new eastern Oregon sales this week. Last week:

Tons	Price Range	Wtd Avg
Alfalfa/Orchard Mix	—	Large Square Premium
700	130.00-130.00	130.00

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— CATTLE MARKET REPORT —

Wednesday, May 24, 2017

Vale, Oregon

Cattle sold through the auction: 631

Steer Calves

300-400#	Bulk N/A	Top N/A
400-500#	Bulk 161.00-172.00	Top 174.50
500-600#	Bulk 149.00-161.00	Top 165.00

Heifer Calves

300-400#	Bulk N/A	Top N/A
400-500#	Bulk 147.00-160.00	Top 161.00
500-600#	Bulk 134.00 - 148.00	Top 149.00

Yearling Steers

600-700#	Bulk 143.00-156.00	Top 157.00
700-800#	Bulk 124.00-131.00	Top 135.00
800-900#	Bulk 121.00-129.00	Top 131.00
900-1,000#	Bulk 117.00-126.00	Top 130.50

Yearling Heifers

600-700#	Bulk 118.00-134.00	Top 135.00
700-800#	Bulk 115.00-125.00	Top 126.00
800-900#	Bulk 108.00-116.00	Top 117.00
900-1,000#	Bulk N/A	Top N/A

Thin Shelly Cows 54.00 - 67.00

Butcher Cows 69.00-77.00

Butcher Bulls 74.00-87.00

Stock Cows Young N/A

Hfretts 78.00 - 108.00

Pairs Young - N/A

ProducersLivestock.com

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— 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 land-owners.

Courtesy of Arvid Andersen, Andersen Forestry Consulting

— PRECIOUS METALS REPORT —

Price per ounce, USD

Gold: \$1,272.80

Silver: \$17.31

Platinum: \$949.82

Palladium: \$820.33

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Corn: \$372.00/bu/USD

Wheat: \$429.20/bu/USD

Soybeans: \$916.00/bu/USD

Oats: \$247.50 bu/USD

Rough Rice: \$11.13/cwt/USD

Canola: \$500.70 CAD/mwt

Live Cattle: \$121.70/lb./USD

Feeder Cattle: \$152.58/lb./USD

Lean Hogs: \$83.80/lb./USD

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Memorial Day at Mt. Hope



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Troop 444 and Pack 432 in Baker City at Mt. Hope Cemetery completing their Memorial Day service project, helping clean up and distribute American Flags.

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Coates said, "There is no greater love, than to lay down one's life for one's friend. John 15:13.

"We're here, highly resolved, that these dead shall not have died in vain; that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom; and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth. Abraham Lincoln, November 19, 1863.

"Please join us in this plain and simple Memorial Day prayer. Father, we thank you for the lives of each man and woman who voluntarily laid down their lives for the sake of their country—our country.

"With great courage, they stood firm against the powerful force of self-preservation, and with us in mind, they fought until the end—their end—an

early and tragic one.

"Lord, let not this sacrifice be in vain. May their deaths be like seeds of hope and planted in the ground, to bare harvest of hope and freedom; not just for our country, but for the world.

"Lord, we are grateful for our land.

"While it isn't perfect, you have left us here, each of us, to do our part, and bring order out of chaos, freedom out of bondage, and life out of death, in our communities, and throughout our nation, and the world ...

"For those who are especially grieving today—those who have lost a loved one in the line of duty—please give your comfort and peace...

"Encourage them that their loss is not in vain. Somehow, you will bring out good, out of this tragedy.

"Please protect our men

and women in the Armed Forces. Thank you for each one, Lord.

"Create great stability in our nation and in the world, through their loving service to us all. Amen."

Hunter introduced the guest speaker, Baker County Commission Chair Bill Harvey.

Harvey said, "As we look around this morning, there's one thing I'd like you to notice that's missing—our youth—people who are now coming up to replace us, and the generations in leading this country, and defending it. It's sad not to see young people here ...

"I do pray that we would have encouragement and hope for those to join us in the future.

"Many people are out today enjoying the sunshine, camping, boating, and fishing, and we relish in that opportunity, but sometimes, we forget that

it's the people who gave their lives for us, to have that liberty, to have that freedom, and they defended that freedom throughout the world, throughout our history...

"I would like to...give thanks to our men and women, who have given their lives and sacrifice, for their loved ones, for our God, and for this nation. They are what makes this nation great.

"All throughout our nation's history, we have had men and women who have answered the call, when their families and nation were in need, and they have made a commitment to serve, and if needed, to give their lives.

"It was this commitment that separated them from all others...

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